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PRESERVATION OF OLD MSS.

Such interesting information as that which we are able to give this week concerning the bells and ringing in days gone by at Stonham Aspal, leads one to wonder whether some really determined attempt cannot be made to collect, catalogue and, where desirable, publish the records which must exist in various parts of the country, in the shape of MSS. (such as that from which Mr. Slater has compiled his article this week), the peal books of old ringers, and other material which may at present be available, but which in the future, if not carefully guarded, may disappear and be lost for ever to the Exercise. In the hands of men like Mr. Theodore Slater such papers are jealously cared for, but in the hands of some future owner they may be looked upon as worthless and consequently destroyed.

Some old papers of historic value, like the Osborn MSS., have from time to time found their way to the British Museum; the MSS. of Mr. Charles Hattersley have been placed in a specially formed library at Sheffield Cathedral, and the future of some others have, perhaps, been secured. But there is much else which may well entirely disappear unless an effort is made to secure it for the Exercise, and, in this connection, it should be remembered that interesting as these documents may be to-day, they will increase both in interest and value as the generations go by. We should like to see some scheme initiated by the Central Council for cataloguing all these papers as far as it is possible to trace them, so that they may know where to look for them in future, and at the same time steps should be taken to ensure that when present owners (or their heirs) have done with them, these papers will pass to the custody of the Council.

Unfortunately in the past the Council had an unhappy experience with one of its committees in work of this description, but the 'lineal descendant' of this committee is a much more 'live' body, and perhaps it could be induced to take up the task of acting as an inquiry agent to gather particulars of existing MSS. of interest, and to make suggestions for the preservation of the papers. Such work would not only be of present interest, but future generations would appreciate the effort made to save those historical records which, once destroyed, could never be replaced. In addition to these MSS., there is also the question of compiling information as to old peal records. The Council possesses now the ringing publications of the last fifty years. The history of our art could be made much more complete if such particulars as exist of all previously rung peals could be collected and placed in the Library.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Four Hours,

At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 7
*JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
*THOMAS T. GOFTON 6	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
WILLIAM LATTER 2	†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
*BERNARD V. COLLISON 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 8
*WILLIAM COLLISON 4	ROBERT J. DAWE 9
†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First peal of Royal, † First peal of Treble Ten.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ROBERT A. STRONG Treble	ERNEST A. PITSTOW 4
ARTHUR F. JAMES 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
ERNEST H. HIBBINS 3	LEONARD H. PITSTOW 8
GEORGE H. SPARROW 4	FREDERICK DENCH 9
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 5	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the conductor. The ringers of 3rd and 7th hail from Cambridge.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

S. H. SYMONDS Treble	L. POULSON 5
M. T. SYMONDS 2	F. F. MORTLOCK 6
F. A. TURNER 3	W. R. J. POULSON 7
F. A. POULSON 4	A. SYMONDS Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung with muffled clappers for the passing of the old year.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Boniface,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 5
THOMAS BUTLER 2	GEO. R. JONES 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
WALTER THOMAS 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, and William Higginson, of Ellesmere.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5728 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
EDWARD LANKESTER 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 255).

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This peal was rung to honour the coming-of-age of the only son of Mr. C. W. R. Grimwood.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble	JOSEPH MILNER 5
† MISS NORA SHORTER ... 2	† SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 6
* FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3	GEORGE SPENCER 7
CHARLES J. TRICKER ... 4	HARRY FOLKARD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire inside. ‡ First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Spencer and H. Folkard.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

* FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	WILLIAM HARPER 5
JOHN BURLS 2	* GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	C.S.M. J. BENNETT 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method. Birthday peal for Mr. W. H. Goodship, of Reading, father of the ringer of the 6th. The latter was elected a non-resident life member of the above Association previous to the peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 88 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Treble	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
DANIEL COOPER 2	† JAMES E. COOPER 6
GEORGE F. HOAD 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
* REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles W. Gordon, of Beddington. * 50th peal. † First peal in the method.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOUCESTER.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. David,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED JONES Treble	NORMAN BYRON 5
CECIL GRIMES 2	ALBERT WHITE 6
JESSIE GARDNER 3	WALTER LARGE 7
HUBERT H. TIMMS ... 4	HORACE HIATT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

This is the first peal at this church by a local band for 25 years. First peal by all but 6th and 7th. Great credit is due to H. Timms, who has only got the use of his left hand, the use of the other having been lost in the war.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH E. KEEN 6
WILLIAM STORY 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
GEORGE W. PARK 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This peal was rung at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. V. C. Farguhar) to try the bells after rehanging, tuning and recasting of the tenor, by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being very satisfactory. After the peal, the visitors and local ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. McComb, churchwarden.

