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JASPER WHITFIELD SNOWDON.

The proposal made at the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association that steps be taken to organise a gathering every year to honour the memory of that great Yorkshireman, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, is one which is likely to find ready acceptance among ringers in the North, and with which members of the Exercise in a far wider area are likely to be heartily in sympathy. We venture to assert that to no one man does the Exercise owe as much as to Mr. Jasper Snowdon, who, born in the year 1844, died in the year 1885, at the comparatively early age of 41, after a life of intense energy and activity. His death cut him off in the midst of work invaluable to change ringing, but not before he had given the Exercise some of the results of years of patient investigation and research, incorporated in a form which has ever since provided the standard textbooks for ringers. All the publications in the 'Snowdon' series were written and issued originally by him, or completed upon the basis of lines he had laid down and prepared.

Apart from the numerous articles on the scientific and historic aspects of ringing which he contributed to the ringing Press, from 1872 onward, he published first his treatise on Treble Bob, which dealt more exhaustively with the mathematical side of change ringing than any other work previously issued. From this he turned his attention to an elementary work, and 'Rope Sight,' which is still looked upon as the best 'first book' for the beginner, resulted. Then came 'Standard Methods' and 'Double Norwich Court Bob Major,' the while articles on Grandsire Triples, Stedman's Principle and Surprise peals were appearing in the Press, with the ultimate intention of embodying them in book form. Then came his almost tragic death, and with it the untimely close of a career of energy, usefulness and inestimable service to the Exercise.

His memory is perpetuated by a beautifully stained three-light window placed in Ilkley Church, but this remains only as a reminder to those who visit the church. It is well that something should be done to recall to present and future generations their indebtedness to the patience, the enthusiasm and the enterprise of Jasper Snowdon. To thousands to-day he is nothing more than a name; but an annual memorial gathering would enable his great services to the Exercise, by which he did more to popularise change ringing than any other man, to be more fully realised. There were giants in the Exercise in his days. Jasper Snowdon has himself acknowledged the immense debt he owed to men like Henry Hubbard, Henry Johnson, William Harrison and James and Tom Lockwood, and it is only fitting that ringers in these days should acknowledge in

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their turn what they owe to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. We hope for this reason that the Yorkshire proposal may materialise.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HESTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES:

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ARNIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	CHARLES BIRD ... 5
WILLIAM HOLLIER ... 2	CECIL W. MAYNE ... 6
CHARLES I. EDWARDS ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
HAROLD P. JAMES ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARNIGER TROLLOPE.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 5
EDMUND BATES ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
HAROLD W. CLARK ... 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
*ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 4	HENRY SIMMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* 50th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Bates.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

SERG. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... Treble	*T. JULL ... 5
*S. TAYLOR ... 2	*W. SPICE ... 6
W. DUDLEY ... 3	*G. WILSON ... 7
*H. T. WILSON ... 4	W. HAIGH ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:

Tenor 6½ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 5
SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 6
JOHN OLDHAM ... 3	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 7
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

The conductor has now called a peal of Major in this method from every bell.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JONATHAN PRESTON ... Treble	OLIVER G. NORMAN ... 5
GEORGE F. SWANN ... 2	*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	ARTHUR GARDNER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. J. Meers on the anniversary of his wedding.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(St. Peter's Society.)

On Monday, Feb. 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... Treble		JOSEPH HANDS 5	
FREDERICK POUNDS 2		ERNEST MENDAY 6	
ARTHUR WIGGINS 3		REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7	
CHARLES GILES 4		HENRY SIMMONDS Tenor	

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

This was Canon Coleridge's 100th peal of Stedman Triples; the arranging of which was a great pleasure to his old and new Caversham friends.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
P.C. DONALD BROWN ... Treble		P.C. JOHN CARTER 5	
P.C. WILLIAM PYE 2		P.C. FREDERICK PAGE 6	
P.C. WALTER BILLINGE ... 3		P.C. JOSEPH WILSON 7	
P.C. PETER CROOK 4		P.C. JAMES TURNER Tenor	

Conducted by P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.

P.C. Crook is a member of the Bolton Borough Police Force, the remainder of the band are members of the Manchester City Police Force. This is the first policemen's peal rung outside London.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

WILLIAM IRELAND ... Treble	ARTHUR LEEDER 5
JACK MOWLE 2	CLEMENT MORE 6
ALBERT SYMONDS 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
WILLIAM C. WISKINS ... 4	TOM FORD Tenor

Composed by the late J. Cox. Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Snowdon's Coll., page 85. The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd hail from Brome, and this was their first peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Feb. 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Tower,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 6½ cwt.	
*WILLIAM THORLEY ... Treble		JOHN OLDHAM 5	
†JOHN SADDINGTON 2		JAMES H. HUTCHBY 6	
*ERNEST LESLIE 3		WILLIAM SMITH 7	
PRYCE TAYLOR 4		EDWARD READER Tenor	

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Cambridge by a Loughborough band.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
*JOHN AVIS Treble		*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5	
*CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2		*WILLIAM HARPER 6	
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 3		*FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 7	
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4		EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. All the above are Sunday service ringers in the district, 1 and 7 at Milton-next-Gravesend, 2 at Chatham, 3 and tenor at Crayford, 4 and 5 at Dartford, and 6 at Swanscombe.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
GEORGE ALLDER ... Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
FRANK BOREHAM 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by N. J. FISTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Rung for the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. John Cuthbert Lucas.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.	
ERNEST BAKER ... Treble		ALFRED FALLON 5	
JAMES E. LILLEY 2		CHARLES PICKEN 6	
REGINALD R. POLE ... 3		CHARLES R. LILLEY 7	
*WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 4		†RICHARD HUGH FAULKNER Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
GEORGE R. HOLMES ... Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5
JAMES E. GOFTON 2	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 6
R. ALDER GOFTON 3	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb.	
GEORGE CLANTON ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 3	BEN S. THOMPSON 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	JOHN OLDHAM 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	*MRS. T. H. HARDY 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	*T. HENRY HARDY 7
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.	
JOHN SADDINGTON ... Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	F. HORACE STUBBS 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	JOHN OLDHAM Tenor

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN OLDHAM.
Quickest peal on the bells.

**OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MATT. KEARNEY Treble	TOM STANCLIFFE 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2	†ROSHTON GRIMSHAW... .. 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	JACK WATSON 7
JACK BARNES 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Arranged specially for Mr. Kearney, who was baptized in this church in Feb., 53 years ago.

**STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN R. BROOKS Treble	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
LEWIS G. PALMER 2	HARRY DAFFIN 6
THOMAS RILEY 3	*ALFRED E. PARSONS... .. 7
FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... 4	LEONARD W. JACQUES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. E. PARSONS.

This composition (the Author's No. 101) is now rung for the first time. * First peal as conductor.

**NEWHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*HAROLD W. EMMETT ... Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK 5
GEORGE BROWN... .. 2	STANLEY PICKUP 6
*JOHN HILL 3	WILLIAM ASHWORTH 7
†THOMAS FOSTER 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal of Major on the bells since they were re-hung. The ringers of 4th, 5th and tenor come from St. Thomas', Helmshore, and the rest are from St. Saviour's, Bacup.

**ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY GREAVES Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 5
BERNARD DITCHER 2	†T. A. HOWES-SMITH... .. 6
JOHN H. HUMPHRIES... .. 3	CHARLES SEVERN 7
CECIL BOOTH 4	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by W. H. TURTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

**WOOLWICH.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	ARTHUR MASON 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM MILLER 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Nevard. The band wish thank Mr. Nevard for his kind hospitality after the peal.

**WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SIDNEY BREEZE... .. Treble	FRED P. HOWCROFT 5
WM. A. BRECKON 2	JOHN LAWREY 6
†FREDERICK ROBSON 3	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... 7
THOMAS METCALFE 4	*WALTER SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

HERTFORD.

**THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. Treble	*JOSEPH LADLEY 5
*REGINALD DORE 2	GEORGE H. BARKER 6
ALFRED B. PECK 3	*GEORGE GRAY 7
COL. HERBERT BAKER ... 4	*ALFRED E. AKERS Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method. The band was hospitably entertained to dinner by Col. Baker at the Salisbury Arms Hotel after the peal.

**STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN... .. Treble	THOMAS E. SONE... .. 5
*PERCY PAGE 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
HENRY C. CASTLE 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
LOUIS HEAD 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by L. HEAD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Major. This one-part composition is now rung for the first time.

**ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JESSE MOSS Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOHN THORPE 6
JOHN BROTHWELL 3	JOHN FLINT 7
GEORGE LEWIS 4	SAM THOMAS... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (162). Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Hemmingfield, who attained the age of 71 on the 10th, and has been a ringer at Ecclesfield 54 years. He is one of the older generation whose motto is 'good striking.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

**TONG, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. SALLAWAY Treble	GEORGE BOLLAND 4
S. ODDY... .. 2	E. ODDY 5
G. LAMBERT... .. 3	RUFUS THORNTON Tenor

Conducted by G. BOLLAND.

Rung in honour of the conductor's 70th birthday.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 11, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford, two 720's of Plain Bob, and four 720's of Kent Treble. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*TOM CHAMBERS Treble	FRED CHAMBERS 4
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
TOM STANCLIFFE 3	*FRED BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in three methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 4th, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. A. GODFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES:

Size 17½ in G sharp.

ARTHUR DYE 1	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
GEORGE COOKE 2	CHARLES S. TUTHILL 6
CHARLES WYBROW 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7-8
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN ... 4	ROBERT W. COOKE 9-10

Composed by J. REEVE.

Conducted by W. E. BASON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Feb. 6, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

GEORGE W. STEERE 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

This was G. W. Steere's 100th peal.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-2	W. R. JOHN POULSON 5-6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3-4	LAWRENCE POULSON 7-8

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: F. MORTLOCK.

First peal in the method by all and for the Suffolk Diocesan Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held on Saturday, January 28th, at St. John's, Lewisham High Road. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon, and at the service a very helpful address was given by the Rev. W. F. Jepson (Vicar).

The members afterwards adjourned to the Whitbourne Institute for tea. About thirty sat down and enjoyed the splendid fare. At its conclusion, the Vicar proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Arch. Bennington, his mother and sisters, for the very able way they had carried it out.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presiding, nineteen new members were elected. At this point the Vicar had to leave, and after saying how pleased he was to meet the members, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the use of the bells, his address, and for presiding, and to the lady at the organ at the service.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries was then voted to the chair.—St. Mary Cray was selected for the next meeting-place, in April.—Mr. Jeffries read his report of the association committee meeting, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him.

A discussion then took place with regard to the war memorial, and a committee of five was elected to try and arrange a concert or something of the kind to help the fund.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, the members returning to the tower for further ringing.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
PROGRESS OF THE HEREFORD DISTRICT.

Excellent progress has been made by the Hereford District of the Hereford Guild during the past year, and not only has much good work been done in the belfries, but an adverse balance at the beginning of the period has been converted into a balance in hand. The Rev. G. W. Turner presided over the annual meeting held at Hereford. He was supported by Mr. Charles Edwards, (district secretary and Guild Ringing Master for the diocese), the Rev. A. Brooke Bradley, Miss M. Bull, and others.

The Secretary, in presenting the balance sheet, said the receipts amounted to £18 3s. They commenced the year with an adverse balance of £2 12s. 3d., but this had been wiped off, and they now had a balance in hand of £1 13s. 6d.

In Chairman, in complimenting the secretary on the satisfactory state of the balance sheet, said it was necessary that they should have enough money to carry on the central work, which consisted to a great extent of providing such things as certificates, getting reports printed and sent out, and also paying the expenses of the Ringing Master. Unless the Ringing Master did his work there would be no expense; therefore, when the expenses were more they knew his work was increasing. Mr. Edwards had accomplished a tremendous amount of good work on behalf of the Guild, and they all very much appreciated his efforts.

In his report, the Secretary said there was no disguising the fact that the Hereford district was making great headway and becoming more united. Their membership was increasing, and they had got fresh hands joining them, and the ringers were becoming more and more interested in their work. There was still a good deal of work to be accomplished, however, for several towers had to be got into the union. The membership of the district was as follows: Ninety-one ringing members, as against 55 in 1920; 36 probationers against 43, 16 honorary members against 18. Referring to the All Saints' tenor bell which had recently been recast and rehung, as a memorial to fallen ringers, Mr. Edwards said they had got a bell, which not only themselves but the whole of the Diocese could be proud of. The debt was not yet quite paid off; but he hoped it would be before long. He had received a cheque for £3, and recently he had received another for £2 10s., which was a considerable help.

The Rev. A. Brooke Bradley and eight of his ringers were elected hon. members of the Guild, as also were Miss Maude Bull, Miss Woodhouse (Burghill), the Rev. H. M. Fowler, the Rev. S. Scarlet Smith (Hampton Bishop), the Rev. Warren (Bodenham), the Rev. A. G. M. Rushon (All Saints), Mr. S. Searle and Mr. H. R. Rogers (All Saints). Mr. C. Edwards was again re-elected secretary, whilst Mr. W. H. Williams (Hagley) was elected district Ringing Master. The following were elected official district instructors: Mr. Walter Taylor and Mr. Fred Arrowsmith (Lugwardine), Mr. W. Williams (Burghill), Mr. G. Biggs (Eownhope), Mr. H. J. Taylor (Hereford), Mr. H. Young (Allensmore), Mr. G. Couzens (Wellington), and Mr. W. S. Evans (Holmer).

