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THE DEVON GUILD.

Among the counties of England, ringers are apt to look upon Devon as one of the most backward from the change ringing standpoint, and, admittedly, with its lack of cross country travelling facilities, it is a considerable way behind some others that could be mentioned. But even in Devon things are altering. When a festival will bring together a gathering of close upon 220 ringers, as was the case at Chudleigh the other day, it is convincing proof that Devon has, at any rate, begun to move with the times. In the past, change ringing has flourished only in isolated spots in the county, Exeter and Plymouth being the two outstanding centres. Men of tireless energy, like the Rev. Maitland Kelly and Mr. E. Shepherd, have laboured for years in the interests of the art, just as William Banister and Acland Troyt sought to implant it. Although their efforts met with but scant reward for many years, there is evidence to-day that their work was not in vain, and with the impetus given by enthusiasts like Mr. W. J. Southwood, of Exeter, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, the general secretary of the Guild, change ringing is gaining a hold in 'glorious Devon' such as the old pioneers must almost have despaired to see. It is true that Devon has been noted for its good ringing, and that nowhere in the country could finer 'rising and falling' be heard than in some of its towers, but it has needed much perseverance and steadfast endeavour to induce the bands of round ringers to take up the art. Such a gathering as that at Chudleigh, which was attended by a large number of men who have as yet no close acquaintance with change ringing, is likely to have far-reaching effects. It clears away prejudice and opens up a new interest, and both ringers and the Guild are likely to benefit.

Although it does not figure so prominently before the Exercise as some of the other ringing organisations, the Devon Guild, despite the difficulties with which it is faced, is being worked upon a very practical basis, and is giving really valuable aid in various directions apart from its efforts to promote change ringing. For instance, it has found a useful sphere of work in helping Parochial Church Councils and Clergy with advice before placing their orders for augmentations or restorations, and one of the leading officials, being a practical builder, has been able frequently to save a lot of imperfect work being done to the later regret of Church authorities. Indeed, these services of 'inspectorship' are placed at the disposal of any parish, whether the tower is affiliated to the Guild or not, and it is easy to realise that this is a department of usefulness which is bound to react to the advantage of the Guild and of ringing in the county generally. Devon has moved slowly in the art, but the foundations are being well and truly laid.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

53 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb. in B.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	WILLIAM J. NEDDS 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	*JEFFREY R. GAMMON 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
*T. WILFRID TAFFENDER 4	FRANCIS E. DAWE 10
ERNEST J. KING 5	THOMAS GROOMERIDGE SEN. 11
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band, except the ringers of treble, 3rd, 9th and tenor. * First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6093 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
HENRY C. WHITE 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
*MISS VERA ROBINSON 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

* First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. J. C. Richards, for many years a churchwarden of this parish, who was interred at Stanford-in-the-Vale the previous day.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 5 lb. in C.

*JAMES LEES Treble	*JAMES W. TAYLOR 6
*JAMES COX 2	ROBERT GREENWOOD 7
BENJAMIN THORP 3	ALFRED WAITES 8
*HAROLD LAWTON 4	SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 9
*ELISHA GEARY 5	CHARLES H. MARSLAND Tenor

Composed by A. HUBBARD. Conducted by S. M. BUTTERWORTH.

First peal of Caters on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. * First peal on ten bells; also first peal as conductor, and first attempt. All are ringers at the above church except Mr. Ben Thorpe, who hails from Ashton Parish Church. Messrs. Lawton and Geary were proposed members of the Lancashire Association before starting for the peal.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FRANK J. BAILEY Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
SIDNEY DAWE 2	WILLIAM HEATH 7
GEORGE LARGE 3	ERNEST COOMBS 8
ALBERT J. PITMAN 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
JOHN DAVIES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

Arranged specially as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Coombs, the conductor's father, and one of the pioneers of this association.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Tuesday, January 1st, at the Church of St. Woolos, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Davies 1, W. Lewis 2, W. Phillips 3, C. Greedy 4, J. W. Jones 5, J. Butler (conductor) 6, C. Davies 7, T. Griffiths 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. E. Davies, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Carmarthen.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. E. WILKINS Treble	CHARLES H. GORDON 6
REV. R. H. WHITFORD 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 3	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 8
*CHARLES H. JENNINGS 4	ALFRED E. REEVES 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	JAMES R. JONES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Wilkins. * First peal on ten and first attempt.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 6
REGINALD BROUGH 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 3	WILLIAM H. HEWITT 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	AMOS W. CLARK 9
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 5	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by HENRY HALEY. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Oxford Royal by all the band, and by the above Association in the county of Surrey; the only previous peal of Royal in this method by the Association having been rung at Fulham 35 years ago, conducted by John Murray Hayes.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITWORTH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD W. EMMETT Treble	JOHN HILL 5
STANLEY PICKUP 2	FRED KENDALL 6
JAMES S. LOMAS 3	HOWARTH HOLT 7
GEORGE BROWN 4	*VICTOR WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY PICKUP.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HUBERT JONES Treble	HENRY DANIELS 5
FRANCIS T. WAITE 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
ARTHUR G. WAITE 3	JOSEPH A. WAITE 7
GEORGE BRUNSDON 4	THOMAS HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by J. A. WAITE.

Rung as a compliment to the captain of the Barnwood band, Mr. Alfred A. Waite, who has been a ringer there since January, 1863.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... Treble	ROBERT WALKER 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 4	*MATTHEW CRUDDAS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal: Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mr. R. L. Patterson's wedding, and of the first peal on the bells, which was rung on January 20th, 1904.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MRS. A. CLARK Treble	*DANIEL COOPER 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	AMOS CLARK 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	RICHARD CONSTANT 5
*ROBERT J. TALL 2	JOSEPH CONSTANT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 4	*ROBERT PERRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	ARTHUR WATKIN 7
JOHN W. DAVIES 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES CUYTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 7
JAMES BOUGHTON 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE Tenor

Composed by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

ERITH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

T. WILFRED TAFFENDER Treble	ERNEST J. KING 5
*MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Surprise.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER, JUN. ... Treble	REUBEN HALL 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	HARRY HOBBS 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH 4	JAMES T. GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a hearty 'send off' to the Rev. and Mrs. T. Bannister Jones previous to their taking up residence at Droitwich. Mr. Jones has been curate at the above church for seven years. Also rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