EAST HAGBOURNE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

JAMES BUTLER Treble	* ALFRED H. WEBB 5
* WALTER V. WEBB 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
† WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... 3	RICHARD G. RICE 7
* THOMAS EAST 4	† JAMES S. NAPPER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by J. BUTLER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on tower bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
JAMES BEYTS 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
ERNEST F. POPPY 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringer of the 2nd, it being his first peal in the method.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt

T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	PERCY BRETT-SMITH 5
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
* CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 3	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
* TOM BRETT-SMITH ... 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Triples. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Tom Brett Smith.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	GEORGE M. KILBY 7
MISS PHYLIS MOSS ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Moss; it was also her first peal of Double Norwich, and rung at the first attempt.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE J. HARMAN Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 6
CHARLES V. HARE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 4	HENRY TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples with an 'inside' bell.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, January 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ELI BEALER Treble	HENRY HINTON 5
JESSIE H. BEAZER 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
HENRY WOODHAM 3	WALTER LEWIS 7
EDGAR C. LEWIS 4	HENRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LEWIS.

This is the first complete peal on the bells, and the first peal by all the ringers except the conductor. Rung by a local band.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*HARRY HARRINGTON Treble	HERBERT MARKWELL 5
LEONARD E. LAST 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
*MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR 3	*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SRN. 7
WILLIAM LATTER 4	FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First peal in the method. Reported to be the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mrs. and the Misses Mills for their hospitality before the peal.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
*RALPH UMPLEBY 2	FRED DIXON 6
†FRED HODGSON 3	†WILLIAM AMBLER 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL 4	†HARRY FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by F. DIXON

* First peal in method with bob bell. † First peal in the method. This peal was rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to H. Hutley, one of the local company, who died on January 9th, and was interred at Nab Wood Cemetery on January 13th.

LLANDAFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK J. BAILEY Treble	ERNEST COOMBS 5
SIDNEY DAVE 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
HARRY PAGE 3	WILLIAM BOLTON 7
GEORGE LARGE 4	THOMAS MIDDLETON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Treble	JAMES DURRANT 5
HARRY R. ROPER 2	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 4	FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Composed by the late JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. MARY, LAMBETH, S.W.,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JAMES W. CHAPMAN 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (No. 51).

Conducted by R. D. MARSHALL.

First peal in the method on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. First peal in the method as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST S. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung on the 11th anniversary of the first peal of Bristol on the bells.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
WALTER BARRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
WALTER MOBBS 4	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY G. HOPCROFT... .. Treble	ALFRED G. GRANT 5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
WALTER MALINS... .. 4	GEORGE BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by W. MALINS.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative, Mr. G. Broughton kindly obliging at very short notice

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	COLIN HARRISON... .. 5
FRANCIS WARD 2	GEORGE LEWIS 6
HARRY BOWER 3	JOHN THORPE 7
SIDNEY F. PALMER 4	GEORGE HILL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Ward.

MANGOTSFIELD, Near BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN G. JEFFERIES Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
†EDGAR GUISE 2	†EDWARD GEORGE TREW ... 6
ALFRED REEVES 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
CHARLES H. GORDON ... 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Major. † First of Cambridge Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 32 of Grandsire, 24 callings.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOSEPH BOWEN Treble	JAMES P. HYETT... .. 4
TREVOR JONES 2	*HARRY CHANDLER 5
WILLIAM EVANS... .. 3	*JOHN BELL Tenor

Conducted by W. EVANS.

* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which were cast by Rudhalls in 1727, and recently rebung by Mears and Stainbank.

TIMSBURY, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 14 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

G. M. HASSELL Treble	J. FEAR 4
F. J. L. BROWN 2	R. T. CLARK 5
W. A. YOUNG 3	*E. CORNER Tenor

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Young.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Plain Bob.

