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ASSOCIATION FINANCE.

The Central Northants Association is the first to move in the matter of reducing members' contributions. On the score of falling wages, the Northampton District have decided to put before their Central Committee the suggestion that the Association should revert to the pre-war annual subscription of a shilling, and it was pointed out that one-third of the members had not paid last year's tribute. The conclusion was apparently drawn that the arrears were due to the fact that the contributions had not come down with the drop in wages. Every association must be its own judge in fixing its contributions; but we imagine that many associations felt the pinch last year from the excessive unemployment that existed, and a man without work cannot be expected to pay a shilling any more than he can pay eighteenpence. When things become more normal—as everyone devoutly hopes they may soon do—there is not likely to be much serious objection on the part of ringers to paying the slightly enhanced subscription which in the last two or three years they have been asked to pay. In any event, before taking any step which may handicap them financially in the future, associations should give the matter serious consideration. If they can weather the present depression, they will probably find the majority of ringers ready to continue the higher rate of subscription.

But while associations are considering whether or not they should reduce their subscription rates, we certainly think the Central Council should also consider the question of raising the affiliation fees which are now in force. The half-crown, which an association is asked to pay for each member it sends, was all right thirty years ago, when the Council was founded and had no special object in view for utilising surplus funds. As its work developed, however, it became necessary to provide the capital for the publication of books and pamphlets. When anything of size was issued, a considerable inroad was always made upon the reserves, but by carefully husbanding the resources, ends could always be made to meet. The heavy rise in costs, however, is now hampering the Council, but they have taken no steps to meet it except by holding back work—some of which at any rate would be of great value to ringers. None of the publications issued by the Council are sold at a profit, and the capital is therefore locked up for considerable periods without showing any gain. If the Council really want to do any good work of this kind in the future, they ought at least to double the affiliation fees. If it were put to the associations that the reason for the increase was to provide capital for matters of real benefit to ringers, we think little objection would be raised, except among those who never see any good in anything the Council do.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHAGE, GREENWICH, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING Treble	JEFFREY R. GAMMON ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	† RICHARD J. STONE ... 7
JOHN CARTER 3	ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE ... 8
* FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 9
JOHN J. LAMB 5	WILLIAM BERRY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal. † First peal on 10 bells and hails from Portsmouth.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING Treble	LIONEL H. PAGE 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK 7
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 3	GEORGE A. CARD 8
ROBERT G. CHAPPELLE ... 4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT ... 9
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 5	* WILLIAM E. J. HEWSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung as a 79th birthday compliment to J. Waghorn, sen., a respected member of the Association. * First peal on 10 bells.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	* THOMAS LAW 6
FRED HOPPER 2	* JOSEPH DEAN 7
HERBERT RAINBOW 3	FRED WILFORD 8
JOHN T. HENSMAN 4	GEORGE FLAVELL 9
JOHN METHERELL 5	* ALFRED MONK Tenor

Composed by H. HALEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters by a local band in the County of Northampton.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HUBERT EDEN Treble	ARTHUR W. DIX 6
WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM HODGETTS 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 8
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 9
FRANCIS A. SMITH 5	WILLIAM SREELEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.
This is the first peal of Erin Caters on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association. The band wish to thank Mr. J. Nicholls for having everything in readiness for them.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WM. BROADLEY Treble	WM. A. BRECKON 5
J. CECIL POLLARD 2	FRED P. HOWCROFT 6
REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... 3	WM. ELLERINGTON 7
THOMAS METCALFE 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by W. ESTCOURT. Conducted by THOS. LANCASTER.

CROSS STONE, TODEMORDEN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN FITTON	Treble	*MRS. MARTHA INGHAM ... 5
LEWIS HOLMOYD	2	*JAMES RICHARDS 6
*MISS ROSE BELL	3	GEORGE STAFF 7
WILLIAM CRABTREE	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor

Composed by E. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.
 First peal of Major.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

GEORGE C. PRICE	Treble	*WILLIAM C. HUNTER ... 5
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	JAMES R. JONES 6
WALTER J. RAWLINGS ... 3		RICHARD CLARK 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS	4	THOMAS HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD CLARK.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND, R.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS 5
CHARLES WATTHMAN 2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 6
WILLIAM STRINGER 3	BERTRAM LEEDHAM 7
JAMES GEORGE 4	WILLIAM G. ANKER Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Pope.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble	SPENCER MARSHALL 5
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6
JOHN H. CHISEMAN 3	HERBERT E. ADSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. ADSLEY.

* 6th peal. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, the ringer of the 3rd and E. Bates, one of the local ringers.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOSEPH DEAN	Treble	CHARLES BIRD 5
HERBERT RAINBOW	2	WILLIAM ALLEN 6
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	WILLIAM FAREY 7
JOHN T. HENSMAN	4	FRED WILFORD Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRED WILFORD.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW, SEN.	Treble	FREDERICK PAGE 5
FRED ABBOTT 2		PETER CROOK 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3		*ERNEST CUTSFORTH 7
JOHN POTTER 4		RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal of Major on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

GEORGE GRANT	Treble	†ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 2		WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3		OWEN H. GILES 7
*ARTHUR H. WILSON 4		WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First in the method on the bells.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

SIDNEY F. PALMER	Treble	FRANCIS WARD 5
WILLIAM BURGAR 2		*COLLIN HARRISON 6
GEORGE HOLMES 3		JOHN THORPE 7
*HAYDN THORPE 4		*ROBERT HARRISON Tenor

Composed by W. L. MASON.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the treble has now rung each of the 12 Cathedral bells to a peal. The above are all members of the Cathedral company and rang the peal at the first attempt.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E flat.

HARRY PAGE	Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
FREDERICK LASBURY 2		TOM PAGE 6
GEORGE CROSS 3		JAMES CROSS 7
WILLIAM PAGE 4		HENRY CRABBE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES CROSS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Canon William Lewis, who passed away on Jan. 27th in his 86th year. He was Vicar of this parish for 53 years and was interred in the family vault at the parish church on Tuesday, Jan. 31st, 1922.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Feb. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

JOHN F. ATKINS	Treble	*HERBERT J. DOWLER ... 5
C. HOWARD STANLEY 2		JAMES GEORGE 6
JOHN BATON 3		WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 7
LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ... 4		THEODORE RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

JOSEPH BRETTILL Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 5
WILLIAM C. JONES 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 6
SIDNEY HOLT 3	*CHARLES CAMM... .. 7
JOHN J. JEFFRIES 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect for the late Anthony Young, who was for 45 years a ringer at Crowle and much respected in the parish. * First peal in a Surprise method; first peal by S. Holt on the bells of his native parish.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE ALLDER Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
CECIL C. MAYNE 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
JOHN EVANS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*ARTHUR MARTIN 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

WESTBURY, WILTS.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT Treble	CHARLES W. BELL 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	SYDNEY HILLIER... .. 7
THOMAS F. KING... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING... .. Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

BARNET, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN SUMPTER Treble	WALTER SOER 5
ROBERT ROFFEY 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 6
FRANK A. MILNE... .. 3	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 7
HERBERT ELDRED 4	*WILLIAM LANGLEY Tenor

Conducted by N. A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM SHAW Treble	TOM WILDE 5
FRANK STONELEY 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
*ALFRED FROST 3	BENJAMIN THORP 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	*GEORGE WHITELEGG Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Bowker, a much esteemed member of the local band.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday evening, January 12th, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: *C. McGuiness 1, J. Walden 2, *H. Marcon 3, G. Chester 4, G. Chester 5, G. Flintham 6, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 7, H. Leslie Park 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

SYDNEY G. FLOWERS Treble	TOM TEBBUTT 5
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... .. 2	GEORGE LADD 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 3	FREDERICK W. STOKES 7
JOHN W. WOOD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 25, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Cambridge, Ipswich and Norwich.