*MRS. H. BAKER Treble	*KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5
†MISS ROSE THOMAS 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	†HARRY BAKER 7
GEORGE M. FARR 4	FRANK PATTENDEN ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major inside. ‡ First peal in the method. G. M. Farr was elected a member of the association.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. JACKSON ... Treble	EBENEZER ANDREWS 5
*JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. ... 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 6
FREDERICK RUSSELL 3	ERNEST G. COTTIS 7
CALEB FENN 4	ALBERT C. HARDY ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Waghorn, senr., on his 81st birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*KENNETH ELLIOTT Treble	WALTER WHITEHEAD 5
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
WILLIAM SHORLEY 3	ALBAN DISNEY 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on eight, and first attempt. The band wish to thank Mr. P. Taylor for granting permission to use the bells at the last minute.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RICHARD KENDALL Treble	ALFRED KING 5
*ALBERT FLEET 2	EDMUND J. HOBES 6
†AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	*GEORGE W. HELEY 7
HORACE H. SMITH 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative. First peal as conductor in the method. Also first Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Spokes) on completing 25 years' faithful service in this parish. This event occurred last year, but the tower was then under repair, and this was the first opportunity of ringing a peal.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6
RAYMOND PHILPOT 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
HENRY HUTTON 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

PRITTLWELL, SOUTHEAST.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOSEPH BARRETT Treble	HENRY S. WILSON 5
*CHARLES P. CHALK 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
*ERNEST FURBANK 3	*WILLIAM T. BACON 7
*LIONEL W. PAGE 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by H. S. WILSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to L. Page. * First peal in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, January 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	PERCY O. LAFLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

This is the first peal on these excellent bells, which have been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The 'go' and 'tone' are magnificent.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	THEODORE GRANT 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 4	ARTHUR PRINCE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	FREDERICK W. RUSHWORTH ... 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER G. NORMAN.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows, Barking.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

CESIL V. EBBERSON Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
ALBERT FEIST 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
PERCY H. DOICK 3	JOHN COOK 7
JAMES BORDFIELD 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Jacob Hood, a previous attempt having failed after 2 hrs. 40 mins. ringing.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*PERCY JERVIS Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
*BERNARD DITCHER 3	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
†JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. Rung as a compliment to the elder son of the Rector, the Rev. W. R. Hewson, on attaining his 21st birthday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ERNEST WEATHERBY Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
JOHN T. SCOTT 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester to Guildford to receive a civic welcome from the borough.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS Treble	RICHARD SMITH 5
JOHN T. BROWN 2	JOHN G. AMES 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH 7
GEORGE W. SIMPSON 4	RUBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble; also as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Harrison, of Barton-on-Umber.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 6
EDWARD HARRISON 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
ARTHUR NEWALL 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL BROWN Treble	ERNEST SIMPSON 5
*ARTHUR SMITH 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
JOHN MCKELL 3	WILLIAM E. ASH 7
GEORGE STEEL 4	FRANCIS BARKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON

* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. A. LAMBERT'S VARIATION OF PRITCHARD'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK C. CASE Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS 5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS 2	*THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 6
*EDWIN YATES 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 7
LEONARD A. SMITH 4	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick C. Case.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES W. ELSE Treble	LEWIS GADSBY 4
THOMAS KELLEY 2	JOSEPH NORTH 5
*GEORGE SCOTT 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

* Being his 50th peal.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST PLANT Treble	PERCY TATE 4
EDWARD SUMMERSIDE 2	WILLIAM SLATER 5
GEORGE FREEBRY 3	WILLIAM CRITCHLEY Tenor

Conducted by G. FREEBRY.

First peal by all except the conductor, and rung at first attempt.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*HAROLD WILLETT Treble	JOHN CLARK 4
†WILLIAM FOWELL 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
JOHN J. BEVAN 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, York Delight, York Minster, Sandal Exercise, Nelson's Delight and Snowdrop. Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE LORD Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLIN ... 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
JOHN W. CHAMPION 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

* First peal, and proposed a member previous to starting. Rung to commemorate the birthday of the son of Mr. A. Gill.

SUTTON COURTNEY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings, Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED E. BUTLER Treble	*ALAN H. CASTLE 4
JOHN NOBES 2	A. PERCY FLETCHER 5
FRANK W. BUNCE 3	T. FRANCIS HANKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

First peal on the bells. * First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Stevenage, the remainder belong to the local band.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST E. LANHAM Treble	*LESLIE G. BRETT 4
GEORGE BENNETT 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	CR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal of Minor.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Wednesday, January 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, one of Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

JAMES PHILIPS Treble	JOHN RODWELL 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	BERT GOGLE 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, who is leaving the parish.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. (1) Primrose Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford, (4) Fulbeck Bob, (5) Single and Double Oxford, (6) Single and Double Court, (7) Single and Double Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK SIMPSON Treble	WALTER A. DAY 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL 2	JOSEPH LONDON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal. First peal in eleven methods by all the ringers, the regular Sunday Service band in this tower.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Saturday, December 29th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: E. H. White 1, F. Ashworth 2, J. Gard 3, J. Francis 4, — Fletcher 5, W. Baxter 6, P. Precey (conductor) 7, E. Marlow 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

CHARLES JENNINGS Treble	CHARLES W. COOK 4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Ely Association, and by all the band. Also the first peal of Cambridge Surprise rung in the county by a band of resident members.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE BORT Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4
DONALD FINLAY 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1—2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5—6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7—8

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY

WISBECH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 28, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE INLAND REVENUE OFFICES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

†HORACE LEWIN 1—2	†LEONARD NEWMAN 4
*WALTER JARVIS 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 5—6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

† First 5,000. * First 5,000 on 'inside' bell.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

T. WILFRED TAFFENDER ... 1—2	ERNEST J. KING 5—6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3—4	ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 7—8
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 9—10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.
Umpire: William A. Batten.

SERVICE RINGER FOR 57 YEARS.

On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: S. Meadows 1, G. Upshall 2, H. Kemp 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. This was rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Clapshaw (ringer of the 5th), the respected captain of the band, on attaining his 79th birthday. Mr. Clapshaw has been a member of this band of ringers for 57 years, during which period he has been a regular service ringer. For evening service, 447 Grandsire Triples: H. Knott 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, H. Prior 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association was held on Saturday, January 26th, at St. Phillips's and Jacob's, Bristol. The bells were available during the afternoon, and good use was made of them. Service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. M. E. Thorold), vice-president of the association, officiating.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, about 45 members being present. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. E. J. Philips presided.

The hon. secretary (Mr. P. C. Williams) gave a brief report of the year's work, which showed that twelve meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 29. Winterbourne had had its bells rehung, and two honorary and seven performing members elected from the tower. In all 35 new members were added to the branch during the year.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £12 11s. 4d. on the year's working. This was considered very satisfactory, and was adopted.

The Rev. E. J. Philips congratulated the branch on the successful year, and also the committee on the success of the dinner. He added that, as it was difficult for him to attend some of the meetings he had a proposition to make, and that was that they should elect a new chairman, in Mr. J. Gould, of Henbury.—This was carried unanimously.—The secretary was again re-elected, and Mr. J. G. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield, was elected representative on the management committee.