PHILIP STEGGALLS Treble	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... 4
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 2	*ARTHUR BLAXALL 5
JAMES BETTS 3	ERNEST F. POPPY Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

* First peal of Minor.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising the following 720's, viz., (1) Single and Double Court, (2) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Worcester Treble, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN KING Treble	THOMAS GARLEY... .. 4
MISS C. HEPBURN 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung in celebration of the visitation of the Bishop of Peterborough to the parish to institute the Rector, the Rev. E. J. Atkins, as Rural Dean of Rothwell first Deanery.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob

ALBERT FLEET Treble	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 4
HORACE H. SMITH 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

*JOHN W. TODD Treble	GEORGE W. HELEY 4
†BERT F. CALCOTT 2	†ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... 5
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal of Minor. Arranged for the ringers of the treble and 2nd, both local men.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Wilton.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's, each ringer conducting 840 changes.
Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY WYATT Treble	WILLIAM H. COLES 4
SIDNEY WYATT, JUN. 2	ARTHUR HAYWARD 5
ALFRED WYATT 3	GEORGE COLES Tenor

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wyatt. Believed to be the first peal for the Association in which the conducting was shared equally by all the band.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, December 29th, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, L. E. Wiffen 2, *E. Wiffen 3, *B. Redgwell (aged 14) 4, G. Lindridge 5, *J. Redgwell 6, H. Redgwell 7, L. W. Wiffen 8. First quarter-peal. Also 720 Bob Minor: A. Wiffen (first 720) 1, B. Redgwell 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, E. Wiffen 4, H. Redgwell 5, L. W. Wiffen 6.

BROMHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of London Scholars', College Exercise and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 23 cwt.

W. FRANCIS	Treble	C. W. CLARKE	4
G. HUTCHINGS	2	W. STOCK	5
W. SHARP	3	L. TURNER	Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th hail from Harrold, the remainder belong to the Kempston band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST HUNT	Treble	THOMAS HULL	4
* WILLIAM NASH	2	* JOHN T. KENTISH	5
JOHN MALYAN	3	* BEN JARMAN	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal on six bells.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 18 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

* ERIC ARNOLD	Treble	† ALBERT E. JONES	4
WILLIAM EVANS	2	JAMES P. HYETT	5
TREVOR JONES	3	* ALBERT WINNEY	Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6000 CHANGES;

Being 50 six-scores each rung differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD BECK	Treble	GERALD F. GRIFFIN	3
ALEC MUNDY	2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN	4
		JOSEPH T. DYKE	5

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Ten six-scores each were rung with the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and treble respectively, as the plain hunt bell.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN	Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL	4
WILFRED C. IBBETT	2	EDWARD H. FINCH	5
MISS K. WILLERS	3	ROBERT HOWARD	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

MR. W. BIBBY'S 100 PEALS.

Minor, one method, 2; three methods, 1; seven methods, 2; ten methods, 1; Bob Major, 18; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4; Double Norwich Major, 9; Little Bob Major, 5; St. Clement's Major, 1; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 24; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Forward Major, 1; Little Albion Treble Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 7; Stedman Triples, 2; St. Clement's Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Double Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Plain Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Little Albion Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; total, 100.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, and two each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure.

JAMES WAGBORN, JUN.	Treble	GEORGE WAGHORN	4
FRANK PATTENDEN	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
FREDK. FOREMAN	3	JAMES WAGBORN, SEN.	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

A birthday peal for F. Foreman.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, and two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. WHEELDON	Treble	HARRY CARNWELL	4
JOSEPH BERRISFORD	2	HENRY BERRISFORD	5
WILLIAM CARNWELL	3	EDWARD EDWARDS	Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

This is the first peal in their own tower by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor. J. E. Wheelton hails from Norton-le-Moors.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, January 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT 56, HALIFORD STREET, ESSEX ROAD, N.I.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

ALFRED B. PECK	1-2	HARRY R. PASMORE	5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3-4	HERBERT LANGDON	7-8
		JAMES BULLOCK	9-10

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Umpire: FREDERICK G. SYMONDS.

Rung on the fifth birthday of Mr. Bullock's daughter, Jean.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 13 in E.

C. W. WOOLLEY	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON	5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3-4	* E. G. BENSON	7-8

Composed by W. WARHURST. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

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

Tenor, size 17 in A.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	1-2	* C. W. WOOLLEY	5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON	3-4	E. G. BENSON	7-8

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* 1st peal in the method on an 'inside' pair.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT 49, WOOD STREET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PYE	1-2	THOMAS T. GORTON	7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	JOSEPH A. GORTON	9-10
* GEORGE R. PYE	5-6	ERNEST MORRIS	11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness: C. T. COLES.

* 900th peal.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH VISIT EDINGTON.**

On Tuesday evening, January 13th, a combined practice of members from Trowbridge and Bratton, with some of the regular ringers, was held at the beautiful Church of St. Mary, St. Catherine, and All Saints, Edington, Wilts, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Sprent). Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Good striking was very difficult on account of the noise, and the 'go' of the bells. The bells, six in number, tenor about 24 cwt., are sadly in need of the attention of the bell hanger.