The quarterly meetings for the ensuing year were fixed to be held at Burghill, Kingstone, Withington (or Hampton Bishop) and Hereford. Combined practices will be held at Lugwardine, Pipe-cum-Lyde and Dewchurch.

The Chairman made reference to the dinner which the district ringers had held recently. There seemed to be, he said, a general feeling that the event should be an annual one, to which all the members of the Diocesan Guild should be invited, and the matter would in all probability be brought forward at the annual meeting of the Guild.—On the proposal being first put to the meeting, it was generally agreed that the dinner should be held annually.

Mr. C. Edwards said Mr. J. G. Buchanan, the Ringing Master of the Guild, who had lent a set of handbells to the Cathedral had generously presented them as a permanent gift to All Saints (applause). An inscription had been affixed which read, 'Presented to All Saints' belfry by J. G. Buchanan, Esq., 1921, for the use of the Guild of Bell-ringers.'

STARTING A BAND AT PAISLEY.

Mr. J. E. Sykes, who is one of the keenest 'missionaries' in the Exercise at the moment, is at present in Glasgow. There being no active change ringing band anywhere round, he quickly set about making one. In nine weeks, with the help of Messrs. J. Holman, Tom O'Hara, and A. E. Wreaks, who has been residing for some years in Paisley, has succeeded in turning a 'call change' band into half-pull ringers, and several of the local men have rung their first six-scores: On February 3rd, at St. James' Church, 240 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Rodgers (first 240) 1. J. Holman 2. J. E. Sykes 3. T. O'Hara 4. A. E. Wreaks 2. J. S. Sykes 3. T. O'Hara 4. J. Holman 6. J. Porteous 1. J. Foulter (first 120) 1. J. Holman 2. J. E. Sykes 3. T. O'Hara 4. A. E. Wreaks 5. J. Porteous (first 120) 6.—On Sunday, Feb. 5th, for evening service, 120 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: A. J. Rodgers 1. A. E. Wreaks 2. J. S. Sykes 3. T. O'Hara 4. J. Holman 5. J. Porteous 6. R. Clark 7. E. N. Wreaks 8.

SHEFFIELD & DURHAM CATHEDRALS.**BELLS TO BE REHUNG.**

The restoration of the bells at Sheffield Cathedral is to be taken in hand, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been entrusted with the work. The 7th and 10th, which are cracked, are to be recast, the others are to be cleaned of all their corrosion, and the whole peal tuned, and rehung with the latest type ball and roller bearings. The tenor at Sheffield Cathedral is a 41 cwt. bell.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have also secured the contract to rehanging the heavy eight bells at Durham Cathedral on ball and roller bearings. At the same time a considerable amount of work is to be carried out to the beams of the tower by Messrs. Cornish and Gaymer, Ecclesiastical Builders.

These bells are an ancient ring, cast originally in 1693 by Christopher Hodson, a London bell founder. Three have been recast at various dates.

A NEW RING OF EIGHT.**HOW EAST ILSLEY GOT ITS BELLS.**

Saturday, January 28th, 1922, will long be remembered by the parishioners and visitors to the old-world village of East Ilsley, Berks, when the dedication of the three new bells in the old tower, by the Bishop of Oxford (the Right Rev. Hubert Murray Burge, D.D.), took place. The old five bells have been in the tower since 1625, when the present tower was given by Richard Whitwick, a Rector of the parish. The old treble was cast in 1589 by Joseph Carter, of Reading, and is still a fine bell.

The Bishop, in the course of his address, said that of all the war memorials he had dedicated or unveiled none had ever appealed to him as this. It showed the grit and determination of the parish, as nothing else could have done, for when he had heard of the difficulties that had been surmounted, and had listened to the sweet tones of the bells, he felt that no memorial could be more fitting to the 21 men of the village who had died that we may live.

The third bell, which is the memorial bell, has the initials of the 21 men on it. The second, given by a lady interested in the parish, is inscribed: 'To the glory of God, in thankfulness'; and the treble, raised by subscriptions from the ringers of England, has for inscription, 'Ring we merrily unto God, our strength.'

The local men rang the old five in Bob Doubles for the service, and after the dedication the memorial bell was tolled 21 blows, and the eight bells rung (whilst the Bishop and clergy walked back to the chancel) by the local ringers. Immediately after the Blessing, 252 Stedman Triples was well struck by: W. Hibbert 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, F. Pounds 3, A. D. Cullum 4, J. Hands 5, G. Essex 6, E. W. Menday 7, W. Hibbert 8.

After tea a short touch of London Surprise was rung by R. T. Hibbert, A. D. Cullum, G. Essex, C. Giles, W. H. Pasmore, H. Tucker, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and E. W. Menday. The bells were kept going until late in the evening, in Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich, by ringers from London, Abingdon, Bucklebury, Chalgrove, Caversham, Chieveley, Crowthorne, Drayton, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Oxford, Reading, Swindon, Thatcham and Wokingham.

The bells are a fine-toned peal of eight, and sound much heavier than they are, the tenor being only 8½ cwt. in G. The work of tuning, spicing and hanging has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The history of the job throughout may interest the readers of 'The Ringing World.' It was decided two years ago to put a marble tablet in the church with the names of the fallen (which has been done), and to add a bell to make a peal of six. The money was raised in the parish and the job put in hand. It was then found that nothing could be done with the old frame and floors, so £500 had to be found, and some began to say, 'Let it slide,' but others said 'Go on with the job and make it eight instead of six.' Then the writer having promised to raise £100 began to pester all his friends and acquaintances, and has been able, through the generous response to his appeal, to send £115, and also the 2nd bell, and herewith takes this opportunity of expressing the heartfelt thanks of the committee and himself for giving him the great pleasure and pride of ringing on and listening to a fine little peal of eight in the tower of his native village.

R. T. H.

MR. GEORGE BOLLAND'S BIRTHDAY.

In commemoration of the seventieth birthday of Mr. G. Bolland, of Tong, Yorkshire, the following rang 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, on handbells, at 10, Mitford Road, Armley: Malcolm Moorhouse 1-2 Miss O. L. Lumley 3-4, G. Moorhouse 5-6 J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 7-8.

Mr. Bolland conducted a peal in celebration of the event, and afterwards entertained numerous friends.

THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 'LONDON.'**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I have no doubt that Mr. Lindoff does not wish to claim that which is not his, and I can only think that he has not gone carefully enough into the composition of the 14,144 of London Major. His 14,122 consists of 63 true courses all complete, my 14,144 of 64 true courses, 61 of which are complete, and the other three are each of them two leads short. Two of Mr. Lindoff's main blocks are in my peal, but the third is not, and, moreover, my 64 true courses are a limit, and cannot be added to.—Yours, etc.