EDWARD YOUNGS... .. Treble	ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
GEORGE BROWN, JUN... .. 3	GEORGE CATTERMORE... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMORE.

Rung in honour of the birthday of the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker and of E. Youngs.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY FAIRCLOUGH... .. Treble	*LEONARD BOSTOCK 4
*ERNEST H. BOSTOCK... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS 5
*SCOTT PAGE 3	*JOHN H. DAVENPORT Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Great credit is due to the band, who only started change ringing last August.

NARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores consisting of Plain Bob, Extremes and Grandsire.
Tenor 21½ cwt.

EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. Treble	FRED. J. BOWLEY, SEN. 4
CHARLES CATTELL 2	FRED. COTTON 5
WILLIAM H. CLARKE 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First Association peal on the bells. A Minor peal was impossible owing to the heavy 'go' of the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM POWELL Treble	JAMES BLAKE 4
JOHN J. BEVAN 2	EDWARD SUMMERS 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON... .. Tenor

The first 720 was conducted by the ringer of the 5th, the 2nd by the ringer of the 4th, the 3rd by the ringer of the treble, the 4th by the ringer of the 2nd, the 5th by the ringer of the 3rd, and the last two by the ringer of the tenor. First 'all conducted' peal by the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

HEMERY G. SMITH Treble	JAMES SMY 4
ALDERMAN LING, SEN. ... 2	ARTHUR SMITH 5
*ARTHUR A. LING 3	ALDERMAN LING, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING, JUN.

* First peal.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER DENYER Treble	†ALFRED J. BULL 4
ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 2	†THOMAS WORSFOLD 5
MRS. R. WHITTINGTON ... 3	THOMAS W. DENYER Tenor

Conducted by T. W. DENYER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. A. J. Bull hails from Horley and was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF 8TUDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 720's with 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*DAVID J. NICHOLLS Treble	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 3
MATT. HOBBS 2	*THOMAS BUTLER 4
*CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor	

Conducted by C. CHAPMAN.

The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. T. Butler, who kindly entertained them to tea after the peal. * First peal of Stedman Doubles.

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5400 CHANGES;

Being forty-five six-scores differently arranged.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in G.

CHARLES CATTELL Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 4
†EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5
*SYDNEY SHELTON 3	ARTHUR CATTELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First 'inside.' Longest peal on the bells. Rung at the special request of the Vicar (the Rev. G. Chappell, M.A.) to stimulate interest locally, the bells not having been rung for several years. He kindly entertained the ringers to tea afterwards.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

FRED CHAMBERS Treble	LAURANCE L. WILLIAMS ... 4
THOMAS STANCLIFFE 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
*ARTHUR INGHAM 3	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in three methods.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, January 31st, at Chester-le-Street, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Barrett: Miss Donnison 1, F. Pattison 2, Rev. A. W. Lister (Tanfield) 3, H. Tyson (Tanfield) 4, F. Sheraton 5, T. T. Goffton (Whitley Bay) 6. Touches of Double Court and Kent Major were also brought round in the course of a very pleasant afternoon's ringing, the above ringers, with Mr. Holmes and Mr. W. Goffton, of Whitley Bay, taking part.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Feb. 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF REDDISH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tapped on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by E. MULLINS Conducted by the performer.

Umpire: GEORGE JORDAN.

This method is now tapped for the first time.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5004 CHANGES;

Containing 32 courses of Little Bob and 15 of Plain Bob.

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 3-4	E. H. LEWIS (Trin.) ... 7-8
H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 9-10	

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.). Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This is the first spliced peal of Plain and Little Bob Royal, and was rung on the 43rd anniversary of the foundation of the Guild.

THE LATE MR. W. W. GIFFORD.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

A suggestion having been made that a memorial should be erected by the ringers of England to the memory of the late Mr. W. W. Gifford, subscriptions will be gladly received for that purpose.

It is hoped that this appeal will be responded to by the Guilds and Societies of Ringers throughout the country.

Mr. J. R. Jerram is the hon. treasurer, and subscriptions, which will be acknowledged through 'The Ringing World,' should be sent to Mr. L. Harris, Britford, Salisbury, or Mr. F. W. Roman, 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury, St. Martin's company of ringers, Salisbury, joint hon. secs.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild, Midland district, was held at St. Giles', Willenhall, on Saturday, January 21st. The attendance of members was very small, due, perhaps, partly to the weather, which was not ideal. Certainly the 'flu' kept some away, but those who did put in an appearance had a very pleasant time. The bells, with the help of the gentlemen, were kept going until time for service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. P. Hyatt, M.A.), who also played the organ, assisted by the curate (the Rev. G. Fletcher). Both gentlemen joined the visitors at tea, which was prepared in the Church House. A pleasant surprise was provided by the announcement that the local ringers had provided the tea, and all the party had to do was to enjoy it, which they did.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and curate, also to the local ringers.

Handbell ringing by the ladies and gentlemen brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual Grimsby district meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Grimsby on January 21st, but owing to the inclement weather not many visiting members attended, but the few who faced the elements and the local ringers took part in a successful meeting. Touches in various methods were rung on the Parish Church bells, and prior to this tea a service was held, at which the Vicar of Grimsby (the Rev. Canon A. A. Markham) officiated, and gave a most suitable address. Mr. E. P. Guthrie, Mus. Bac., presided at the organ.

After tea, a business meeting took place, the Vicar, owing to the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (the Rev. H. T. Parry), taking the chair, supported by the Rev. J. Stewart Jobling. New members were elected, the officers re-elected, and places for this year's meetings, including Barrow-on-Humber, Waltham, Ulceby, and Barton-on-Humber, were decided upon.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. Moore, who kindly undertook the catering, in the place of the caretakers (Mr. and Mrs. Kent). Mr. Kent was very ill at the time, and passed away on the following Tuesday.

The ringers returned to the tower, where further ringing concluded a pleasant evening.

THE APPLETON LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.**THE COMPOSITION.**

Appended is the composition of the 19,115 Grandsire Caters, composed by G. Hollifield, senr., which is to be attempted at Appleton tomorrow (Saturday). The starting time will be 9 a.m.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	2 5 4 6 3 9 7 8
3 2 4 5 6 9 8 7	1-3-4
2 4 3 5 6	87
4 3 2 5 6	87
2 3 6 5 4	79
6 3 4 5 2	79
3 4 6 5 2	87
4 6 3 5 2	87
3 6 2 5 4	79
2 6 4 5 3	79
6 4 2 5 3	87
4 2 6 5 3	87
6 2 3 5 4	79
5 2 4 6 3	7 in and out. 87
4 2 3 6 5	79
3 2 5 6 4	79
2 5 3 6 4	87
5 3 2 6 4	87
2 3 4 6 5	79
4 3 5 6 2	79
3 5 4 6 2	87
5 4 3 6 2	87
3 4 2 6 5	79
2 4 5 6 3	79
4 5 2 6 3	87

These last 12 courses three times repeated except 10th course of last part, called 7th in and out at 2 with double, produces

These 24 courses 4 times repeated, except last course in 5th part, produces

THE RECORD LENGTH OF LONDON.**MR. LINDOFF'S CLAIM TO OWNERSHIP.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—In publishing the figures of the 14,144 London the Rev. H. L. James claims that it was composed by himself. All that he has done has been to splice my three main blocks in a different way.