Edington possesses one of the finest churches in the county of Wilts, being built between 1,351 and 1,361 by William of Edington, Bishop of Winchester, and Chancellor of England, who also founded the monastery, and at the special request of Edward the Black Prince founded a college of Augustine Monks, called the Bonshommes, there. There were only two houses of this Order in England, the other being at Ashbridge, Bucks. The Monastery remained until the Dissolution, in 1539, when Paul Bush, the Prior or Rector, was made the first Bishop of Bristol.

The church was very extensively repaired at the cost of about £7,000 about 35 years ago. The bells till then were rung from the floor of the church.

It is to be hoped that something will be done to put this peal in order, as Edington would then have one of the finest peals of six in the county. The parish, however, is purely agricultural, and possesses no endowments.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Ash on Saturday, January 10th, and a small party, including eight ladies, had a very enjoyable time. The Rector (the Rev. Lambrick) conducted the Guild service, and gave an interesting address. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and then followed the short business meeting.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting, if possible, at Yateley, in April.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The service touch, 120 Grandsire Doubles, was rung by Miss Nancie Denver 1, Mrs. Melville 2, Miss Nye 3, Miss Avenall 4, Miss H. Mills 5, Miss G. Manfield 6. Later, 240 Kent Treble Bob was rung by Miss Nancie Denver 1, Miss B. Mills 2, Miss Nye 3, Miss Avenall 4, Miss A. Fisher 5, Miss H. Mills (conductor) 6.

C.-Q.-M.-S. GILBERT'S CENTURY.

With a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aldershot on the last day of 1924, C.-Q.-M.-S. Gilbert, R.E., completed his 100 peals, of which the following is a list:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles, 3 methods	1	1
Minor, 3 methods	1	1
Minor, 4 methods	5	3
Minor, 5 methods	3	2
Minor, 7 methods	42	7
Grandsire Triples	6	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	
Plain Bob Major	10	4
Plain Bob Royal	1	
Double Norwich Major	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	9	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	
Stedman Triples	8	
Stedman Caters	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	2	
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
London Surprise Major	2	
Total	100	20

* Includes first peal ever rung by Army and Navy band. These peals were commenced in 1903, with a break of nine years, and another of five years, during which no peals were rung; 191 ringers took part (24 first peals). Rung in 6 counties, 47 towers, and under 6 associations.

C.-Q.-M.-S. Gilbert wishes (through the medium of 'The Ringing World') to express his thanks to the following for their untiring patience and valuable help, during his spasmodic stages of ringing: 1903-4, Mr. J. H. Champion and W. J. Walker (still walking), Rainham, Kent, and Mr. William H. B. Wilkins, Tunstall, Kent (now at Oxford); 1913-14, Mr. Charles Edwards, Farnham, Surrey (now at Hereford), and the redoubtable A. H. P., also of Surrey; 1920-24, Mr. Alfred H. Pulling (still pulling), who was personally responsible for the Surprise methods, and one or two other 'firsts in the method.'

Lastly, all ringers with whom he has come in contact for the very pleasant hours that have been spent in scoring, and also losing peals and service touches.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Fifty six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each rung differently.' How did they do it? This is the question which the reader will naturally ask himself when perusing the report of the peal at Radstock. The footnote will enlighten him. Each of the five bells was used in turn for ten six-scores as the plain hunt bell.

A peal has been rung at Weybridge, Surrey, the first since Sept. 12th, 1900, when the Rev. F. E. Robinson called a peal of Stedman Triples.

Forty years ago to-morrow, viz., on January 24th, 1885, the Sussex Association was established, and there can now be very few of the original founders left.

Two days later the first peal by the Association was rung by the Brighton branch at Uckfield, conducted by J. Jay, senr. Of that band there are, we believe, only two survivors: Charles Tyler, of Henfield; and George King, now in Canada.

Six other peals were rung in the same year, and in those days a marble tablet was put up for each peal! But that practice soon became too costly.

There was a singular coincidence on January 25th, 1842. On that day a peal of 8,105 Stedman Caters was rung at Painswick, and a peal of 8,081 Grandsire Caters at Stroud. Both, however, afterwards turned out to be false.

On January 28th, 1751, a peal of 5,094 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, London.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 10,080 Double Norwich at Appleton on January, 1888.

The same date in the year 1911 saw the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung in London. This was by the College Youths, at Cornhill.

The first peal of Double Bob ever rung, 'with bobs behind and before alternately,' was performed at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Sunday, January 29th, 1769, composed and conducted by George Gross.