Ten new members were elected, and the quarterly meetings fixed as follows: Filton and Horfield on Feb. 16th; Marchfield on May 3rd; Coalpit Heath in August; and Emmanuel, Clifton, in November, the dates being left for the secretary to fix. The next annual meeting is to be fixed at the November meeting. The Rev. Canon Wilson, of St. Nicholas, has kindly granted the use of his bells for a United Guilds' practice on the first Tuesday in the month.

Some discussion took place re the grouping of towers, to give the country districts more help, and it was left to the committee to arrange a scheme and bring it before the next meeting.

The Rev. T. C. Fowler proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. M. E. Thorold) for the use of the bells and officiating at the service; also to the organist and choir boys, and to the ladies for kindly looking after the tea (applause).—The Rev. M. E. Thorold, in replying, said it was a great pleasure to them to welcome the ringers to St. Philip's.

The bells were again rung until 9 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTHERN BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Grimsby, on Saturday, January 26th, and was well attended, despite the railway strike. Members were present from Burton Stather, Bigby, and the local ringers of St. James' and St. Andrew's. Touches of Kent and Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung in the afternoon. Service in St. James' Church was conducted by the Rev. E. V. Clapton, M.A., Mr. H. Bushby, also a ringer, presiding at the organ. After service, the visiting ringers inspected the war memorial chapel, and were delighted at the lovely oak work, especially the lectern. Tea was served at the Church House, 23 members sitting down.—At the meeting which followed, the Rev. H. T. Parry was re-elected vice-president of the branch; Mr. H. Mingay was elected district secretary, Mr. W. H. Heyhoe resigning. Mr. C. Taylor was elected on the general committee; Mr. A. Hoodlass was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. R. S. Long, Deputy Master.—Four new members were elected, and the Vicar of Burton Stather as honorary member.

Places and dates of meetings for the ensuing year were arranged as follows: Ulceby, May 17th; Bigby, June 14th; Burton Stather, July 12th; Louth, August 9th; Barrow and Barton-on-Humber, October 25th.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Markham) for the use of the bells; also the Rev. E. V. Clapton for conducting the service, Mr. H. Rusby for presiding at the organ, and the caterer for providing such a good tea.

The Vice-President spoke of the resignation of Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, and said how sorry he was that he had retired. He had been a great help to himself and ringers at large, but he hoped that Mr. Heyhoe would still be amongst them for many years to come.—Mr. Heyhoe, in replying, said he was not so young as he used to be, and he thought a younger man with more energy would be better for the work.

Ringing took place again till service time. Burton Stather members, with some of the local ringers, afterwards made their way to St. Andrew's, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were greatly enjoyed. They are a rising band of young and old members, and are very anxious to master the art. After getting seated in their 'Rolls Royce' (ten of them) handbells came out, and so ended a very pleasant meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In the 'Exeter Diocesan Gazette' some very pertinent remarks appear upon church bells in the diocese, urging the ringing of those that are now silent, and making an appeal for the carrying out of restorations by skilled firms instead of entrusting such work to incompetent persons, merely because the cost at the outset appears to be smaller.

This article is from the trenchant pen of the Rev. E. S. Powell, general hon. secretary of the Devon Guild, and it might serve a still wider purpose if it could be passed on to other diocesan journals.

Matters connected with the preservation and restoration of bells have been given some prominence recently in some of the diocesan official papers, and the more that can be done in this direction the better, for there is still much educational work to be done among clergy and church authorities.

Here's an offer! Don't all speak at once. At Prittlewell there is a set of bell ropes (spliced but quite sound) to be had for the asking. We know there are towers where new ropes cannot be obtained because the church has no funds. Here is an opportunity to obtain a set. The only cost will be the carriage. Applications should be sent to Mr. W. H. Judd, Alexandra Street, Southend-on-Sea.

Mr. Wooding Starmer, the well-known authority on bell music, commenced on Wednesday a series of six weekly lectures on the subject of bells, at the Medical Theatre of the University of Birmingham. These lectures are free.

Members of the North Wales Association propose to attempt a peal of 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major at Buckley, Flintshire, on Saturday, starting at 2.30 p.m.

The Ladies' Guild are holding their annual meeting this year at Bristol in July, and preliminary inquiries are already, we understand, being made. Needless to say, a warm welcome will be extended to all visitors.

The College Youths, on Feb. 9th, 1777, rang a peal of 5,232 Treble Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

The longest length of Treble Bob Major composed and rung up to that time was rung at Oldham on Feb. 12th, 1821. This was a 14,016, which occupied 7 hours 26 mins., and was composed by W. Eversfield.

On February 14th, 1731, a 7,018 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and Feb. 14th is also the anniversary of the greatest number of changes rung on twelve bells, viz., the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick in 1920.

Bristol Youths, of 1791, rang their first peal—'Grandsire Trebles'—at All Saints' Church on Feb. 14th, 1791.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

There is a suggestion afoot in Lancashire to erect a memorial to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook, and it is thought that, as he was so well known throughout the country, other associations might like to join in the proposal.

No definite scheme has yet been decided upon, but it is thought that a headstone at the grave would be a suitable form for the memorial to take. It could not well take the shape of a tablet in any church, as Mr. Washbrook did not attach himself to any particular tower, but went where he thought his services were most needed. His own parish does not possess a peal of bells.

FALSE COMPOSITION OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

THE 'PEALS' AT ERITH AND WYE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. E. Barnett's letter in your issue of the 18th Jan., I feel that a few sentences are necessary from me on the question of the false peal of Grandsire Triples attempted at Erith, and which false composition was rung at Wye, Kent, in 1922.

I must confess that the false composition, viz.: 'A variation of one of Mr. J. W. Moorhouse's five-part peals' would not have been rung at all had I not handed it on to Mr. H. Parkes, who called it at Wye. At the time I gave it to him, I had no idea of its falseness, neither had I any knowledge of its inaccuracy until I perused Mr. Barnett's letter.

I very much regret having handed over a false composition, and as I rendered assistance in compiling the figures, I beg of Messrs. Barnett, Cullum and Co., and the company who rang at Wye, to accept my sympathy and apology, and, at the same time, I feel that I can rely on their forgiving hearts.—Yours truly,

GEO. BILLENNESS.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. EFFORT TO BREAK DOWN ISOLATION.

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Segger) the first meeting of the Wellingborough branch of the newly-formed Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Earls Barton on Saturday, Jan. 26th, members being present from Finedon, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Bozeat, Castle Ashby, Wellingborough, Wilby, Northampton, Yardley-Hastings, Mears Ashby, Broughton, and Harlestone, with the local ringers. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, including Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A short service was held in the church, with its quaint old Saxon tower, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address on words taken from Numbers xxix., in which he pointed out that all down the ages some means or other had always been used for calling people to prayer and worship, trumpets being mentioned many times in the Old Testament, and following these, cymbals were used. The bells of to-day were the lineal descendants of these instruments, and he hoped that all present at that gathering would realise their great responsibility in this work.