The selection and proof of this mass of material has all been done by me. Not one lead had Mr. James to prove. There is plenty of scope in the method if Mr. James wishes to branch out for himself, without varying other people's peals.

AN OLD GRANDSIRE COMPOSITION.

Re the footnote to peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Hull on Jan. 12th. This peal has been in circulation for the last twenty-five years, as my composition.

As far as I know it was first rung by the Yorkshire Association on the old eight at Beverley Minster—in a slightly varied form—conducted by W. C. Hunt, about 1900 or 1901. I called it myself at St. George's, Dublin, in 1902. I might say I am not yet convinced that anyone else has a prior claim to the composition.—Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

A STURRY PEAL BOARD.

To celebrate the fixing in the tower of a peal board to record a peal rung in April last, at St. Nicholas' Church, Sturry, Kent, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on Saturday, January 28th, in 43 minutes, by: P. Crouch 1, R. French 2, R. Maile 3, W. Thompson 4, W. Goldfinch 5, E. Slingsby (conductor) 6. The board itself is an oak shield, beautifully carved. The whole of the work has been done by Mr. R. French (ringer of the 2nd), to whom many thanks were expressed. A local peal, before the warm weather, is the ambition of the band.

MR. THOMAS JULL'S 100 PEALS.

Peals of Minor in 4 methods	3
Peals of Minor in 5 methods	1
In seven methods	88
In seven Surprise methods	1
Grandsire Triples	2
Bob Major	2
Kent Treble Bob Major	3

Total 100

Forty-five of these peals were rung at Tunstall, including his first peal on December 31st, 1901. The time occupied in ringing the peals has given him 273 hours 30 mins, great pleasure, besides many ups and downs on the 'old iron grid.' The peals were rung in 16 Kentish towers and with 60 Kentish ringers.

DOUBLE NORWICH.

Having cleared the ground from certain false presuppositions, I proceed to the extension of the Double Norwich method. But first of all we must decide what the method is.

On page 46 in the late Jasper Snowdon's book on Double Norwich he gives an extract from 'The Clavis' as follows: 'The first peal that was rung in the above method was by the St. Peter's company in the City of Norwich, on the old peal of ten bells which formerly occupied that steeple.' And again, a little further down the page, 'in the Osborne MSS., in the British Museum, it is stated that the Double Norwich Court Method was invented by Thomas Porter, a trunkmaker, residing in the Market Place, Norwich, and that the first performance was a peal of Ten-In, rung in Norwich in 1769.'

Now, these two statements prove conclusively that Double Norwich was first produced as a ten-bell method, and this fact very much simplifies our inquiry.

Double Norwich Royal is given in 'The Clavis' in the form in which we all know it. The bell which passes the treble in 2-3 up goes up to eighth's place, makes it, changes with the treble, makes 7th's, and turns the treble from behind. The bell the treble turns from lead makes 4th's, changes with the treble, makes 3rd's and up. This place making causes dodging, of which we need take no notice.

Fourth's and third's are the two nearest interior places to 1-2, and 8th's and 7th's are the two nearest interior places to 9-0.

To mark the method out on any number of bells, 3rd's and 4th's will remain the same; 8th's and 7th's will be 6th's and 5th's on eight bells; 10th's and 9th's on twelve bells, etc., on any number. Thus, we get the well-known Major and Maximus, and nothing else can possibly be Double Norwich.

Now consider the Major; it is capable of extension in several ways.

1. We can make 4th's and 3rd's, 6th's and 5th's as the treble goes up; we have the same shunts and the same lead end; it is, therefore, a valid extension, but it is not double (Royal and Maximus).

2. We can make 5th's and 4th's, 7th's and 6th's as the treble goes up; this is double, but involves dodging in 2-3 and blows in front, and so is useless (Royal).

3. We can make 6th's and 5th's, 8th's and 7th's, as the treble goes up; this is double in Maximus, but not in Royal.

Some people have made the mistake of trying to make 4th's and 3rd's, 6th's and 5th's and 8th's and 7th's, etc., as the treble goes up, but this is not the same method, because you are putting in an extra shunt for every pair of places, and if you may do that in one method you may do it in all. Take Bob Major and make 7th's place with treble behind; you have only put in an extra shunt of the same nature, and so Bob Major and Double Bob Major are the same method, which is absurd.

H. LAW JAMES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. on the splendid ring of eight bells (tenor 16½ cwt.), by Taylor's. This is the only ring from the Loughborough Foundry in the district. Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman were successfully brought round; also touches, double-handed, on handbells, by A. Hague, F. Greenwood, W. Wilde and C. Sharples. Offers were made by these latter to give a few lessons in double-handed handbell ringing to any who wish to take up the art.

At the business meeting, a proposition by the Secretary that the Fylde Branch fall into line with all the other branches of the Association and advertise its future meetings in 'The Ringing World,' was agreed to.—It was also decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Anne's on Saturday, March 4th.

MR. J. OLDHAM'S 100 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Bob Minor	1	
Minor in three Methods	1	
Grandsire Triples	9	
Grandsire Caters	1	
Stedman Triples	21	
Stedman Caters	8	
Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	7	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	
Double Norwich Major	11	1
Superlative Surprise Major	11	2
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	20	2
Cambridge Surprise Royal	4	
London Surprise Major	3	
	100	5

A RINGERS' DIRECTORY.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In connection with the leading article and Mr. Baker's letter in your issue of to-day, there lies open before me a copy of 'The Change Ringers' Guide to the Steeples of England,' compiled by J. E. Acland-Troyte and R. H. D. Acland-Troyte, price 1s. 7d. post free, Wells Gardner, 1882, so that Mr. Baker's idea is not new. But, of course, as you truly remark, such a publication very soon gets out of date. There never was, so far as I know, any second issue of 'The Change Ringers' Guide,' and the volume now forms only a curiosity, albeit a most interesting one.

I rather think that I should be inclined to propose one or two slight modifications of the suggestions that you put forward. Would it not be possible for you to give in 'The Ringing World'—say, one a month—a list with addresses of hon. secretaries of Guilds and Associations, or (if the whole list be too long) a portion of them?

There cannot be more than about 60 all told, and you might give 12 or 15 at a time. Then any inquirer could write direct to the hon. secretary of the particular area he proposes to visit; and if each of these hon. secretaries, when his annual Guild report is printed, would order two or three dozen slips of the pages containing his list of towers, with number of bells and weight of tenor, name of captain or correspondent, and practice night, a copy of the slip for, say, 2d. post free, could be sent by return post, and the inquirer would have at command all the information that he would be likely to want. If he had to spend first 1d. in writing to the hon. secretary of the Central Council, then to wait for a reply to that, then to spend 2d. in writing to the Guild hon. secretaries, and then wait for a second reply—well, he might do it, but I rather doubt it. And besides this, there is the additional work put on the shoulders of the hon. secretary of the C.C., on which point I speak feelingly.