Henry Haley, the famous London ringer, died at Bethnal Green on January 29th, 1886, at the age of 66 years.

The peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on December 20th, and published under the heading of Biddenham, Kent, was rung at Biddenham, and the composer was A. E. Barnes, and not Barnes, as printed.

The peal rung at Isham last Saturday was finished in complete darkness at 5.10 p.m. owing to the omission of lighting lamps, and this explains why Plain Bob was substituted for the last method and rung twice in the peal. It was the treble ringer's first peal, and great credit is due to him on this account. The peal also celebrated the christening of David Edward Atkins by his grandfather, which took place at this church on the following day.

There is merit in a peal such as that rung at Marshfield, Gloucester, last week, as the footnote reveals.

The ring of six bells at St. Mary's Church, Old Leake, which have been silent for some years owing to their unsafe condition, are to be rehung with entirely new fittings by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The work is to be finished by Easter.

We are not certain who rang most peals in the year 1924, but the ringer who exceeded Mr. I. G. Shade's total of 84 made a good score. We said some time ago that Mr. Shade, who was then a long way past the thousand mark, had given up work to go in for ringing, and, by George, he has not belied the prophecy.

Apropos the 'long' peal at St. Giles', a correspondent suggests there might be a 'bow-legged' peal at Bow.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN STEPNEY RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Barrell, of Stepney, which took place on December 31st, after a long and painful illness, from cancer, in his 68th year.

Mr. Barrell was a regular service ringer at St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney, for many years, and rang the tenor there and at various other churches in the East of London, to many peals, a record of which is not available. Being of splendid physique, he was the ideal man for a heavy or difficult tenor, his perfect timing being a great feature of his ringing.

Born at Rittenden, in Essex, on December 17th, 1856, Mr. Barrell came to London to join the Commercial Brewery Co., Stepney, where he was a contemporary of Mr. Emanuel Hall, now residing in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on November 13th, 1890, he always maintained the greatest interest in the society.

On Wednesday evening, January 7th, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by the following members at St. Dunstan's Church: H. Langdon, T. Bennet, W. Tanner, W. G. Barrell (son), T. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, J. Scholes, R. F. Deal, J. Bullock, W. T. Cockrill; and afterwards Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major, with F. G. Symonds taking part.

Here the news was regrettably received that Mr. Emanuel Hall had lost his wife, after a short illness, at Toronto.

STONHAM ASPALL BELLS.

INTERESTING HISTORY OF THIS OLD SUFFOLK RING.

We are indebted to Mr. Theodore E. Slater, of Glemsford, for the following further particulars concerning the bells at Stonham Aspell, Suffolk, Mr. Slater having copied them from the MSS. compiled by his father.

Extract from the 'Ipswich Journal' for 1743:—

'Samuel Grimwood, Innkeeper, of Stonham Aspell, gives notice to all lovers of ringing that on Monday, the twenty-third of May next, the new peal of ten bells, lately cast by Mr. Thomas Lester, of London, and now hanging there by Mr. John Williams, will be rung for the first time by any company that will do themselves the pleasure of coming. The Norwich and Aylsham ringers have hired lodgings at Stonham Pye and the neighbouring houses, intending to be in the steeple early on that date abovementioned.

'N.B.—Mr. John Williams who has hung most of the peals in and about London hangs church and chapel bells in the best manner, and at the cheapest rates, and may be spoken with at any time at his house in Stonham Aspell Street.'

It will be seen by the foregoing that the new peal of ten bells was opened on Monday, May 23rd, 1743. They remained thus until 1826, when they were all taken down and entirely rebung by Thomas and Joshua Hurry, of Norwich, and six of them recast. They were opened on Thursday, December 28th, 1826, when the two Hurrys and some of the Norwich Scholars, with William Leach, of Ipswich, started for a 5,400 of Bob Royal. When they had rung about 3 hours, Leach set his bell, the tenor, and said to Thomas Hurry, who was calling the peal and ringing the treble and had made a false call: 'No! No! Mr. Hurry, there is scope enough on ten bells without ringing changes over again. I never rang a false peal yet, and never will, if I know it.'

The first account of a peal being rung on the bells is copied from the files of the 'Ipswich Journal,' but it is thought that it was not the first peal rung on the bells.