The party then adjourned to the Schoolroom, where, through the generosity of the Vicar, a splendid tea was provided, the 54 members present thoroughly appreciating the kindly hospitality.

The business meeting followed, and the Secretary (Mr. F. Barber) said how pleased he was to see so many present, not only because of the important business to be done, but also to greet the present Vicar of Earls Barton. He proposed that the Vicar be asked to take the chair at their meeting.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar said he would do all he could to help forward the work of the Guild.

The Secretary referred to the tragically sudden death of the Vicar of Easton Maudit, who had been an hon. member of the Central Northants Association for many years.

The report and balance sheet for the past year were then presented and adopted, and were considered most satisfactory.

Before proceeding to the election of officers, the secretary gave a short survey of what took place at the general meeting, held at Wellingborough on January 5th, when it was decided to form the Diocesan Guild. He hoped all would do their best to support the Guild, and that Towcester and District, and Brackley I. Deanery, who complained of their isolation, would see their way to join. The very idea of the formation of this Guild was to break down this isolation and knit all in one great body of ringers for the Diocese of Peterborough.

The following officers were elected: President, Ven. Archdeacon Greaves; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Barber; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. G. Basford and W. Perkins.

It was decided to hold a special meeting at Wollaston on March 1st, and the next quarterly meeting at Bozeat on May 3rd.

The Vicar of Earls Barton was elected an hon. member, and seven ringing members were elected.—Apologies were received from Archdeacon Greaves, the Rev. J. F. Griffiths, Mr. Owen Parker, and Mr. F. Wilford, the Ringing Master of the Guild. Amongst those present were the Rev. C. F. Westacott and the Rev. D. C. McVarish.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his interesting address, also for his kindness in providing the tea.—Thanks were also expressed to the local ringers and their wives for kindly attending to the wants of those present.

Touches and selections on the handbells were then given by the Irthlingborough ringers, and this brought a most enjoyable and successful gathering to a close.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held at Alton on Saturday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Elvin). The peal of eight were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major. Tea was provided at the Mikado Restaurant. The Vicar was in the chair, being supported by Mr. E. P. Duffield, Mr. G. Pullinger (assistant general secretary), Mr. W. Andrews (captain, Winchester Cathedral), and members from North Stoneham, Winchester, Farnham, Bramley, Portsea, Ringwood, Reading, and the local hand.

Mr. Andrews moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding at tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members to Alton, on this or any other occasion, and he hoped they would come again.

Mr. G. Williams was unable to be present, he being away at Chichester.

The thanks of the district are due to Mr. Perry for having everything ready, also for his arrangements made for tea.

The next meeting will be held at Sherfield English on May 3rd, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 26th, and was attended by members from Chiddingstone, Cowden, Edenbridge, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Leigh, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, and the local members. The usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Lynden Potter), assisted by the Rev. H. Miller (curate). Mr. Archer (organist) presided at the organ, and the choir also was present, the service being very hearty throughout. The Association form of service was used, and the Vicar gave a short address.

The members then adjourned to the Parish Room, where an excellent tea was awaiting them, splendidly served by several ladies of the parish.

The general meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Revs. H. Miller, F. L. Schriber (Vicar of Shipbourne), G. T. Weston (Vicar of Leigh), Mr. B. R. Collins (Vicar's warden), Mr. C. F. Catt (people's warden) was unavoidably prevented from attending.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, in which he congratulated the members on the prosperity of the district. Four meetings had been held, and were all well attended. In enumerating the peals rung in the district, mention was made of two peals of Grandsire Triples rung at Marden. For the first time in the history of the district three lady ringers took part in the one rung on March 10th, and on May 19th they went one better with four lady ringers taking part, two of them being members of the district, viz., Miss D. Orlebar (Tunbridge Wells), who rang in both peals, and Miss E. Tomlinson (of Speldhurst). The hope was expressed that before long a peal would be rung in the district by a band consisting entirely of lady ringers.

The district secretary and representatives were re-elected, with the thanks of the members for past services.—The District Secretary, in replying, thanked the members for their renewed confidence, and mentioned that this was his 30th year of office.—Mr. F. White and Mr. G. Edwards also returned thanks for their re-election.

Six new members were elected, three being lady ringers.—It was decided that meetings should be held as follows: Spring meeting at Kildown; summer meeting at Benenden; autumn meeting at Chiddingstone; and the next annual meeting at Tonbridge.

The District Secretary announced with regret the loss, by death, of the Rev. H. Smith-Marriott, Rector of Horsmonden, who had been a life member for many years. He also reported that the peal of eight bells at Benenden had been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and mentioned that Mr. W. H. Lambert (who has for many years been the sole member of the association at that tower) was, with the assistance of his sons, responsible for raising £30 towards the funds, by handbell ringing.

The usual votes of thanks to all who had rendered services for the successful meeting were passed, to which the Vicar replied, and the members repaired to the tower for further ringing.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Frindsbury on Saturday, January 26th, and in spite of the railway strike a good number attended. The association service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Jose). One of the local ringers, Mr. E. A. G. Allen, officiating at the organ, and the choir boys, also attended to brighten the service. The Vicar gave an address, remarking on the work done by ringers of to-day, and comparing them with ringers of long ago. He spoke in glowing terms of the hand who called others to church, and then set the example by attending themselves.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, at which 42 sat down, and for the business meeting the Vicar presided, supported by the district representatives (Messrs. W. Haigh and W. Spice), and the district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell). The tower at Higham was brought into union; and one hon. member and sixteen practising members were elected.

On the proposition of the district secretary, and to promote an interest in the association in the Isle of Sheppey, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Queenborough on April 26th. In the event of that tower not being available Eastchurch is to be applied for.

Mr. W. H. Harper (Swanscombe) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, who, in responding, said how pleased he was to see the young members attending the meetings. That was what was wanted, as someone had to take the place of the 'grey heads' as they went.

Members attended from various towers in the district, and methods up to Superlative were rung during the day.

WILLIAM DOUBLEDAY CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER. INTERESTING GATHERING AT NOTTINGHAM.