Feb. 3rd, 1922.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Our suggestion was not to put the work on the shoulders of the hon. secretary of the Central Council, but that ringers should apply to their own Association secretaries, who should forward the inquiry to the secretary of the Association which the member wishes to visit.—Ed. 'R.W.'

RINGING IN AMERICA.

DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF FORMING A YOUNG BAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Among the letters I have received recently, one writer ventures to ask 'if there is not one man capable of taking a bunch of lads and instructing them as we do in England.' I should have forestalled such an erroneous, but pardonable, idea in my first letter. I will attempt to explain why one man—capable he may be—is not able to do it.

All told, there are only 12 peals of bells in the whole North America that are hung for ringing, as we know ringing, the ones in addition to those mentioned in my first letter being as follows: One peal at New York City, three at Philadelphia, Pa.; one at the University of Chicago, Illinois; one at Vancouver Cathedral, British Columbia; and one at Charleston, North Carolina. Coupling this fact with the following, one can readily see that one man would have to be a superman to turn out ringers on a large scale. Prior to the year 1913 no ringing on any of these bells had taken place since the year 1850, with the exception of the peal at Christ Church, Philadelphia, where, I believe, a Mr. Head has endeavoured at various times to instruct a band with varying success; and at Groton School. Therefore, to Americans, the art of bell ringing is as strange a mystery as Einstein's theory of relativity; moreover, anything that has the slightest taint of English parentage is taboo, and, whether good or bad, is ignored, except among a certain class of broad-minded persons.

Even if we found a few pupils we would find it difficult, at the present state of our activities, to teach them, as we get no practice ourselves—for reasons mentioned in my first letter. What we have to do, if we are to push bell ringing in this country, is to become sufficiently strong in numbers so that we can practise and reach such a point of perfection in the art as to arouse and hold the interest of the uninitiated. Americans always want to be shown that a thing can be done; then they usually accept it. If a band could be obtained sufficiently strong in numbers to ring a peal, and ring it well, I believe it would be the means of 'starting something.'

For the benefit of those who may be acquainted with them the following from England are located at Boston: Mr. Richard Newton, of Manchester; Mr. Phillip Allfrey, of Brighton, Sussex; Mr. J. F. Laker, of Tunbridge Wells; Mr. William Bashford, of Nutfeld, Surrey; and Mr. Joseph Goodhead, of Stoke-on-Trent. All are first-class ringers.—Yours faithfully,

24, St. Botolph Street, Boston, Mass.

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ALEXANDER MATTHEWS.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

What is supposed to be the first true peal of Cambridge Surprise Major—it was referred to in Mr. Trollope's recent article on Charles Middleton—was rung on February 11th, 1873. Next year will thus be the jubilee.

The anniversaries of two noteworthy peals at Oldham occur next week. On February 12th, 1821, a peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob was rung, and on February 15th, 1825, 9,999 Grandsire Major.

On February 14th, 1731, a peal of 7,018 Grandsire Cinques was rung at Cornhill, 'the longest peal that had been rung on twelve bells at that time.' Benjamin Annuable called the bobs, and this famous College Youth played a similar part in the next longer length that was rung nearly five years later at Southwark.

By a coincidence the present record peal in the method was put up on the same day of the same month, as the long peal of 1731. It was on February 14th 1920, that the Painswick men rang their famous 13,001 Grandsire Cinques.

The anniversary of another long peal at Painswick falls on the 16th, for it was on that day, in February, 1858, that the 8,448 Stedman Cinques was rung.

On February 16th, 1789, St. Martin's Youths rang 14,244 Bob Major in 8 hrs. 45 mins., at Aston, and on February 16th, 1790, a peal of 6,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

Conductors are reminded that any peal rung in the year 1921 and not published before the end of February will not be included in the Analysis. If there are any 1920 peal performances not yet published they should, therefore, be sent to us at once.

PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am always very interested in your leaders and the same comments on topical matters contained therein, and as your article in the issue of January 27th re the publication of Major Methods rather invites suggestions, I take the liberty of offering one. Would it be a feasible idea to issue these publications in monthly parts of about 16 pp. demy 8vo., with a cover containing advertisements of a miscellaneous nature, and, of course, including other publications pertaining to change ringing. In such a form I should think it could be sold at a price which would be easily within the reach of most ringers, and if it was successful, perhaps, the Minor methods could be re-issued in the same form, and so make up a comprehensive volume.

With regard to the publication of instruction books in general, I think it is a great pity that two or three of the Snowden series have been so long 'out of print.' On the other hand, I am of the opinion that most of them are a little bit too technical for the ordinary ringer, and this point came home to me forcibly when a young ringer wrote to the author of 'Hints to Beginners' in your paper some time ago, stating that he had got so far with Double Norwich, but was rather puzzled with certain points, and 'Conductor' gave him a few useful hints, which I am sure helped him tremendously. Again, 'J.A.T.' gave us matter in one column of your valued Journal a fortnight ago that is of more use to the average ringer than 100 pages of some of the more technical publications issued. Therefore, I am wondering whether the Central Council could see their way to arrange for the issue of a series of quite small handbooks giving in quite simple and terse terms all that is necessary to enable a band to ring Plain Bob from Minimus to Maximus, even without instruction, in one handbook, Grandsire in another, and so on.

I well remember when I started change ringing 34 years ago, I said to my instructor (who was self-taught), 'If you can tell me how to find the bells I have to strike over, when dodging, I think I shall soon improve.' This was after much vain and laborious endeavour. Well, after less than an hour of pencil and paper the whole thing was made quite clear to me, and I went ahead as fast again, and started my ringing career on tower bells, with two peals in one day—one of Grandsire and one of Bob Triples. Likewise, I believe many a band would find the beginning much easier if they could obtain a little booklet giving quite simple rules for each method and all the useful hints gained by experience.—Yours faithfully, F. W.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at headquarters, Barnsley, on Saturday, January 21st. Members assembled early and in fair numbers, in spite of inclement weather. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and the variety of methods on 8 and 6 bells was greater in number and intricacy than ever known before at a meeting of the Association.

At the business meeting, a general review of the past year was considered as progressive and hopeful for the future. Mr. W. Rayner was elected president, the other officials being re-elected. The next meeting is to be held at Horbury, on February 11th.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S PROPOSED EXTENSION.**IPSWICH BRANCH TO COVER WEST SUFFOLK.**

A committee meeting of the Suffolk Branch of the Norwich and Ipswich Association, representing 400 ringers in Suffolk, was held at Ipswich on Saturday, February 4th, when it was resolved

That this Ipswich Branch be known henceforth as the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch, the Branch to remain as heretofore united with the Norwich Branch (henceforth to be known as the Norwich Diocesan Branch) forming together one Association covering the two Dioceses, to be known in future as the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association.

This resolution will come up for ratification at the general meeting of the Branch at Easter.

The result of this re-naming the Association will enable the boundary of the Association to be extended to include West Suffolk, and give the ringers in that district an opportunity of joining as annual subscribers.