'On Sunday, the 22nd of September, 1751, was rang upon the eight largest bells at Stonham Aspell, in the county of Suffolk, a complete peal of Five Thousand and Forty Bob Major Doubles, in 3 hours and 20 minutes, by the persons undermentioned: Henry Gray third, Daniel Heasham fourth, Richard Wade fifth, James Gardiner sixth, Joseph Alexander seventh, John Sharp eighth, William Walker ninth, James Wilson tenor.'

No conductor's name is given in the 'Ipswich Journal.'

The next peal is without doubt Holt's Original, and this was the first time that it was rung out of London, and the second time that it was rung at all.

'On Friday, January 31st, 1752, was rang at Stonham Aspell, in the county of Suffolk, by their own Society of Ringers, a Five Thousand and Forty Grandsire Tripples, it being the second time ever rang with two Doubles only. This true peal has been very lately found out by Mr. John Holt, of London, and the Bobbs were called by Mr. William Walker. It was completed in 3 hours and 10 minutes by the eight following persons:—

'Henry Gray, treble; Daniel Heasham, 2nd; James Gardiner, 3rd; Richard Wade, 4th; William Banyard, 5th; John Sharp, 6th; Richard Moyses, 7th; John Thurlow, tenor. Note.—It is thought impossible for a man to ring one of the bells and call the Bobbs at the same time, the peal being so intricate.'

The following are records of other peals:—

'On Thursday last, February 11th, 1752, was rang at Stonham Aspell, in the county of Suffolk, a complete peal of 6,160 Bob Major on the eight largest bells, in 4 hours and 2 minutes:

'Henry Gray, third; Daniel Heasham, fourth; Richard Wade, fifth; John Sharp, sixth; William Banyard, seventh; John Plourman, eighth; Richard Moyses, ninth; William Walker, tenor. N.B.—John Sharp call'd the Bobbs.'

'Stonham Aspell.—A true peal of Five Thousand and Forty Bob Major that was rang at Stonham Steeple by ye Stonham Society on Monday, ye 4th of January, 1768. It was completed in three hours and fifteen minutes by ye people on ye other side written: Henry Gray, treble; Richard Wade, 2nd; William Banyard, 3rd; James Wilson, 4th; and called ye peal Joseph Alexander, 5th; Daniel Wade, 6th; Richard Moyses, 7th, younger; Richard Moyses, tenor, elder.'

This last peal record is copied from Daniel Wade's MS. book, which is still in my possession. The others were copied from the 'Ipswich Journal,' by Samuel Slater.

There is no record of any more peals being rung upon the bells until 1884, when ten members of the Norwich Association rang on Whit Monday in that year Ben Annable's 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, to which reference was made in your last issue.

The inscriptions on the bells before recasting were:—

On treble and second: 'Theodore Eccleston, Esq., 1742. Thos. Lester, of London, made me.'

On the old third:

'At proper times my voice I'll raise,
Unto my Benefactor's Praise.

Theodore Eccleston, Esq., 1742.'

The following is a description of the tower and bells made by

Samuel Slater: 'The steeple of the Parish Church, Stonham Aspell, is placed on the south side of the church, and forms the principal entrance to the church, this being a great curiosity. In the year 1742, Theodore Eccleston, a gentleman, residing at Crowfield Hall, decided to take down the old ring of five bells and replace them with a ring of ten. It appears that after he took down the old ring of five and got the new ring of ten, he had never thought how and where they were to be hung, as the steeple is a small one, being built only to receive the old ring of five. The room necessary for the ring of ten was found thus: The old steeple was taken down to the floor where the frames were to rest on, and a frame was made nearly the size of the steeple, and the bells hung on the walls, and the upper part was studded up, boarded and surmounted with four wooden pinnacles, and altogether has a very handsome appearance. The old ringing room was also very tastefully decorated and fitted up. It was about ten feet from the ground, and the walls and ceiling were plastered, and a boss with a gold and blue ring for each rope to come through in the ceiling. In the centre was a golden pineapple, from which hangs the beautiful brass chandelier with its six or eight branches, and round the boss was engraved the name of the donor, "Theodore Eccleston, Esq., 1742." The floor was fixed so that the ringers of the treble and second and the fifth and sixth bells could stand under the west and east arches in the steeple. The window comes down to the floor, and used to be opened to hear the trebles from the outside, as they hang quite on the wall. Then could be heard the ten bells to perfection. But now, alas! the ringers are placed higher up in the steeple, and the window already mentioned above cannot be opened, and so the trebles of this fine ring cannot now be heard in the ringing room, thus making it very awkward for the ringers to strike the ten bells, but they can be heard outside.'

Tradition tells us that the bells were taken first to Crowfield Hall barn, and there John Williams made the frames for them, the timber having grown on the estate.