The William Doubleday Crofts memorial dinner—the second of the series—was held at the Albert Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday evening, January 26th, when a company of 81 members and friends of the Midland Counties Association sat down. Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., of Derby, president of the M.C.A., was to have presided, but was prevented from attending by indisposition, and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (curate of St. Peter's, Mansfield) was voted to the chair. He was supported by the following clergy and officers of the association: Messrs. A. Coppock, local vice-president; Archdeacon Conybeare, the Rev. H. P. Hale, Vicar of St. Peter's; Mr. W. Willson (Leicester), hon. treasurer of the association; Mr. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Councillor A. B. Moss (Chilwell), Messrs. W. E. White (Cotgrave), F. Blood (local hon. secretary), W. A. Jones (secretary, Dinner Committee), G. Goodship (Dinner Committee), the Rev. J. S. Galloway (Greasley), the Rev. P. A. Sharpe (curate of Ilkeston), Messrs. C. Draper, A. H. Ward, A. Braines (Derby), other visitors from Leicester, and a large number of the local district members. After dinner, the Chairman proposed the loyal toast. Letters of apology were read from the Bishop, Mr. Cyril Johnston (Croydon Bell Foundry), the esteemed president (Ald. R. B. Chambers), with whom a vote of condolence was passed, etc.

Mr. A. Coppock, in an interesting speech, said the object of the dinner was to keep fresh the memory of one of the most educated ringers of 150 years ago—Mr. William Doubleday Crofts, who was a ringer at St. Mary's Church during the 18th century—and also to have a sociable evening together once every year. He gave a short account of Mr. Crofts' work, which proved him to be a very remarkable ringer.

A course of Stedman Caters was then rung on handbells by A. H. Ward 1—2, E. G. Shepherd 3—4, Wm. Willson 5—6, A. Braines 7—8, C. Draper 9—10. — Councillor A. B. Moss proposed the toast of 'Church and State,' to which the Archdeacon responded in a characteristically forceful speech, in the course of which he congratulated the ringers upon their loyalty to the State and to the Church.

The Chairman then gave the toast of the Midland Counties Association, and greatly amused the company by his entertaining references to ringing and ringers.

RIVALRY BETWEEN LEICESTER AND NOTTINGHAM.

Mr. Wm. Willson, hon. treasurer of the association, replied, and spoke of the honour he felt in being invited to be amongst the Nottingham ringers that night, and of the good work the association was doing for the church and ringers in general. He also gave a short history of the friendly rivalry that used to exist between the Leicester and Nottingham ringers many years ago. He said there was a competition between those ringers as to who should ring a certain peal first for a peal of handbells, and it was pleasing to know that good old Nottingham won. The only regret was that these same handbells were now missing, but it was the hope of the Nottingham men to get them once more returned to their proper home. If this should come to the notice of the present owner it was hoped he would help the Nottingham men in their endeavour.

The bell founders' toast was given by the Rev. J. S. Galloway (Greasley), who, in a witty speech, said how much the Church and ringers owed to the bell founders.—Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, in replying, thanked the proposer for his words in praise of the bell founders, who, he said, always strived to do the best work for the Church and ringers.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and the artistes who provided the entertainment was unanimously passed.

The musical part of the programme was provided by the Welbeck Glee Quartette, the Ilkeston handbell band, and Mr. W. C. Hunt (saxophone), Mr. Walter Taylor acting as accompanist.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 21st annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 19th, and was an undoubted success. About 35 members attended, representing most of the towers in the district. During the afternoon a peal board, presented by Mr. G. Johnson, and recording his fiftieth peal, was unveiled by Mrs. Scutt, and dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt).

A service was held in the Church, Brother Capeling presiding at the organ, and the Vicar officiating.

Tea was served at the Swan Inn, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting which followed, both the Master (Mr. C. W. Everett) and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Balcomb) were unanimously re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary then read his annual report, which showed a very successful year's working, both in progress and finance. Eleven monthly meetings and the annual outing took place during the year, and were generally well attended. The outing was the most successful which had been held. On the financial side he showed a balance in hand of nearly £4 on the year's working, while the total membership was 86.

Several complimentary speeches were made and replied to, and then the members settled down to a very pleasant social.

'EDINBURGH SURPRISE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space to answer Mr. C. F. Bailey's questions and defend myself against Mr. Lindoff's accusations.

My objections to 'Edinburgh' were plainly stated, and are as follows: It is an unfortunate course to take, with the object of producing a new method, to select two perfect double methods and splice half of each together by introducing two sets of adjoining places in 1—2, which is degrading to both the methods employed. If Mr. Bailey is satisfied because the arrangement produces a whole pull at lead and a triple snap behind, I don't mind in the least. My reason for publishing No. 1 and 2 methods was to show that two methods can be connected without any detrimental effect. No. 1 is half Lancashire and half Yorkshire, and No. 2 half Bristol. I have several others which are like Bristol, clear of the blemish of adjoining place-making, which is my ideal.

Regarding Mr. Lindoff's allusion to a 5,040 Yorkshire Royal, that composition was by Mr. Sam Thomas. The 5,040 Princess Mary Royal I published was arranged from a peal of Superlative I have had for 29 years, and consists of four blocks of three hobs Wrong, each connected with two, making up courses with the 5th in 6th's place. Now I am surprised at Mr. Lindoff, even if he did produce this before me, making a claim for strict originality. Benjamin Annable might have done, but certainly nobody in our generation.

Regarding Mr. Lindoff's allusion to a 7,616 Treble Bob. This peal, along with five others, is undoubtedly mine. What I want to know is, when did it occur to Mr. Lindoff that they were his? I challenge him to give proof of date of his producing the same. I will do likewise, and I suggest, sir, that we each send our case to you, and that you act as judge. This is perfectly fair to both parties. Will Mr. Lindoff agree?—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

At the Bristol United Guilds meeting, Mr. F. G. Leaker was elected chairman for the 1925 dinner, and in acknowledging the compliment, said he felt it was a great honour not only to himself, but to the St. Thomas' Guild.

Mr. William Knight was elected vice-chairman, and will in turn succeed the chairman for the following dinner in 1926.—It was unanimously resolved that Mr. Williams should be re-elected after his satisfactory balance sheet.

A silver bell is to be added to the chain of office each year bearing the chairman's name and year of office.

There is a probability that the interesting Bristol Union Youths jug may be on view at the next dinner.

A social is being arranged for the end of March, and this time it will be held on a Saturday (details will be announced in our notice columns shortly).

The retiring chairman stated that the 1924 dinner was a great success, and he felt highly honoured to have been chairman for that most successful occasion.

A Bristol United Guilds' peal has been arranged for February 21st, 1924, at St. Nicholas' Church.

PRESENTATION AT DEPTFORD.

MR. G. H. DAYNES' QUADRUPLE OFFICES.

On Wednesday evening, January 30th, a pleasant little ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Nicholas', Deptford, previous to an attempt for a peal, which unfortunately was unsuccessful.—Mr. R. D. Marshall, on behalf of the local ringers and a few friends from Surrey and London who were unable to be present, asked the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pitman) and Mrs. Pitman to present to Mr. G. H. Daynes a solid gold bell pendant, a silver-mounted amber stemmed pipe, and a tobacco pouch. The pendant, which was beautifully engraved on the front 'The Kent County Association of Change Ringers' and on the back, 'Presented to Mr. G. H. Daynes, January, 1924, 14 years' service as tower keeper of St. Nicholas', Deptford.'