FORTY YEARS IN ONE BELFRY.**PRESENTATION AT PULBOROUGH.**

An interesting little ceremony took place in the belfry at Pulborough, Sussex, on a recent Sunday evening, when Mr. L. N. Corden, J.P., on behalf of the ringers, presented to Mr. Stephen Stone an illuminated address, silver-mounted walking stick, pipe, and tobacco pouch, as a mark of their esteem, and in recognition of having completed forty years as a bell ringer in Pulborough Parish Church.—Mr. Stone acknowledged the gift in a few well-chosen words, and thanked Mr. Corden for his kind remarks.

DEATH OF A PRESTON RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Robert Fisher, or 'Bob,' as he was popularly known, the Preston Parish Church belfry has lost its oldest member. The deceased was for over 40 years a ringer at the church, and rarely had any fines against him for being late or absent. He was a life member of the Lancashire Association, and up to a few years ago was invariably present at the meetings of the Preston Branch. Though he was not the master of many methods, he was a cheerful and interesting personality, ever ready to make up a band for what he could ring. About four years ago he had a seizure which deprived him of the use of his left arm. This paralysis finally resulted in his death on January 27th, at the age of 71 years. His last visit to the tower was on the occasion of the peace celebrations in July, 1919. It was a hard struggle to get him up and down the steps, but 'Bob' said, with tears in his eyes, how happy he was to have been in the belfry once again.

He was laid to rest in Preston Cemetery on February 1st, on Monday evening, January 30th, his comrades rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, and on Saturday, February 4th, an attempt was made for a half-muffled peal in the same method. Unfortunately two muffles came loose after the bells had been going for half an hour, so a quarter-peal was rung, time not permitting another start for the longer length. The ringers taking part were Messrs. A. Martin, E. R. Martin, J. Bimson, B. A. Knights, E. Armstrong, F. Harwood, R. Sanderson, W. Heald and A. E. Woolhouse.

EALING'S 'LOCAL' PEALS.**UNVEILING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY.**

On Saturday, February 4th, at St. Stephen's Church West Ealing, Middlesex, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Maynard, M.A.) officiated at the unveiling and dedication of a peal board which records the ringing of two peals of Stedman Triples, by the local band, for the Ancient Society of Collegio Youths. This is the first peal board to be fixed in the tower.

The bells were open for ringing, from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., when the ceremony took place, after which the bells were kept going till 5 p.m. The company (which included the wives of the local band Mr. W. T. Cockerill, secretary of the Collegio Youths, and several other well-known London members) then adjourned to the Parish Room, where tea was waiting.

Afterwards a course of Grandsire Caters was successfully brought round on the handbells, and Mr. J. Thomas greatly interested those present with a course of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major on the piano. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Sharp) the bells of St. Mary's, Ealing, were open for ringing during the evening. The methods rung in the afternoon were Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Despite the very inclement weather, a very pleasant time was spent by those present.

FIRST PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE ROYAL.**WAKEFIELD MEN'S ACHIEVEMENT.**

Recently we referred to the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, mentioning that, although it was supposed by many that the first in this method was rung in Cheltenham in 1895, there was on record a peal rung a hundred years ago at Wakefield. Happily, the record of this early peal still exists, and, what is equally important in a method of this description where there is possibility of the composition being false, the figures have been preserved to us. The peal is recorded, together with a peal of Stedman Caters rung only a few days previously, on a board in the belfry of All Saints' Church, and we have to thank Mr. J. T. Eason, the steepkeeper, and Mr. James Moorhouse, for taking a copy of the board for publication. It is as follows:

BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WAKEFIELD.

On Wednesday, the 19th day of October, 1821, the society of ringers executed a peal of Caters on Stedman's Principle, consisting of 5,073 changes, in 3 hours and 11 minutes, which was performed by the following persons, viz.: Wm. Woodhead 1, J. Sugden 2, J. Priestley 3, G. Pickering 4, T. Rafton 5, J. Gill 6, Josh Gill 7, John Hall 8, R. Collett 9, J. Wilson 10.

On Saturday, the 26th day of October, 1822, nine of the society of ringers at this church, with Josh Tebbs, of Leeds, succeeded in accomplishing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, comprising 5,400 changes, in 3 hours and 35 mins., being the first peal ever attempted in the above difficult Method by any set of Men in the Kingdom, which will be a standing Laurel for the Society for ages to come. The above peals were composed and conducted by William Woodhead.

The Band as Stationed.

Mark Blackburn...	Treble
Josh Sugden	2nd
Josh Tebbs	3rd
Geo. Pickering	4th
John Hall	5th
James Gill	6th
Josh Gill	7th
Thos. Netherwood	8th
Wm. Woodhead	9th
Robt. Collet	Tenor

The Peal.

	54632
	36245
	42563
	65324
1st Part End	42356
2nd Part End	34256
3rd Part End	23456

The composition, it will be seen, is the extension of the five-course block (obtained by calls at Middle and Wrong in each course) to fifteen courses by a bob at H in the last course of each part. William Woodhead was the composer of the peal, although, of course, the basis of it is really Annable's peal of Bob Major.

Regarding the performance in the light of the position of ringing a century ago, everyone will be prepared to agree with the statement that the peal will be a standing Laurel for the Society for ages to come.

Mr. Eason informs us that he believes there is in possession of Mr. Walter Scott, of Johnston Street, Wakefield, a printed copy of the record of a peal of Superlative Surprise Royal rung in Wakefield in the year 1821.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**READING BRANCH MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on Saturday last, and in spite of the inclement weather was well attended, members being present from Henley, Caversham, Dursley, Tilehurst, Mortimer, and the three town beffries.

Service was held in St. Mary's Church, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) officiating. An appropriate address was given by the Rev. C. A. W. Aylen, Vicar of Shiplake.

The members and friends then proceeded to St. Mary's Schools, kindly lent by the Vicar (the Rev. Wickham Legg). Full justice having been done to a splendid knife and fork tea, the business meeting followed, 48 members being present, including Canon Coleridge (Crowthorne), Miss Davis (Bucklebury), and Mr. and Mrs. Paice (Basingstoke). The Master presided, in the absence of Mr. W. Pole, Routh, through illness, and was supported by the Guild general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), Messrs. A. J. Wright, A. W. Pike, Supt. Wiggins, E. J. Forster, A. W. Mendry, J. Swain, G. White, O. Collins, S. Neville, W. Appleby, W. Newell, W. Ford, etc.

The secretary's report showed good progress at all the towers of the branch, and gave special prize to the Dursley ringers. On the financial side the balance in hand was the largest the Branch has ever known.

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of Mr. H. Tucker, who was elected on the general committee in the place of Mr. A. Cullum, who is serving in another way.—Mr. A. W. Pike was elected deputy chairman.

During the afternoon and evening, ringing was indulged in at St. Mary's and St. Lawrence's, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters being rung at the latter, and London Surprise Major at the former.

This meeting proved one of the most successful gatherings the Branch has ever known.