Surfleet Vicarage.

H. LAW JAMES.

METHOD EXTENSION.

We have still have more shunts to deal with when considering the extension of plain methods. Consider Single Court Bob Minor. The 3rd makes 4th's place, and changes with the treble in the middle; she therefore leads a whole pull when the treble is behind, changes with the treble in the middle again, and turns the treble from lead.

Now this shunt can be put on to eight bells in two different ways; the 3rd can make 5th's and lead when the treble is behind and 5th's, and this is Single Court Major, but it is useless, as it causes blows behind.

On ten bells, 3rd will make 6th's (Single Court Royal).

On twelve bells 7th, unless for the same reason as Major.

Secondly, the 3rd can make 6th's, 3rd's when the treble is behind, and 6th's.

On ten bells, 8th's, 5th's and 8th's, and on twelve, 10th's, 7th's and 10th's.

This shunt can only be used once in a method, but it can be combined with the bob shunt or the double cast shunt, and it cannot be doubled.

The remaining shunt is College Single. On six bells, the 6th, 5th and 3rd all make 3rd's place when the treble is above that place, and it moves the treble from between 2-3 in coursing order to between 4-6, without passing through any of the intervening positions, which no other shunt on six bells in a plain method will do.

Now the treble is plain hunting, and the other bells are retarded, so that there is a three pull dodge in front, and the movement is three steps in course order from 2-3 to 4-6, and not two steps backwards; therefore, we must do the same in Major and College Single Major as here given.

Here we have three steps forward, as in Minor, from between 2-3 to between 8-7.

In Royal, make three 7th's places, and in Maximus three 9th's places.

Major will yield another similar shunt, 5 third's places, which will extend to Royal and Maximus by putting the places up. Royal, another 7 third's places, which can be made on 12 bells as 7, 5th's places, Maximus one more, 9 3rd's places, and this finishes plain hunt methods.

H. LAW JAMES.

DOUBLE NORWICH.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Nothing can alter the fact that there are three simple transposition rows in Plain Bob, which, when used as the first lead-end, are unalterable in so far as the pivot bell is concerned, even when extended on the higher numbers to infinity.

These rows are the lead-ends in which the 2nd, 3rd and 4th are pivot bells respectively.

In Minor they are 124365; 153624; 165432.

In Major: 12436587; 15372846 16847253.

In Royal: 1243658709; 153729468; 1684029375.

In Maximus: 12436587091e; 1537294e6t80; 16840213e597.

Nothing can alter the following facts:

(1) That the 4th is the pivot bell of Double Court Minor.

(2) That Double Court Minor is the infant of Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

(3) That Double Norwich Court Bob Major is a correct extension of Double Court Minor and has the same bell, the 4th as pivot bell.

(4) That the extensions of Double Norwich Court Bob Major to Royal and Maximus, published in 'The Ringing World' on July 29th last, are correct extensions, and that both have the same pivot bell as Double Court Minor and Double Norwich Major.

(5) That any correct extension of Minor to the higher numbers will always have the same pivot bell, provided the first lead-end in Minor is any one of the three simple transposition rows given above.

(6) That extensions are far more likely to be correct when the Minor is extended upwards, than they are likely to be if the Royal or Maximus is first discovered and then a Major or Minor Method made to fit.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.**CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Long Ashton. The bells at All Saints' Church were available, and the towers of Clapton-in-Gordano, Portishead, Chew Magna, Barrow Guerne, Bristol, Mangotsfield (Gloster), Bath, and Long Ashton, were represented.

A special service was held, after which the ringers adjourned to the Church House for tea. The Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Varley) was unavoidably absent, through a cold.

Mr. T. Wyatt (Clapton) took the chair for the business side of the meeting, and expressed, on behalf of the ringers, hopes for the speedy recovery of the Vicar. The election of officers took place.—Mr. Wyatt said he would like to vacate the office of chairman, allowing a younger man to try his hand, but after little discussion he was re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. W. Gillingham, seconded by H. Bridle.

The election of the secretary resulted in the office being again filled by Mr. P. Yeo, and Messrs. Court and Gale were elected as vice-chairmen. Mr. Gillingham resigning in favour of the latter, whose place he had filled while Mr. Gale was on active service.

Mr. Bond, of Chew Magna, and Mr. C. A. Grieves (Portishead) were elected members. (Mr. Grieves lost an arm during the war.)

A friendly argument ensued as to the place for the next meetings. Wrington was decided upon for the quarterly meeting, and Messrs. T. Wyatt, H. Babb, W. Gillingham or G. Yeo spoke in praise of Wrington, Chew Stoke, Easton-in-Gordano, or Chew Magna, and referred to the merits and demerits of the various peals, and of the manner in which the places could be reached. Easton-in-Gordano was finally decided upon as the next meeting-place.

A vote of thanks to the lady helpers was heartily carried, and the ringers returned to the tower, where ringing was continued until the late evening.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Weston-super-Mare on January 28th. The bells were open for ringing in the afternoon and evening. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (Prebendary Norton-Thompson), and a very interesting address was given by the Rev. Stoley.

The business meeting was held at Glass's Restaurant after tea, the

president (the Rev. M. I. Holme) being in the chair. Seven new members were elected, and Churchill was selected for the next meeting.

The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £7 10s., and was adopted.

The Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar, Vicar of Kenstoke, was elected president for the ensuing year; the Rev. R. T. Gardner, Vicar of Brent Knoll, was elected vice-president; Mr. G. Chamberlain was re-elected hon. secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the bells and arranging the service, to the Rev. Stoley for the address, and to the organist, was proposed by the retiring president, and a vote of thanks to the out-going officers by Mr. Iley.

LICHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 11th, members attending from Bridgwater, Ilminster, Langport, Martock, Milverton, Norton-sub-Hamdon and Yeovil. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the president of the branch (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock), who gave another of a series of addresses on the history of the bells, etc.

The annual business meeting followed tea in the Church House, the president being in the chair. A report of the year's work was read by the secretary (Mr. F. Farrant), who referred to the loss from the district of a promising young ringer, Mr. F. Westlake, of Muchelney, attached to the Langport tower, who had just sailed for British Columbia.

All the officers were re-elected, viz., the Rev. G. W. Saunders, president; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary; Mr. D. G. Taylor, Ringing Master, and the secretary to represent the branch on the general committee.

Seven new members were elected, and Yeovil was chosen for the next meeting, to take place about the middle of May.

The President reported that Mr. Fred Strickland, of Martock, who had broken his leg badly in two places, was now well on the way to recovery.

Mr. D. G. Taylor thanked the Vicar of Martock for his interesting address, the use of the bells, etc. He also thanked the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea.

The President referred to the forthcoming royal wedding, and hoped that as far as possible all bells would be rung on that day.