The Rev. T. W. Pitman, in a few brief words, remarked how much Mr. Daynes' services in the belfry and in the church were appreciated.—Mr. R. D. Marshall, in endorsing the Vicar's remarks, said how much Mr. Daynes was appreciated by all who came into contact with him, and he trusted Mr. Daynes would accept the small gifts in the spirit which they were given.

Mr. Daynes, in reply, said he had been taken completely by surprise. He thanked everybody for their kindness, but added that he did not know what he had done to deserve it.—Mrs. Daynes was also present. Mr. Daynes now holds four offices at the church, viz., captain of the ringers, tower keeper, churchwarden, and chorister.

The pendant was the work of Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead, Somerset.

RINGERS' FESTIVAL AT CHUDLEIGH.**BIG DEVON GATHERING.**

Over 200 ringers from all parts of Devon, including a ladies' band from Exeter, joined in a ringers' festival at Chudleigh on Saturday, January 19th. The bells, which have been augmented to eight, were recently dedicated, and as no opportunity could then be given for ringers to try them, Mr. W. J. Southwood, secretary for the Devonshire Guild (Exeter branch), organised this festival, which proved a great success.

The bells were kept going from 2 o'clock to 9 p.m., and all expressed their admiration as the way Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, had carried out the work, both the 'go' and tone of the bells being perfect.

The towers represented were Chudleigh, Moretonhampstead, Paignton, Kenn, Christow, St. David's, St. Thomas's and St. Sidwell's, Exeter; Heavitree, Topsham, Littlehampston, Honiton Clys. Sowton, Bradninch, Whitestone, Kenton, Collaton St. Mary, Highweek, Ideford, Kingsteignton, Alphonston and Newton Abbot.

In the afternoon the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon branch of the Devon Guild was held in the School, presided over by Mr. H. W. Wilkes (Dartmouth).—Mr. H. J. Hole (hon. sec.) presented a report, in which reference was made to the work done during the quarter, particularly at Collaton and Cockington.

Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Hole were re-elected chairman and hon. secretary respectively, and Stoke Gabriel was selected for the next meeting, which is to be held on May 3rd.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. J. Southwood, of Exeter, for his splendid efforts on behalf of the Mid-Devon branch, and Mr. Southwood, in replying, said he was pleased to do whatever he could to promote scientific bell ringing. He produced a plan of the many churches, of which Exeter is the centre, and suggested that by dividing the parishes into sections, one could help the other without having to go far away. Help could always be obtained from Exeter.

The ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. Cyril Johnston, head of the Croydon foundry, the Rev. G. H. Mallett, Vicar of Chudleigh, thanking him on behalf of all present. Mr. Johnston's health was accorded musical honours.

A concert was given in the Schoolroom to entertain the visitors whilst awaiting their turn to ring, and was very much appreciated, the following taking part: Miss Nancy Perry, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Roland Durden, Major Weeks, and Mr. Holcombe. Mr. J. J. Hall, F.R.A.S., gave a chat on 'Chimes and Carillons.' Touches were also rung on handbells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The bells at Southgate again proved an attraction, when on Saturday, January 19th, the above association met at that place for the annual meeting of the North and East District. In spite of the unsettled weather, well over 40 members attended and enjoyed some good ringing in various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Cambridge Royal. A service was held at 5.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow), and a very interesting address was given by the Rev. R. de G. Hampson. Tea was served at 'The Cherry Tree,' and was followed by the business meeting.

The balance sheet, which showed a credit on the year's working of £2 2s. 9d., was passed, subject to audit.

Eight new members were admitted, and the whole of the retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. G. B. Lucas; treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Kemp; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. R. E. G. Geare, W. H. Oram, and S. Wade.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Saviour's, Waltham-slow, the exact date being left to the hon. secretary.

A discussion arose on a proposal made by Mr. J. Parker, that next year's district annual meeting should be held at Edmonton.—This was eventually agreed to, and the members are assured of a very pleasant meeting.

Hearty thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells; the Rev. R. de G. Hampson for his address at the service; the organist for his valuable assistance; and Mr. J. E. Miller and the local ringers for their usual cordial welcome.—The Rev. R. de G. Hampson made a brief but happy reply, and the business meeting then terminated.

Considerable use was afterwards made of the bells, some excellent ringing including a well-struck course of Middlesex Surprise Royal, which was described by several who heard this method for the first time as a very musical composition.

BELLS OF STEEL.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Jarrow on Saturday, January 26th, and, although handicapped by the railway strike, there was a good attendance. After ringing at Christ Church (8 bells) several members proceeded by motor-bus to Hebburn Presbyterian Church. Here they were welcomed by one of the elders and three or four ringers, and after inspecting the beautiful church, the peal of six steel bells (tenor 19 cwt.) were rung in various methods. The local ringers were very interested in seeing scientific change ringing for the first time, and it is hoped that they will take it up.

After tea at the Ben Lomond Hotel, Jarrow, a short meeting was held. Mr. W. Story presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. M. Williams, Rector of Christ Church; the Rev. T. H. Lilburn, Vicar of St. Peter's; Mr. A. M. Hall, Mr. J. W. Parker, and others.—The Secretary read a letter from the district vice-president, Mr. R. Parkinson, regretting inability to attend, and a vote of thanks was passed to the clergy and also the minister and deacons of Hebburn Presbyterian Church.—The Rev. T. H. Lilburn replied in a very helpful speech.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Sunderland on May 3rd.

HIGH WYCOMBE RINGERS.**WITHDRAWAL FROM OXFORD GUILD CONFIRMED.**

The annual meeting of the High Wycombe belfry was held at the Vicarage on Monday, January 28th. The Rev. F. M. Molyneux, M.B.E., presided over the meeting, 13 members being present, with the Rev. J. F. S. Glynn, B.A., and the Rev. L. B. Bell, M.A.

Among other business transacted was the confirmation of a previous resolution to withdraw the tower from affiliation with the Oxford Diocesan Guild as a protest against the continuity of the Guild's festival at Oxford.

The number of attendances at Sunday and practice ringing totalled 1,454.

The officers were all re-elected with thanks for their services, as follows: President, the Vicar; foreman, Mr. Ralph Coles; deputy, Mr. Edward Markham; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twitcheen.

At the invitation of the president, a first-class supper was enjoyed, and after the meal the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, hearty thanks being accorded to the Vicar for his generosity.