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CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN BRANCH TO INSTITUTE MONTHLY MEETINGS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Kidderminster, on Saturday, January 28th, about 30 members being present from the various towers. A larger attendance would have been welcomed, but owing to illness, and the great amount of unemployment in the branch, it must be considered that the average was well maintained.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. S. J. C. Evans. It was decided, on the recommendation of the Central Committee, to institute monthly meetings in future, and it was suggested that monthly ringing meetings take place, as follows: Cradley in Feb.; Stourbridge in March (the annual meeting takes place at Worcester in April, on Easter Monday); Bransgrove in May; and the quarterly meeting in June, at Hartlebury. These fixtures are provisional, and the secretary will make the necessary arrangements. Due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.' It is hoped that the members will rally to these monthly meetings, especially the younger ringers, as those responsible for the movement desire to encourage young ringers (and some older ones), who, in the usual way, do not get an opportunity to ring certain methods with their own particular bands. These meetings will provide the opportunity of ringing more advanced methods with experienced ringers, who would make a point of being present at these monthly gatherings. A special point will be made of getting members through their first touch, though it only be Grandsire Doubles or Bob Minor. It is felt that such meetings as these, with proper support from the more experienced members, and the attendance of young ringers and others desirous of learning more methods, will give the necessary impetus to change ringing, and the carrying on of the work of the Association.

The suggestion was heartily supported at the meeting, and due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World' as to the date of the 'first' monthly meeting.

Thanks to the Vicar and wardens for providing tea were proposed by Mr. A. E. Parsons, seconded by Mr. W. Short.

The wardens and chairman having replied, a move was made to the church for the usual association service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an interesting address on the uses and misuses of church bells, and a few words of encouragement to the ringers.

Ringing took place before and after the meeting and service, touches in various methods from Grandsire to London and Bristol being successfully brought round.

It was exceedingly gratifying to see some of the old Kidderminster ringers, viz., Mr. R. Grove and Mr. J. Pagett, appearing again in the tower of their many successes in the past.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING.**

A successful meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at Mitcham, on Saturday, February 4th. The bells of Christ Church and SS. Peter and Paul were made good use of during the afternoon and evening by about 50 members, the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major. Two touches that were noticeable were rung by novices who had not been ringing long, including four ladies from Clapham Park.

Service was held at the Parish Church, followed by tea at the Queen's Head, provided by Mr. Chas. Bance, one of the local ringers.

At the business meeting afterwards, the chair was taken by Col. N. F. Bidder, one of the churchwardens, supported by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett).

Two new members were elected, and the election of nine others was ratified.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dorking on Easter Monday.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 4th, a quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Alton, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. T. Elwin). The following towers were represented: Bishopstoke, Bishop Sutton, Farnham, North Stoneham, Portsea, Winchester, and the local band.

Tea was provided at the Mikado Restaurant, the Vicar being in the chair.—A vote of thanks was proposed by the Secretary (Mr. W. T. Tucker) to the Vicar for his presence at tea, and for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said he hoped they would visit Alton again and bring better weather with them.—A hearty welcome was extended to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, secretary, Basingstoke district, who was present. Apologies were received from the Rev. N. C. Woods, general secretary; the Rev. W. C. Colchester, treasurer; and Mr. Wilfred Andrews, all of Winchester, who were unable to be present.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples Bob, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major. The next meeting will be at Cheriton and Titchborne in May.

DUBLIN SURPRISE MAJOR.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—It may interest your readers to know that I sent the figures of this method to Mr. Lindoff shortly after the appearance of Suffolk Surprise, and pointed out the advantage of having a clean proof scale, and he wrote and thanked me for them.

I also sent a copy of the method to Mr. C. T. Coles on May 22nd, and have by me a letter from him dated July 13th, in which he has picked down the first treble lead, and asks for some further particulars about it.—Yours most sincerely,

Seafeld Park, Feb. 3rd, 1922.

E. BANKES JAMES.

Dear Sir,—The method you published in this week's issue of your paper I produced in 1902, along with the others of its class—Peterborough and Lancashire Surprise. Bristol had been previously rung by the Brighton band, and as the Rev. E. Bankes James stated, that he had produced all the methods of that class, Peterborough was credited to his name when rung by the Sheffield District Society. The Rev. A. T. Beeston, and Messrs. Sam Thomas, Jno. Flint and Arthur Knights have all seen this method from my book.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

MR. LINDOFF'S DISCLAIMER.

After the above letters had been put into type we received the following from Mr. Lindoff:—

Dear Sir,—Mr. Bailey ought not to give me all the credit of this method. Practically three had a hand in it, the Rev. A. T. Beeston and the Rev. E. Bankes James, besides myself.—Yours, etc.,

G. LINDOFF.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**A GROWING MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the above society was held at St. George's, Doncaster, on January 21st. In spite of the wretched weather conditions there was a good attendance of members, about 40 being present. A short service was held in the Forman Chapel, and was conducted by the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford), who gave an eloquent address, taking as his text, 'Work your work belimes, and in His time He will give you your reward.'

Owing to the organist, Mr. Wilfrid Sanderson, Mus. Bac., F.R.C.O. (the famous composer of songs, etc.), being unable to be present, those who had hoped to hear him play on the magnificent five-manual organ were disappointed.

Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall. At the business meeting which followed, the Archdeacon presided, and was supported by Mr. G. Halksworth (vice-president), Mr. G. Clark, Ringing Master, and Mr. H. Walker, hon. secretary.—Letters of apology for absence were read from Mr. A. A. Bell, churchwarden; Mr. Potter, of the Barusley Society; Mr. H. Haigh, of the North Notts Association; Mr. F. Willey, vice-president of the Yorkshire Association; and Mr. J. Eagles, A.R.C.Sc., principal of the Technical College.

The secretary's report for 1921 was adopted.—Mr. G. Halksworth was re-elected vice-president, and was heartily thanked for his services during his term of office.—Mr. Halksworth responded, and gave some good advice to the younger members.

A Bell Repair Advisory Committee was formed for the district.

The Archdeacon was thanked for his services in the chair, and for the use of the bells.—In reply, he said he was always glad for the ringers of the district to use the bells of St. George's. Referring to his own ringers, he said they ought to feel honoured that they had such a capable man as Mr. Halksworth in charge of affairs, also that they had a lady ringer (Miss K. Jackson). He wished he had her brains, so that he could disentangle the mysteries of change ringing. Perhaps he was stupid—(laughter)—as he knew how it should be done, but he could never put it into practice. He lacked rope-sight. Anyway, he could ring, and had qualified as a member of the Yorkshire Association by drumming in to a quarter-peal at Sheffield when he was a lad.

Ringing continued until 9 o'clock, when the bells were brought down in peal, thus bringing a successful meeting to a close.

In the annual report it was stated that in the history of change ringing in the Doncaster district the year 1921 would be a memorable one, for it was in that year that the Doncaster and District Society was formed, and the first steps taken towards bringing together the different bands in the district with a view to cultivating better ringing. Already the society has justified its existence, for the standard of ringing in the district seemed to be higher now than it was at the end of 1920. The companies are more enthusiastic, and are taking a greater interest in the art and science. Much, however, remains to be done. The total membership of the society was at present 132, and these were drawn from 30 different towers.