When John P. Powell, of Quex Park, published his broadsheet and gave one to every existing band of ringers in the kingdom he sent one to Daniel Wade, and that along with Wade's MS. book, are in my possession in a good state of preservation.

The view of the church, shown in 'The Ringing World,' is a north view.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

EAST MARKHAM'S NEW BELLS.

The first meeting of the new year of the North Notts Association was held at Tuxford on Saturday last, and proved a very successful and representative gathering. Members were present from Anston, Blyth, Gainsborough, Dunham, Shirecoats, Treeton, Ordsall, East Retford, Laxton, Lincoln, East Markham, Worksop, Sutton-on-Trent, and the local company, numbering 28 in all. Usually at this place the Vicar has been in attendance to welcome all on arrival, but illness prevented him doing so, and his deputy was Mr. Smith, one of the wardens, who also arranged to have the bells in fair going order, considering that two or three of them require the services of a bell hanger. Mr. Smith promised to draw the attention of the Church Council to this, with a view to rehanging.

The following methods were rung: Oxford, Kent, Violet, Loudon Scholars' Pleasure and Bob Minor, a 720 being rung in this last-named method by a mixed band. At 4.15 p.m., a gentleman, who shall be nameless, volunteered to give some of the visitors a run in his large motor-car before tea to East Markham for the purpose of testing the two new bells which have recently been put in by Messrs. Taylor to augment the ring to eight. These bells were given by the late Mr. Henry Couleshaw as a memorial to himself and wife, who died quite recently. The bells are a beautiful 'splice' to the old six, and are another specimen of this well-known firm's good workmanship, the tone and 'go' being everything desired. The new clock being put in by Mr. Hopps, of Leamington, nephew of the late Mr. Couleshaw, is being arranged in the ringing chamber in one corner so as not to impede the view of the ringers, and the ropes fall in a beautiful circle. An intermediate floor has also been put in by this gentleman to deaden the sound, which has made a great improvement in the ringing chamber. The new bells will be dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 1st, at 2 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, after which the bells will be at the disposal of the visitors during Sunday afternoon and for evening service. Three short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung to give everybody a chance, and all expressed their appreciation of the sweetness and purity of the tone and good splice of the ring.

Returning to Tuxford at 5.30 p.m., tea was served to 28 at Mrs. Jones' Temperance Hotel, after which the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. Hargreaves in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Cecil Rushby, of Blyth, was elected a member.—The next meeting will be held at Blyth on Easter Monday, and will be advertised later in 'The Ringing World.'—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and congratulations were also extended to him and his wife on their recent marriage, wishes being expressed for their health, long life and happiness.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were rung until 8.15 p.m., when they were lowered in peal. H. H.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**ALTERATIONS TO RULES.**

The Guild's first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Bedworth on Saturday last. Members were present from Allesley, Coventry, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Nuneaton, Stoke and Wolvey, and included several ladies.

On account of the indisposition of the Rector (Canon F. R. Evans), together with the loss of his curate, by death, the usual service could not be held.

The tea and business meeting was held in the Schoolroom with the Rector's kind permission, Mr. H. Argyle being voted to the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the president.

The chief business was the adoption (with one or two exceptions) of the committee's recommendations of the revised rules. Several alterations were made, including the deletion of Rule 4, which deals with the qualification of members, it now being possible for any person to join the Guild on being nominated by two members at any meeting.

In view of the ordinary ringing members' subscription being raised from 1/6 to 2/-, it was also decided to increase the subscription of non-resident ringers to 5/-, and to include the presentation of the Guild's certificate.

It is hoped to have the new rules printed in the report, to be ready for distribution at the next annual meeting to be held at Rugby, in April.

Stoke-in-Coventry and Stratford-on-Avon were proposed for the next quarterly meeting, in July, Stoke being selected.

Mr. Allan Sanders (Exhall) was duly elected an hon member, and five others as ordinary ringing members.

The hon. general secretary brought forward the appeal for the Washbrook Memorial Fund, and, after some discussion, the scheme was commended to the members personally, in view of the financial position of the Guild.

The Hon. General Secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson) intimated a desire to be relieved of the office, and hoped the members would be prepared with a new nomination at the annual meeting.

Some excellent ringing was successfully accomplished in the tower, and included Bob Doubles for the learners, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, and London Surprise.

PRESENTATION AT SHREWSBURY.