BRAINTREE RINGER AND VERGER.**DEATH OF MR. L. W. WIFFEN.**

The Essex Association has lost a valued member by the death of Mr. Lewis William Wiffen, of Braintree, who for the past ten years has been verger at St. Michael's Church. The deceased, who was 65 years of age, had not had good health for a long time. He was taken suddenly ill on completing his work in church on Christmas Day, and passed away on January 18th. Conscientious and painstaking in the performance of his duties, he will be much missed by the worshippers at St. Michael's, among whom he was held in much esteem. His father, the late Mr. Walter William Wiffen, was verger before him for many years, and, like his son, was interested in bell ringing. Deceased had been a member of the Essex Association for 35 years, and was one of St. Michael's Guild of Ringers all the time he was in Braintree. His eldest son, Mr. Lewis Walter Wiffen, is the present Master of the Northern Division of the Essex Association; and another son, Mr. George Wiffen, is also a local ringer. A native of Stambourne, deceased was a blacksmith at Colne Engaine before coming to Braintree. He leaves a widow, four sons, and three daughters.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, January 23rd, the Vicar (the Rev. D. B. Barclay), assisted by the curate (the Rev. R. Williams), officiating. During the service at St. Michael's, the hymns, 'Rock of Ages' and 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' were sung, and at the close the organist, Miss Williams, played a funeral march. The burial took place at the Cemetery. The mourners were the widow; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wiffen and Messrs. George and Albert Wiffen, sons and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Green, Colchester, and Miss Wiffen, son-in-law and daughters; Mrs. Playle, sister; and Mr. G. Wiffen, Ilford, brother-in-law. Among those who attended were Messrs. G. T. Bartram, J.P., C.A.; C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Essex Association; W. H. Dyson, F. J. Weaver, M.A., J. F. Blanden, churchwardens. Floral tributes were received from the churchwardens and Church Council of St. Michael's, and the members of St. Michael's Guild of Ringers. As a mark of respect to the deceased the flag at the church was flown at half-mast. In the evening 768 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung upon the bells with the clappers half-muffled by the following members of the St. Michael's Guild: F. Webb 1, Miss E. Pottitt 2, W. J. Sadler 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, W. H. Dyson 5, H. E. Hammond 6, F. Ely 7, H. J. Collins 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 3rd, at the Parish Church, 720 of Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: L. Palmer 1, A. Markwell, junr. (first 720), 2, A. Parsons 3, S. Smedley, junr., 4, W. Palmer 5, F. Smith (conductor) 6, S. Smedley, senr., 7, H. Stow 8.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, February 3rd, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, in 62 mins.: J. Watkin 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Mackrill 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, A. Newman 5, E. A. Reeve 6, H. H. Mance 7, W. Essery 8, F. Skevington 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10. First quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

FALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: G. W. Stevens 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 3, Miss P. M. Moss 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, A. Harding 7, L. H. Page 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity, Watermoor, on Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Groves' variation of Parker's 12-part: F. J. Lewis 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, H. C. Bond 4, W. H. Hayward 5, G. Dore 6, L. A. Wilson 7, H. Lewis 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to H. Lewis and H. C. Bond.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,284 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Watkinson (conductor) 1, Mrs. J. Garth (first quarter-peal) 2, J. C. Taylor 3, W. Godden 4, P. Downing 5, F. Cardwell 6, H. Taylor 7, J. Garth 8.

PINLEY, BERKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 900 Plain Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob: *Mrs. E. L. Murray 1, H. Tucker 2, J. Smith 3, *Miss E. A. Collins 4, *J. O. Lewendon 5, E. Tigwell (conductor) 6. * First spliced quarter-peal.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 480 Stedman Doubles: L. Albrow 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, E. C. Hartley 4, W. L. Gutteridge 5, J. Shuker 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Baleman, mother of the steeple keeper.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, January 27th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, *R. Park 2, F. Cooke 3, W. H. Porter 4, C. Todd 5, W. N. Park (first 720 of London as conductor) 6. * First 720 London Surprise Minor 'inside.'

ACKWORTH.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, for Matins, on Sunday, January 27th, 360 Bob Minor: Fred Linsay 1, Walter Beetham 2, W. Linsay 3, K. Macaulay 4, E. Lamprey (conductor) 5, W. Palmer (Badsworth) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, on January 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. T. Scrivens 1, T. Russam 2, J. George 3, T. H. Reeves 4, A. Walker (conductor) 5, M. J. Morris 6, J. Neal 7, A. E. Norman 8.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Ball 1, J. Vincent 2, Theo Portlock (age 12), longest length, 3, A. Bond 4, W. Truman 5, E. Portlock 6.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On January 27th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: John Huxtable (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, J. R. Sandover (conductor) 2, R. J. Hebditch 3, T. Laver 4, C. G. Glass 5, A. Mitchell 6, W. S. Lethbridge 7, F. M. Rogers 8.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes: W. Symes (first in the method) 1, H. Harvey 2, S. Pool 3, J. Pool 4, W. White 5, G. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, F. Lewis 8.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Mundy 1, E. Dumper 2, G. Pullinger 3, G. Williams 4, W. G. Edwards 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6, C. H. Giles 7, H. Lay (first 504) 8. — For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Mundy 1, G. Williams 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. T. Tucker 5, W. G. Edwards (conductor) 6, C. H. Giles 7, H. Lay 8.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 640 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Ranford 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lewis 6, S. T. Holt (conductor) 7, C. Camm 8.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—At All Hallows' Church, for morning service, on Sunday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: D. Wheeler 1, A. H. Painter (conductor) 2, J. S. Morgans 3, H. Gassor 4, S. R. Hicks 5, J. Gealer 6.—On January 27th, a date touch of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles and Bob Singles (1,924 changes), in 1 hr. 1 min.: J. S. Morgans 1, A. H. Painter 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, H. Gassor 4, S. R. Hicks 5, J. Gealer 6.

EXETER.—At St. David's, on January 20th, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: S. Milton 1, G. Carter 2, F. Gardner 3, J. Vanstone 4, J. Arbury 5, J. Oke 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sunday, January 20th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: *E. Lines 1, W. Latter 2, B. Collison 3, Miss D. Orlebar 4, W. Collison 5, *R. T. Lambert 6, F. White 7, S. H. Green (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, for evening service, on January 15th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. H. H. Jefferies (first of Oxford) 1, W. H. R. Wilkins (conductor) 2, F. Wilkins 3, W. Harris 4, H. Tolley 5, F. Clinkard 6.