The financial position was very satisfactory, and left nothing to be desired, there being a balance on the year's working of about £2 2s. Only two peals were rung during the year, a peal of Stedman Triples at Arksey, and a peal of Bob Major at Conisborough.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**RINGING AT AN OLD CITY CHURCH.**

On Sunday last, on the invitation of the vergers of St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, the following went to try the 'go' of the old peal of six bells, which hang in the tower, and which have not been rung for a considerable time, and 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung for morning service: G. L. Joyce 1, P. H. Avey 2, G. Dawson 3, E. Smith 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, R. Sanders 6. A 360 in same method followed, with P. H. Avey treble, G. L. Joyce 2.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 5th, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. F. M. Tuke (first quarter of Caters) 1, F. V. Sinkings 2, E. G. Tully (first quarter) 3, C. W. Roberts 4, A. Fisher 5, A. B. Bennett 6, P. E. Clark 7, A. V. Selby 8, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 9, H. G. Miles 10. Rung as a farewell to A. Fisher, who has joined H.M. Forces, also as a compliment to Irene Dorothy, only daughter of ringer of the 2nd married at St. Mary's, Slough, to Ivan Frank Bryant, captain, late Cheshire Regiment, the previous day.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, February 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: A. F. Bennington 1, E. J. Pannett 2, J. Crowder 3, E. B. Crowder 4, T. A. Easterby 5, A. Bradley 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Sunday, February 5th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: A. Cutmor 1, H. Dyas 3, G. C. Iles 4, W. E. Judd 5, H. Crook 6, W. H. Wood 7, E. Skevington (conductor) 8. Rung without a cover, after meeting short of Double Norwich.

WRANGLE.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 5th, for evening service, 720 Double Court, in 24 mins.: A. Rose 1, J. W. Lakin, junr., 2, S. Woods 3, A. Pickwell 4, W. Houghton 5, F. Hilton (conductor) 6.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 5th, for evening service, 180 Bob Minor: S. France 1, R. Turner 2, W. Lycett 3, A. Shotton 4, W. Clay 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6. First touch of Minor by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 5, who had never rung Minor until a month ago.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Feb. 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 51 mins.: H. W. Else 1, Miss A. M. Durrant 2, E. W. Day 3, L. Fidler 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, W. J. Croft 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Feb. 5th, at St. Margaret's, for morning service, 432, and for evening service, 576 Grandsire Caters: T. Bent, F. Sharman 2, A. Ballard 3, E. Morris (conductor) 4, E. E. Smith, junr., 5, H. Peach 6, J. Morris 7, H. Lock 8, A. Cattell 9, J. Vernon 10. Longest touch on the new bells and longest of Caters by the ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, February 5th, at the Church of SS. Mary and Eanswythe, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 47 mins.: J. Coppins 1, Miss E. Jarvis 2, S. Binfield (conductor) 3, E. Bridges 4, J. Henley 5, A. Binfield 6, A. Kedwell 7, W. Knight 8. Rung for evensong, and also to mark the golden wedding day of Canon Erskine Knollys, aged 81, for many years Vicar of this church, who retired in 1914.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Sunday, February 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins.: C. Edwards 1, E. J. Walsom 2, H. Belcher 3, P. E. Clark 4, E. Harris 5, A. R. Macdonald 6, A. Harding 7, W. H. Hollier 8. First quarter in the method with a bob bell by ringers of 2nd and 5th.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, on February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, by Louis Head): E. Warner (first quarter on inside bell) 1, Mrs. Whittington 2, A. Bull 3, H. Charman 4, R. Whittington 5, T. Worsfold 6, A. Charman (conductor) 7, L. Warner (first quarter) 8. This is the first quarter on the bells since the recasting of the 5th.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On a recent Sunday, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Corden 1, S. W. Corden 2, A. B. Corden 3, R. Pickett 4, E. Elliott 5, P. H. Doick 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—For Sunday evening service, on January 29th, 672 Grandsire Triples; also 168: W. Gondenough 1, W. Webb 2, A. Webb 3, W. J. Napper 4, E. E. Napper 5, T. East (conductor) 6, T. F. East 7, W. Warwick 8.

CHELMSFORD.—On January 29th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, Springfield (Chelmsford), 1,440 Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: J. H. Myhill 1, W. Praill 2, I. T. Poulton 3, A. E. Davis 4, E. Kemp 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor). Rung as an opening touch, after the rehanging of the second bell and the overhauling of the other five by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, E., 1,239 Stedman Caters: T. W. Taffender, junr.,

1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, J. Scholes 4, J. Carter 5, J. R. Gammon 6, R. G. Chappelle 7, E. Brett 8, W. H. Pickett 9, G. Barrell 10.

BRIERLEY HILL.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on January 29th, a quarter-peal of Darlston Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: *H. Holden 1, *W. Masters 2, W. Polter 3, *J. Kendall 4, *J. Lloyd 5, *E. T. Lloyd 6, E. C. Perkins (conductor) 7, *R. Gordon 8. * Longest length in the method. All are local ringers.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Welsby 1, A. Lees 2, L. Pennington 3, T. Hurd 4, T. Hilditch (conductor) 5, W. P. Deane 6.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,260 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES.

1,260 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

Several shorter touches may be obtained by calling one course S.H.Q. instead of one or more parts.

A. J. PITMAN.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday, January 21st, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Ringing commenced at 3.30 p.m., touches in various methods being brought round. The service, timed for 5 p.m., was unfortunately cancelled owing to the Rev. Bullock, who had arranged to conduct it, being ill. Ringing was, therefore, carried on until 5.45 p.m., when a move was made to the Parish Hall for tea, to which a party of 28 sat down.

The business meeting followed. Letters from indisposed members were read, and it was agreed that letters of condolence be sent to them.

The cash statement was read and adopted, and all seemed pleased with the year's income and expenditure, it being agreed that a note be added to the effect that 'the balance in hand (12s. 11d.) is the best since the district's inauguration.'—The Master then made a short statement on the past year's work, thanking all for their support at the meetings. He hoped they would do all in their power to uplift the district, both in the ringing and social sides. The Secretary's statement followed, and it was resolved that it should be included in minutes. In the statement, thanks were accorded to the officers of 1921 for kind help and advice; the Master (Mr. Bullock) for his hearty co-operation in all matters connected with the district; Mr. Howell for his part in arrangements at practice meetings and sound advice on matters of business; Mr. P. Norton for acting as auditor for the year; to all steeplekeepers who did all in their power to make the meetings a success; and, lastly, to all members for their support. The meetings, which during the year totalled 15, were attended by 242 members, the average being a little over 16 members per meeting. It was hoped this would be increased, as otherwise with the cost of publishing a notice for two weeks and paying steepleage fees, there was bound to be a deficit. Fortunately other expenses had been low, and in some cases steepleage had been nil, and for that reason the statement showed a credit as already stated.

The following were elected officers for the year: Mr. J. Bullock, Master; Mr. E. C. Russell, secretary; Mr. A. Howell, steward; Mr. P. Norton, treasurer; Messrs. A. Turner and A. Riley, committeemen. This terminated the business, and a social programme was carried out, the secretary taking the chair. Through the kindness of the Master's brothers, sisters and friends (not forgetting his wee daughter), a programme which filled a jolly evening was carried out. Concerted items, harmonised songs, etc., by the whole bunch of 'Bullocks' were well rendered, and thoroughly enjoyed by all, encores being naturally in abundance.—Mr. Riley gave 'The old Mill,' Mr. Lambert, the new steeplekeeper, contributed a good song, and Stedman Triples by Messrs. F. G. Symonds, A. D. Barker, W. P. Smith, and Miss G. Bateman, and times by the Master and Mr. A. D. Barker were well rendered and enjoyed. Songs and dancing were merrily kept going until 10 p.m., when 'The King,' led by the Master's choral society, was sung, and a hearty vote of thanks to all artists who gave their help was accorded.