After the meeting another visit was paid to the belfry, and some nice touches of Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, as was announced at the meeting of the Cumberland Youths, are to be thoroughly overhauled. The bells themselves which are nearing their bicentenary are not to be touched, but they are to have an entirely new frame and fittings. The money for the work is already in hand.

We understand that the work necessary to put Southwark Cathedral bells in order is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, a generous friend having undertaken to defray the cost. The College Youths' practice meetings at that tower will be resumed on February 28th.

The restoration of the heavy peal of ten at All Saints', Maidstone (tenor 32 cwt.), is nearing completion by the Whitechapel Foundry, who also have in hand the rehangings of the bells at Beaconsfield, Bucks. and Elland, Yorks.

The band of policemen who ring the bells at Manchester Town Hall have just received a reinforcement, in the person of Mr. William Pye. He will be able to compare notes to mutual advantage with Mr. John Carter, who is also a very useful member of the company.

P.C. William Pye referred to hails, not from Essex, but from Newchurch, Warrington, where he recently rang his first peal; and P.O. John Carter is not, as some might suppose, the 'Genius of the Ringing Machine,' who probably has not contemplated the addition of police duty to his many activities.

On February 6th, seven of the Manchester constabulary, with P.O. Crook, of Bolton, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, the second all-police peal that has been rung. The first was a peal of Grandsire Triples, by members of the Metropolitan Force, conducted by Cornelius Charge, about 14 years ago.

The opportunities for peal ringing in the police force are limited owing to the men's uncertain duties. The band at Manchester made several attempts for the peal, but did not have the best of luck; while twice they met short, and on four occasions failed owing to ropes breaking.

To-day is the anniversary of one of the disasters in the annals of ringing. On Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 1836, Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire, and with it the peal of twelve bells.

One hundred years ago to-morrow, the first peal of what we know as New Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Huddersfield. There ought to be at least one centenary peal rung.

In connection with the restoration of Sheffield Cathedral bells, which is reported in another column, it is interesting to recall that on February 19th, 1833, a peal of 6.120 Treble Bob Royal was rung on these bells. This peal was the first by George Wilson who, born in 1809, rang his last peal on the same bells on December 26th, 1876.

The first peal of Double Norwich Major on handbells was rung by the Cambridge University Guild on February 23rd, 1891; and the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on February 22nd, 1901.

On February 19, 1819, Henry Haley was born, and on February 18th, 1914, Nathan Pitstow died.

Mr. William Short's peal of Stedman Doubles was not the first that was rung. Mr. A. Harman, of Leatherhead, informs us that a peal of Stedman Doubles was rung at Burstow, Surrey, on November 19th, 1910, by the Sussex County Association.

THE BRISTOL DINNER.

The first dinner of the Bristol United Guilds to-morrow at the Grand Hotel promises to be a great success. Among visitors will be Mr. C. H. Horton (London), Mr. J. George (Birmingham), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), Mr. G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham), Mr. J. Hunt and Mr. R. E. Burgess (Taunton), Mr. H. Chapman and Mr. A. Trippier (Manchester), etc. Many of the Bristol towers will be open for ringing during the afternoon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BAND.

The annual supper of the St. Paul's Cathedral band was revived this year on Wednesday, January 24th (St. Paul's Day). The gathering took place at headquarters, the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, the company including the Cathedral band, and several other members of the society. A most excellent meal was provided, and was followed by handbell ringing and a good musical programme.

These gatherings have always been most enjoyable, and it is hoped that they will now be uninterruptedly continued, after a lapse of seven years.

The chair was taken by the father of the society, Mr. Edwin Horrex, who is still as game as ever, and contributed to the musical part of the proceedings.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the London County Association on Saturday last, when the towers of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, and St. Clement Danes, were open for ringing, and touches in the standard methods were brought round.

At St. Clement Danes, the Association's form of service was used, conducted by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, M.A. Several members assisted in the choir, and the lessons were read by Messrs. R. A. Daniell and E. A. Young. The address, which was an extremely appropriate discourse, was given by the Rev. E. C. Bedford, M.A., Rector of St. Andrew, Holborn.

The tea was kindly provided by the Rev. W. and Mrs. Pennington Bickford, in the Parish House, Clare Market, the tables being tastefully decorated. A company, numbering 76, sat down, the party including the Rev. J. A. Mayor, Rector of St. Mary's Magdalen, Whitechapel.

At the business meeting, 81 members were present, amongst whom were Mr. W. S. Cotter, churchwarden, St. Clement Danes, and Messrs. J. Carter, E. B. Dawe, J. Waghorn, senr., and E. Wightman. Members were present from the following towers: St. Clement Danes, Bishopsgate, Stoke Poges, Willesden, Putney, Hackney, S. Hackney, Highgate, Gospel Oak, West Ham, Rotherhithe, Whitechapel, Ealing, Hammersmith, Wells Street, Oxford Street, Barnet, Chelsea, Croydon, Walton-on-Thames, Battersea, St. George, Southwark; Camberwell, Streatham, Islington, Hampstead, Fulham, Holborn and Kensington.

The secretary's report was as follows: 'After a year of heavy expenditure, owing to new rule books being printed, we finished the year with an increase of £1 6s. 7½d., our total assets now being £31 8s. 6½d. We think that we may congratulate ourselves on a successful year. We regret to state that we have lost, by death, Messrs. Acland J. Perkins, William Doran, Walter S. Wise, Harry Flanders and Frederick G. Perrin. During the year we have set up new records, 46 members having been elected, and 35 peals rung. Of these peals, 29 were on tower bells and six on handbells, as follows: Surprise Minor 1, Oxford Bob Triples 1, Grandshire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 8, Caters 3, Cinques 3, Plain Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 2, Royal 3, Maximus 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 3. On handbells: Stedman Triples 1, Caters 3, Cinques 2. The number of members taking part was 91, which averages just over three peals each. There were 62 'firsts', as follows: First peal 11, first away from tenor 2, first Major 3, first Surprise 5, first Caters 4, first Royal 5, first Stedman Cinques 1, first on twelve 5, first Maximus 3, first in various methods 14, first on handbells 3, first on twelve handbells 6. The conducting was shared by Messrs. T. H. Taffender 10 tower and 6 handbells, H. Mance 5, A. D. Barker 5, F. Shevington 3, I. J. Attwater 2, R. F. Deal 1, W. E. Judd 1, W. Miller 1, T. Newman 1, A. Turner 1, C. F. Winney 1. The Sunday ringing, under the direction of the general Master, has been well supported, but there is still room for improvement. Both districts have held very successful meetings, the Northern district making a marvellous recovery, due to the untiring efforts of its officers. In conclusion, the officers still live in hope that the turbulent spirits will one day live peaceably.'