EXETER.—On the 'Thomas' peal of eight at the Cathedral, on Sunday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Harris 1, J. Oke 2, J. Arbury 3, T. Bartlett 4, F. Gardner 5, W. Lethbridge (conductor) 6, F. J. Davey 7, S. Milton 8. Taken from Holt's Original.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, January 12th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Corfield 1, G. E. Lawrence 2, F. Triner (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. Walley 6.—On Sunday, January 19th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise: H. Wiberley 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. Walley 6.—On Sunday, January 26th, 720 Violet: E. E. Johnson 1, N. Birch 2, C. Preston 3, F. Triner (conductor) 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. Walley 6. Also 360 Duke of York. Messrs. Birch and Preston hail from Bucknall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Nottingham district was held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, about 60 ringers being present from Beeston, Breaston, Colgrave, Orston, Sawley, Greasley, Old Basford, South Normanton, Mansfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, with visitors from Derby, Grantham, and other places. Touches in various methods were rung until 4.25, when the company adjourned to the grave of the late Mr. Wm. Doubleday Crofts, and the following rang a course of Grandsire Triples: W. E. White 1-2, A. H. Ward (Derby) 3-4, A. Coppock 5-6, E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston) 7-8. The ringers then attended a short service in the church, conducted by the Rev. B. Vaughan (curate). A short address was given by Archdeacon Conybeare. Mr. W. Taylor, of Greasley, presided at the organ.

The annual meeting followed, in the large vestry, kindly lent by Canon Fields.—Mr. A. Coppock presided, and the secretary presented his report on the year's working. This showed that the district had increased in all department. Hon. members had increased from 19 to 21; ringing members from 151 to 163; cash from £12 8s. 6d. to nearly £30. Thirty new ringing members joined, but owing to two towers and several other members lapsing the net increase was down to twelve members. It was pleasing to note, the Secretary added, that several old members had returned, and two new towers had become affiliated during the year. It was also a pleasure to report the first peal of London Surprise Major rung in Nottingham, and the band was congratulated upon its success. Three old members have passed away during the year, viz., Mr. W. Spencer (Bulwell), Mr. Bryan Dent (East Bridgford) and Mr. S. Wesley, who had rung 210 peals for the association, and had been head ringer and chorister at Lenton Parish Church for about 36 years.—The report was unanimously adopted. The following officers were re-elected: Vice-president, Mr. A. Coppock; secretary, Mr. F. Blood; committee, Mr. W. E. White, Mr. W. A. James.

Old Basford was chosen for the next meeting, on February 23rd.—Two old members rejoined (Messrs. A. Lambert and J. Oldham), and four new members, one from Breaston and three from Mansfield, were elected, as well as the Rev. J. S. Galloway (Vicar of Greasley) as an hon. member.—A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Field for granting the use of the bells, and to the Rev. B. Vaughan for arranging and taking the service.

The next business was the unveiling of a peal board to record the first peal of London Surprise Major rung in the city, at St. Peter's Church, where the members had assembled. Ald. Chambers, B.A., J.P., the president of the M.C.A., was to have performed the ceremony, but owing to indisposition was unable to attend. Archdeacon Conybeare was, therefore, asked to take his place. Mr. A. Coppock, the conductor of the peal, and who had given the peal board, invited the Archdeacon to unveil and dedicate the board.—Archdeacon Conybeare congratulated those who rang in the peal, and after removing the covering from the board, offered up the dedicatory prayer. In place of the tower bells the handbells were brought into use, owing to the tower being so close to the business part of the city.—A vote of thanks to the donor of the board and to the Archdeacon was unanimously carried, and the members then adjourned to the Albert Hotel for the memorial dinner to the late Mr. W. D. Crofts.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 36th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, 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 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 23rd. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. and Bishop Ryder's (a new ring of 8 by Taylor) from 3 to 4.15.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church on Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be held after tea.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MYTHOLMROYD PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.—On February 9th, the bells recently recast and augmented to 8 (tenor 14 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co., will be open to all ringers from 1.30 p.m. All are welcome.—A. Bottomley, 1, Albert Street, Mytholmroyd.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Horse Hotel.—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (provided by Canon Corfield) at St. Mary's Church Room, and meeting following. Wilton bells available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. only.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moor-side, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service with address by the Vicar (Canon Savill), at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Hall, Lowfield Street. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—William Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The quarterly meeting is to be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5. Address by Vicar (Rev. C. Stewart Miller). Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30. Bells of St. James', Poole, also available from 2 p.m.—C. A. Phillips.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher: The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge; immediately following the service the War Memorial tablet will be unveiled. Tea, by ticket, at the Express Dairy, 5.30. Business meeting, 6.45, Parish House, Clare Market, W.C.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Tea 6d. each. Members intending being present please write to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, February 9th. Service at St. Cuthbert's Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at Wickenden's, High Street, to follow. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) available from 2 p.m.; Cathedral (10) after meeting.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec., 7, Mills Street, Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes, Monday, Feb. 18th; Bishopsgate, 11th; all at 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on Feb. 21st; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, the 12th; St. Andrews, Holborn, on the 14th; and *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells open afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by February 12th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by permission of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton (Vicar) and churchwardens, who will entertain members to tea free, visitors 1s. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 13th?—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. T. K. Sopwith). Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Ringing from 6.30 till 8.30. The bells unfortunately are not available in the afternoon, but it is hoped to obtain another tower in the vicinity, of which notice will be given next week.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Northern District will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Feb. 16th. The bells of St. Andrew's will be available at 3 p.m., when all ringers are cordially invited. Service in the Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea at the White Hart. Will members intending to be present please let me know by Feb. 14th?—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Filton and Horfield on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Filton bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea to follow. Horfield bells available from 6 p.m. A committee meeting as per rule (one of the branch rules) is called for Wednesday, Feb. 13th, at St. Thomas', City, Churchroom, 8 p.m.—Business re grouping of towers. Members requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 12th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by invitation of Vicar at 5 o'clock—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at the White Lion, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. All are welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Wellsborough, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 5 p.m. Tea at 1/- at 5 p.m. As there is a K.C.A. meeting at 6.30, there will be no ringing at Wellsborough after tea.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting will be held at Mathon on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea after service at the Bakery.—Richard Thomas, Dist. Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland on Feb. 16th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The next Cathedral Cinques practice will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 7 to 9 p.m. All twelve-bell ringers are urgently invited to attend.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Secretary wishes to give notice that the quarterly meeting for Feb. 16th, at Saltsburn, has been unavoidably postponed to Saturday, March 1st. Further particulars will be given later.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 16th. The bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 16th. St. Mary's tower open from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Giles, 4 p.m. until the service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Members of Guild 1s. and non-members 2s. 6d., to all who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 13th. Entertainment free.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Martock is postponed to Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, E. A. Young, Wood, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Feb. 19th. All ringers and friends welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.—It has been arranged in future for the bells at the above Church to be available for practice on Monday evenings. The tower will be open from 7.30 to 9 p.m. The bells are also rung for Sunday services from 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—James George, Ringing Master, 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly practice of the United Guild of the above branch will take place at St. Nicholas Church on the first Tuesday in every month at 7.30 p.m., commencing Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells ready 7.30. Meeting 7. Subscriptions now due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Secretary, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

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