The district is greatly indebted to them for such a successful and most enjoyable evening, which, it was remarked, surpassed any social in history of the district.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 34th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at The Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham (in the beautiful Connaught Room), on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 3/- to meet the increased cost of the dinner; to other members and friends, 7/6 each. It is necessary for every full member to be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 18th. The bells of St. Martin (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS — First Annual Dinner.—Grand Hotel, Broad Street Bristol, Feb. 18th, at 6.30 p.m. Social afterwards. Ringing from 3 p.m. at St. James', St. Stephen's, St. Nicholas (10 bells), St. Philip, Temple (8 bells), St. Michael's (6).—Tickets, 6/-, from stewards, or Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol. Ticket-holders to report number of tickets sold to E. Guise by Feb. 8 at latest.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The monthly meeting will be held at Horbury, Saturday, February 11th. Bells ready early. Tea will be arranged for by the local company, but members must help by sending before the date postcards stating number of visitors, to M. G. Hunt, Northgate, Horbury.—C. D. Potter, Doncaster Road, Barnsley, Secretary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—A meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30.—George Case, District Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available: Bishopsgate and St. Andrew, Holborn, 2.45—4.0 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 2.30; Service, 4.30; Tea in Parish House, Clare Market, 5.30; business meeting, 6.30. Members requiring tea must advise by Feb. 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Herne St. nr. Herne Bay, on Saturday, Feb. 11th, bells available at 3 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due, and should be forwarded as soon as possible, or can be paid at this meeting.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 11th (by permission of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton and Churchwardens), who will entertain our members to tea. Visitors, other than members, will be asked to pay 1/3. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Rd., W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Institute. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 11th. Bells ready at 4.30.—W. Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A District meeting will be held at Dorking on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available at 3. Service at 4.30, when an address will be given by the Vicar. Tea at 5, followed by a business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Dunmow on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Service, with address, at 4 o'clock, followed by tea at St. Mary's Room, 1s. each. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—Bert Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne, near Braintree.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Wilton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at Waterloo Restaurant at 5 sharp. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 o'clock. St. James's bells available after the service.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Feb. 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Special service at 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due and will be gladly accepted at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Feb. 11th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the King William IV. at 1s. per head. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) available at any time.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The closing date for the payment of the 1s. 8d. subscription is Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Feb. 16th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 9th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —The Annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells of the Abbey (10) available from 1 p.m. to 9. Service at 4. Tea at 5 in Rimington's Cafe, Gouthorpe, at 1/9 each. Members requiring same must notify Mr. Wm. Arthur Hall, 34, New Lane, Selby, by Tuesday, Feb. 14th. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in Church at 5 o'clock. Tea at the White Lion at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Ringing will be resumed after the meeting.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business: To discuss place and date of the annual branch meeting.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A monthly ringing meeting for practice will be held at Cradley, on Saturday, February 18th. Bell available at 4 o'clock. Members who are desirous of ringing any particular method which they do not get an opportunity of ringing at their own tower, should attend these monthly meetings.—A. Davies, 29 Hampton St., Netherton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Glodwick, on Saturday, February 18th. Unveiling of Peal Tablet at 6 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Bells ready at 3. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Middleton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meetings for practice this month as follows:—Saturday, 18th, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, ringing 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday, 23rd, All Hallows, Lombard St., E.C., ringing from 7.30 p.m. sharp. Welcome to all in both cases.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold a meeting on Saturday, February 18th, at the Parish Church, Ashton, for 10 and 12 bell practice only. Bells available from 4 to 6 o'clock.—C. Bower, Hon. Sec.

LADIES GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Desborough on Feb. 18th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Gentlemen most welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—It is proposed to celebrate the jubilee of the Society, on Monday, February 20th. Any past members who wish to take part should write for further particulars to R. E. Havard, Hon. Sec., O.U.S.C.R., Keble Cottage, Oxford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's,

Eastbourne, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 (1/- per head), followed by the business meeting, when the Rev. Canon Whelpton has promised to preside. The bells of All Saints' are available 6 p.m., Christ Church 7.15 p.m. and St. Mary's 6-7 p.m. All those intending to be present, kindly advise me by Wednesday, February 22nd.—Geb. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at East Malling, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock, a short service at 5 o'clock. Tea provided by the Vicar and Churchwardens at 5.45. Business meeting after, all ringers intending being at the meeting must let me know not later than Tuesday morning, February 20th, or tea cannot be provided for them.—Stephen Hazyelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Staines (St. Peter's), on February 25th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, meeting to follow. St. Mary's bells also available. Those requiring tea, please notify me not later than Tuesday, February 21st.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street, on Saturday, February 25th. Tea will be provided (about 1/- per head) for all members who notify me by the 21st inst.—B. C. Dixon, Hon. Sec., 80, Fern Dene Road, Gateshead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Gillingham (owing to the continued illness of the Vicar of Rainham), on Saturday, February 25th. Tower open at 3. Full particulars later. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due and should be paid at or before this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, second Monday, and St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ERDINGTON.**

The fortieth quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Erdington on Saturday, January 21st. Members were present from Birmingham, Coventry, Erdington, Exhall, Rugby, Stoke, and Sutton Coldfield. The influenza epidemic was responsible for many absentees, including the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson). It was, nevertheless, a very good meeting, and some excellent ringing was brought round, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Major. Mr. O. J. Hunt kindly acted as deputy for the hon. secretary.

The towers of the Parish Church and the Abbey were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and it is a pleasure to acknowledge the kindness of the local bands and towerkeepers to the visitors.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the president (Canon Back), who also presided over the business meeting held in the Abbey Schools. He was supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Roberts, Mr. James George, also Mr. Bernard Witchell, who is a tower of strength in the Erdington district.

The President read a letter from Mr. James George, thanking the Guild for the letter of congratulation sent to him on the completion of his 700th peal, also a letter from the Church Authorities at Bulkington, appealing for subscriptions toward their bell restoration fund, and he commended the appeal to the members present.—A letter from Mr. H. A. Heath, of Street Ashton Lodge, asking for instructors for the newly-formed band at Monks Kirby, was also read, and it was announced that arrangements had been made with members from Rugby for this purpose.

The next meeting date falling on Easter Eve, it was decided to hold the meeting on April 22nd, at Solihull. Sutton Coldfield was proposed, but withdrawn on account of the bells being out of order.

Eight new members were duly elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the clergy for the use of their bells, to the towerkeepers for the arrangements made, to Mr. Bernard Witchell for arranging such an excellent tea, and to the Abbey authorities for the use of the Schools for the tea and meeting.

The Rev. Father Lambert Nolle, O.S.B., who came in during the meeting, replied, and gave the Guild a hearty welcome.

On the motion of Mr. George, a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the President for conducting the service in church, and also for presiding at the meeting.—Canon Back suitably replied.

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