The new district officers were ratified, and the following general officers were elected: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; treasurer, Mr. W. G. Matthews; secretary, Mr. A. D. Barker; assistant secretary, Miss G. E. Bateman; trustees, Messrs. R. A. Daniell and E. A. Young; senior steward, Mr. C. V. Ebberson; junior steward, Mr. T. W. Taffender.

The Master's re-election was welcomed with musical honours. The position of junior steward was the only office to be contested, there being four candidates.

Votes of thanks to the various friends, who had done their best to make the occasion a success, and touches on handbells brought an excellent meeting to a close.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting took place at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, when members were present from Armley, Leeds Parish Church, St. Michael's, Headingley, and the local company. In the absence of the president, Mr. Fred Hutchinson, was voted to the chair, and the usual routine business was soon disposed of. The tower bells were kept going until 9 p.m., in the Double Norwich and Stedman Methods.

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SUGGESTED JASPER SNOWDON MEMORIAL DINNER.

On Saturday, January 28th, the Yorkshire Association held their annual meeting at Pickering, by the kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens. The fine peal of eight in the Parish Church (which is dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul) were at liberty from 11 a.m., and from soon after that hour the bells were rung in a variety of methods, for the remainder of the day, with the exception of a brief interval for Divine service, which was held at 4 p.m. Some forty visitors attended evensong, when an interesting and elevating address was delivered by the Rev. E. Drage (Vicar) who urged his hearers, in striving to make the best of circumstances in this world, to try to realise that as ringers they were called to a high office in the church, and to exalt the office by their own conduct in their lives, so that they would be worthy examples to their brethren who had not such opportunities to serve in the offices of the church.

The visitor to this church cannot fail to be struck by the many historical points in the building. A Saxon church stood on the same site, but of this building little remains except the font which is possibly of Saxon origin. The present nave consists of Norman arches, the aisles and transepts, and the lower part of the tower dating from the same period. During the 13th and 14th centuries the existing chancel, with a chantry chapel—of which no trace now remains—was built. The transepts were altered and the spire added. In the year 1851, during some repairs, paintings were discovered on the walls, these having been covered by successive coats of yellow wash. On the covering being removed the whole of the walls of the nave were found to be filled with paintings of Biblical and allegorical subjects, dating from about A.D. 1450. These were carefully restored, and now form a striking feature in this delightful old church.

A bountiful tea was served in the Schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held. The president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupied the chair, and was supported by several of the principal officers of the Association. Letters of apology from several members were received, and the stormy weather of the previous week acted as a deterrent to many other intending visitors.

The annual report of the committee was passed, on the motion of Mr. H. N. Ineson, seconded by Mr. N. Addison.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the proposed reorganisation of the Northern Division, and it was eventually decided to refer the question of reorganising to the Northern Division Committee for their consideration, and the general committee to finally deal with the recommendations of the Northern District Committee.

Mr. H. N. Ineson moved, and Mr. H. Morley seconded, that the general secretary make arrangements if possible to hold the Easter Monday meeting at Pontefract, and, failing Pontefract, to arrange for the meeting to be held at Kirkburton.

The President and Mr. J. Cotterell moved and seconded, respectively, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pickering for their kind hospitality, to which the Rev. E. Drage (the Vicar of Pickering) responded, and assured the visitors he had much greater pleasure in receiving them at Pickering than the visitors had in coming, and hoped that the Association would visit them again in the near future.

The balance sheet was adopted, on the motion of Mr. W. A. Mason, seconded by Mr. W. A. Hall.

The President announced that a suggestion had been made to the General Committee that a memorial dinner should be held to the memory of one who was probably the greatest genius that the science of change ringing had yet seen, and the Yorkshire Association should, in the speaker's opinion, be the first to move in any function to do honour to so great and so familiar a name to all change ringers. He referred to the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, who was the first President of the Association, and the unsparring labours of his brother, the late William Snowdon, who was President of the Association for 25 years. Yorkshiremen are usually rather reserved in expressing their feelings, but it was hoped that the proposed dinner would give an opportunity to ringers from all parts of the county to do honour to their great first president and his brother. It was decided to leave to the general committee the details of making arrangements, if possible, for such a dinner, the meeting expressing its warm approval of the suggestion.

Application was made by Ossett and Pontefract towers to be transferred to the Western Division, but it was eventually decided to discuss this question in committee before any decision was arrived at.

Ringling in various methods on the bells of the Parish Church proceeded merrily until train time called a halt, the visitors carrying away pleasant memories of the hearty and kindly manner in which they had been received on all sides, while the picturesque scenery and historical connections of this old-world town gave an added attraction to the visitors to pay a further visit to Pickering.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On January 27th, 720 Horsmonden Bob Minor: A. Feilder 1, G. Waghorn (first 'inside') 2, R. T. Lambert 3, R. E. Lambert 4, A. Relfe (conductor) 5, F. J. Lambert 6.

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NORTHAMPTON PEAL CLAIM CHALLENGED.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With your permission, I should like to ask Mr. W. Rogers, the conductor of the peal, rung at St. Giles' Northampton, on Saturday, February 4th, to withdraw the footnote to the peal in question, which states that it was the first peal of Stedman Caters by a local band in the county of Northampton. A peal, rung by a local band, should mean that all the ringers who take part in it, are responsible members of the belfry in which the peal is rung. As the band in the peal referred to was a mixed one, drawn from four towers in Northampton, and one ringer from Weston Favel, I certainly cannot allow the footnote to be placed in the records of the Association, as the first peal of Stedman Caters by a local band in the county has still to be rung.—Yours truly,

DAVID J. NICHOLS Gen. Sec.,
Northants Association.

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. Romain, 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury, St. Martin's company of ringers, Salisbury, joint hon. secs.

The following subscriptions have been received: Canon Coleridge, 10s.; Messrs. Taylor and Co., bell founders, £1 1s.; St. Martin's company (Salisbury), first donation, £1 15s.; L. Harris, 10s.; total, £3 16s.

LONDON'S OLD TOWERS.

Southwark Cathedral, says 'The Daily Chronicle,' boasts the oldest unaltered church tower in London. It was built in 1520, and apart from necessary repairs has not been touched. But there are at least two altered church towers in London which are older. One is to be found at St. Andrew's, Holborn, which survived the fire and was much restored in 1704, and another is the tower of St. Clement Danes. 'The bells of St. Clement's' hang in one of the most interesting towers in the Metropolis. The foundations are Norman, the plain part of the tower seen from the street is Early English Gothic of the 13th century, and the ornate steeple was added by Gibbs, the architect of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. During the Middle Ages the Gothic portion of the tower had buttresses at the angles. These were considered to be out of keeping with the classic church rebuilt in Wren's days, so masons were set to work to turn the buttresses into the obelisks which are to be seen to-day at the corners of the erection.

A NEW 10-BELL SURPRISE METHOD.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I owe an apology to Mr. Lindoff. I ought to have guessed that the account of Dublin Surprise never came from his pen; and had I done so I should never have written my letter. Incidentally I might mention that by its nature Dublin Surprise is a double method, and need not be spliced on to Bristol in the manner in which it was rung. I came across a whole nest of these double methods in 1891, when first I discovered Bristol. It might interest your readers to note how I came to discover them.

In looking at the figures of a Treble Bob method it struck me that the back four bells might be made to hunt round and return to their original positions, while the treble was executing her two dodges in 1—2 and 3—4. First I made them hunt in a straightforward manner, but I did not like the consecutive places in 4—5, as the treble was coming from 2nd's to 3rd's; then I made them hunt round backwards, and thence came the method now known as Peterborough. By combining these two I obtained many more methods, of which Bristol Surprise was the best.

In those days there was little encouragement for those who wished to produce new methods, so several years elapsed before Bristol was published, and then there was another long wait before it was rung. I wonder if the same apathy exists now. I am inclined to think not. There is a go-ahead element in the Exercise at the present time which promises better things. Let us put it to the test. I send you here the figures of the finest ten-bell Surprise method that I have yet found. The music is as near perfection as you can get. The tenors are only parted for 88 rows in the plain course, as compared with 160 in Cambridge Royal. The proof scale is clean, thus allowing twelve courses with the 6th at home. Will it have to wait as long as Bristol before a peal is booked? We shall see.

With regard to the old Grandsire Triple composition, it certainly is

old. I composed it in 1894, and it is to be found in the Central Council's collection, and in the new edition of Snowden's Grandsire. The peal consists in two long five-part blocks, each called alike, and ten B blocks left over. When these B blocks are put out of course the observation bell is found to be called 'before,' 'wrong,' and 'middle.'

The bob 'Before' is a shunting Bob, just like the bob where the second is called 'before' in Reeves's Variation of Holt's ten-part. If a single is called instead of either of the other two bobs the B block will join on to either one or the other of the two long parts.

In the peal as given in Grandsire, I have singled in the B block at one place, and used the single at the other lead to link on the other half.

In the variation to which Mr. Lindoff thinks that he has a claim, the B block is singled in at the other place, and the shunting bob with the observation bell is omitted.

There are hundreds of variations of this peal to be had. Surely Mr. Lindoff does not expect me to publish them all before I can lay claim to them.—Yours sincerely,

E. BANKES JAMES.

DUBLIN AS A DOUBLE METHOD.

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RINGER AND RAILWAY OFFICIAL'S RETIREMENT.

Mr. William Crane, senr., the oldest of the Bangor band of ringers, has recently retired from the service of the L. and N.W. Railway Company, after 48 years. Mr. Crane went to Bangor, North Wales, in 1880, from Wolveston, and was carriage department foreman for 42 years. Mr. A. R. Trevethick, the carriage department superintendent, has expressed the thanks of the company, and their regret in parting with an efficient servant.

Through failing health, Mr. Crane has of late been compelled to give up his ringing. He was, up to the time of his retirement, always in his place in the belfry, a regular attendant since the bells were first rung, which is somewhere about 40 years ago, and a keen ringer. The band hope that the remaining years of his life may be spent happily, that his health will improve, and that, before long, he may be back in the belfry again.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Monday, Jan. 23rd, at St. Mildred's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Grove's Variation of Parker's 12-part: F. Edwards 1, H. Baer (first on an inside bell) 2, C. Tribe 3, W. E. Pitman 4, L. Hones 5, R. E. Burgess 6, H. Parkes (conductor) 7, W. Bishop 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, J. E. Churchill (first quarter-peal inside) 2, J. H. Hunnisett 3, A. M. Stacey 4, F. W. Goodfellow 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band, the majority having learnt to ring only a short time ago.

LONDON.—On Sunday, February 12th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Marylebone W., 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. C. Russell (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, T. W. Taffender, junr. (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 2, H. Dyas 3, J. Carter 4, E. J. King 5, J. R. Gammon 6, R. G. Chappell 7, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 8.

MALINS LEE, SALOP.—As a birthday compliment to the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Parry, on Sunday, Feb. 12th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Harley 1, E. Woodvine 2, E. Attwood 3, F. P. Mole 4, H. Garbett 5, A. Woodvise 6.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.—For morning service, on Sunday, Feb. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *A. Farrant 1, *H. Head 2, *J. Smith 3, C. H. Sone 4, L. Head 5, J. Head (first quarter as conductor) 6, T. C. Sone 7, L. Newman 8. * First quarter-peal.

LINTON, KENT.—For evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: A. Tarrant 1, H. Head 2, C. H. Sone 3, F. Pope 4, L. Newman 5, J. Head 6, L. Head 7, C. Smith 8.

GOSPEL OAK.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Bevan 1, Miss Kitty Smith 2, H. G. Springate 3, E. Young 4, C. Matthews 5, E. Bonfield (conductor) 6; and 240 and 360 Bob Minor, conducted respectively by E. Young and E. Bonfield.

LONDON.—At All Hallows', Barking (City), on Sunday evening, Feb. 12th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Tanner 1, Miss S. Davis 2, A. Scrambler 3, T. Langdon 4, W. A. Alps (composer and conductor) 5, H. Hills 6, W. Hibbert 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Joyce.

FRIITENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by James George), in 45 mins.: H. Baker (Frittenden) 1, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 2, E. Parsons (Tenterden) 3, L. Mannerling (Maidstone) 4, W. H. Lambert (Benenden) 5, G. Billenness (Hawkhurst), conductor 6, H. Parkes (Mersham) 7, T. Bates (Frittenden), first quarter-peal, 8.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, after children's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Groves' Variation), in 45 mins.: H. Want (first quarter-peal away from tenor), Tenterden, 1, H. Baker (Frittenden) 2, F. G. Burden (Rolvenden) 3, C. Tribe (Tenterden) 4, G. Billenness (Hawkhurst) 5, E. Burgess (Tenterden) 6, H. Parkes (Mersham), conductor, 7, A. Blackman (Rolvenden) 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, February 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: C. Tribe (Tenterden) 1, H. Baker (Frittenden) 2, E. Parsons (Tenterden) 3, G. Sims (Tenterden) 4, W. H. Lambert (Benenden) 5, H. Parkes (Mersham) 6, G. Billenness (Hawkhurst), conductor, 7, J. Neve (Tenterden), first quarter-peal, 8.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 12th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Butler 1, Miss E. Hopkins 2, F. Watkinson (conductor) 3, W. Godden 4, H. Wilson 5, F. Cardwell 6, W. Taylor 7, J. Garth 8. Rung for musical service; also a compliment to the ringer of the fourth on his 17th birthday. First quarter-peal by all the band except the conductor.

APPLETON, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 40 mins. F. White 1, G. Holfield, senr., 2, H. Holfield 3, J. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 4, C. G. White 5, H. White 6, P. S. Macey 7, G. Holfield, junr., 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 12th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: W. Simmonds 1, C. Saunders 2, G. Saunders 3, G. Bell 4, H. Bishop 5, T. Saunders (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 Minor by a local band for over 30 years.

BAILEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, for morning service, 720 Stedman Doubles and 120 St. Simon's, in 30 mins.: by: W. Mansfield 1, W. Tack 2, W. Scrivens 3, R. Howard (conductor) 4, A. Howard 5.

BRISTOL (The SS. Philip and Jacob Guild).—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, on the occasion of the dedication of the war memorial, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,360 changes), composed by J. A. Trollope, was rung by *Mrs. E. J. Brown 1, E. J. Brown (conductor) 2, Miss A. Brown 3, E. F. Porch 4, P. C. Williams 5, F. E. Tyler 6, F. W. Wade 7, I. Long 8. * Longest length in the method.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, for evening service, 1,106 Grandsire Triples: S. Yeaton 1, R. Matthews (conductor) 2, J. G. Orford 3, W. J. Bretherton 4, P. Pope 5, J. Newnam 6, T. Heathcock 7, T. Whitehouse 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. H. H. Williams), who was inducted to the living on the previous Thursday.

SOLIHULL.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, in 41 mins. 1,120 Kent Treble Bob Major (tenor 19 cwt.): G. A. Martineau 1, C. Bragg 2, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 3, H. Bragg 4, H. Shepherd 5, S. Bragg 6, H. Bragg 7, J. Bragg 8. First 'quarter' of Kent by all: first attempt, and first by a local hand.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, for morning service, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: Ernest Bailey 1, Albert J. L. Naunton 2, Edgar Bailey 3, Frederick Wade 4, George Lee 5, Francis W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

WRANGLE.—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 12th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Rose 1, P. Lakin 2, S. Woods 3, J. W. Lakin, senr., 4, F. Hilton 5, G. W. Houghton (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday Feb. 12th, at the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. R. Chester 1, R. Chester 2, H. L. Pask (conductor) 3, C. McGuiness (first quarter in the method inside) 4, C. B. Chester 5, G. Almonds 6, H. Marcon 7, C. Beal (first quarter-peal) 8.

GAINSBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 5th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. H. Baker 1, F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 2, H. Torr 3, H. Morgan 4, Miss I. E. Horner (Pickering, Yorks) 5, J. Dixon 6, J. T. Ladd 7, E. Dalingwater 8.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' Parish Church, on Sunday, February 5th, touches of 462, 377 and 518 Grandsire Triples were rung at the 9.30, 11 and 6.30 services, respectively, with bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Bishop in the Isle of Wight, the Rt. Rev. James Macarthur, who died at his residence, 'Luccombe Hill,' Shanklin, I.W., on the preceding Thursday morning. The ringers taking part were: A. Jackson, C. J. Stainer, P. S. Parker, G. H. Coombes, P. Long, J. T. Tansom, B. J. Snow, E. Hatcher, A. R. Ward (conductor), and W. Kemp.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Sunday, Feb. 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. A. Smith 1, A. C. Barker 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock (conductor) 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At Southover Church, on Sunday, Feb. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: D. White 1, A. J. Turner 2, W. Boyes 3, W. Pelling 4, A. J. Errey 5, R. Hide 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, W. Ward 8.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

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NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION'S SUBSCRIPTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The annual meeting of the management committee of the Central Northants Association was held on Saturday last at Wellingborough, when the suggestion of the Northampton district that the Association should revert to the pre-war annual subscription of a shilling was discussed. It was agreed that the question be postponed, as the committee did not think the feeling in the Northampton district represented the wishes of the members of the association in general, seeing that the subscriptions in every other district had practically all been paid, and I was enabled to place before the committee the accounts for 1921, which showed a profit on the year's working of £12 19s. 2d.

I quite agree with your remarks, that if the associations can weather the present depression, they will probably find the majority of ringers ready to continue the higher rate of subscriptions.

In conclusion, may I ask my Northampton friends to rally round their district committee, and come into line with the rest of the districts, and help to place the association in a sound financial position?—Yours truly,

DAVID J. NICHOLS,
General Secretary.

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. Bells available: Temple (8), 2.30 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10), St. James' (10), St. Philip (8), St. Michael's (6), 3 p.m.; St. Nicholas (10), 3.30. Assemble Grand Hotel 6.30.—E. Guise, Hon. Sec.

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, Gowthorpe, at 1/9 each. 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.

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.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham.

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, Wathamstow, ringing 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Thursday, 23rd, All Hallow's, Lombard St., E.C., ringing from 7.30 p.m. sharp. Welcome to all in both cases.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Sec.

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.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A District meeting will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Feb. 22nd.—A. E. Austin, Dist. Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Fulney, Spalding, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Dinner will be provided in Schoolroom adjoining church at 1 o'clock. Tickets 2/6 each. Bells (8) available all day.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorverton on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available 2 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1/-). All ringers welcome.—J. C. Oke, Assist. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Short service at 5.30. If possible tea will be provided at a charge per head. Will all who propose attending notify me by Wednesday 22nd, so as to make arrangements? Half fares up to 2/- will be paid to practising members. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting. Look up Cambridge and Superlative.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A Monthly meeting of the above will be held at Lenton on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. All are welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

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.—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.

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.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The usual Monthly meeting will be held at Pudsey on Feb. 25th. Meeting at 7 p.m. at the White Cross Hotel. Ringing from 2.30 to 9 p.m.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Road, Armley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 21st.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Usual arrangements. Let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 22nd certain, those requiring tea.—R. F. Turner, Hon. District Sec., 7, Gordon Street, Kettering.

BARLEY, HERTS.—The dedication of the New Treble Bell will take place on Sunday, Feb. 26th, at 3 p.m. Bells (6). Tea will be provided for all who notify their intention of being present.—R. Howard, Church End, Barley, Royston, Herts.

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

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 5 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available for 3 p.m. Service in the New Parish Hall, King Street, at 4 o'clock, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. A. H. Phelps, M.A., R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards. A tea will be provided for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 28th, for which a small charge may be made.—Fred Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea at a reasonable charge for 5.30. Everyone is welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next Quarterly meeting at the Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Brown's Café, High Street at 5 o'clock.—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset St., Kingsdown, Bristol.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A Ringing meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, March 4th. Please notify me on or before Feb. 27th how many intend to be present from your tower.—E. Steele, 109, George St., S. Hill, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and J. Johnson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 4th. Details next week.—C. Dean, 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

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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Thanks are due to the Rector and churchwardens for the permission to ring, and no doubt exists that the villagers were as keen as the ringers for the accomplishment of the peal.

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