On Monday week, January 12th, an interesting presentation was made in the belfry of St. Julian's Church to Mr. D. J. Boucher, on his leaving the town for Germany. The gift consisted of a cigarette case and a box of cigarettes, subscribed for by St. Chad's band, of which the recipient is an esteemed member. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Evans, the oldest member of St. Chad's Society, who spoke of the valuable services rendered to the society by Mr. Boucher. Mr. C. R. Lilley, the conductor, also added a few words, and Mr. Boucher briefly thanked the members for their kind appreciation. Mr. Boucher leaves Shrewsbury with best wishes for his success in his new sphere. Mr. Boucher rang all his first peals with St. Chad's Society, viz., Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Grandsire Caters, all being the first rung on St. Chad's bells. He also took part in the first peal in seven methods in the county at St. Julian's, and has rung peals on all numbers from 5 up to 12 bells, except Royal and Cinques.

Various farewell touches were rung at St. Julian's, including 360 Double Court, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Bob Minor and 240 Stedman Doubles.

On the following evening, at St. Chad's Church, 168 Stedman Triples, followed by a quarter-peal in the same method, in 51 mins.: J. Griffiths 1, J. E. Lilley 2, R. Pole 3, D. J. Boucher 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, W. T. Goodfellow 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

FREISTON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. Sharpe, who died on Wednesday, January 7th. He was a ringer at the Parish Church, Freiston, near Boston, Lines, for over 40 years, and had conducted many peals.

The bells at Freiston were rung half-muffled, after the funeral on Saturday, January 10th, and on Sunday, January 11th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Skirbeck, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect, by S. G. Lovell 1, F. Battram 2, J. Kirk 3, F. Leggott 4, H. Palmer 5, A. H. Palmer (conductor) 6.

The deceased had been a member of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for forty years, and will be greatly missed.

MR. R. D. MARSHALL'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 11; Grandsire Caters, 5; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 5; Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; Superlative Surprise, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Cinques, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9 (conducted 3); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major (treble), 1; London Surprise, 1. Rung in 26 towers, under 7 associations, in 8 counties.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The annual general meeting, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, January 17th, was well attended, and it was pleasing to see many provincial members on this occasion.

Many touches were rung on the beautiful peal of bells, which were kept going until 6 p.m. Tea was then served, after which the business meeting was held in the Church Room.

The balance sheet and report for the year were very satisfactory.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; secretary, Mr. J. Sparrow, 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Cornford; stewards, Messrs. C. Matthews and T. Bovan; trustees, Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy.

At the conclusion of the meeting, touches were rung on the hand-bells, and brought to a close a very pleasant and enjoyable gathering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District held their annual meeting last Saturday at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W. The bells were set going at 4 o'clock, and a service was held for the ringers, the Rev. C. B. Marshall giving a short and interesting address. Tea followed in the Church Room, where over twenty members sat down. The business meeting followed the tea, with Mr. H. Mance (the Master) in the chair. The balance sheet was adopted.—It was proposed by Mr. Essery, and seconded by Mr. Mackrill, that Mr. H. Mance should be re-elected as chairman, a decision which met with applause and entire approbation.—Mr. H. Mance agreed to accept office, and re-occupied the chair.—Messrs. Mitchell, Wood and Essery were again re-elected to the posts of hon. secretary, treasurer, and steward, respectively.—The usual hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, who had carried out their duties so effectually during the past year, and this vote of appreciation was duly acknowledged by those concerned.

It is the most earnest desire of all the ringers to tender their most sincere thanks to the Rev. C. B. Marshall, and to Mr. H. Dvas for their assistance in placing the tower and meeting-room at the disposal of the members.

After the meeting, the bells were set going again, and the most popular methods rung until nine o'clock.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**SECRETARY RETIRES AFTER TEN YEARS' SERVICE.**

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 17th, about 40 members being present, representing 11 towers. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and at 5 p.m. a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Scutt), Mr. Capeling being at the organ. Tea, given by the Guild, was partaken at the Swan Hotel. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Scutt was again elected president, and Mr. C. W. Everett, Master. Mr. Balcomb, who has carried out the duties of hon. secretary and treasurer for the past ten years, to the great disappointment of the members wished to resign, and on the proposition of Mr. Youngs, seconded by Mr. Page, Mr. C. W. Franklin was elected in his stead.

The committee were elected, with the addition of Mr. Pattenden. Three new members, namely, Mrs. Pattenden, Mr. Birch and Mr. Wratton, were entered on the list, bringing the number of members to eighty.

Mersham was selected for the next meeting-place on Feb. 21st.

Mr. C. Tribe, in thanking Mr. Balcomb for his services, stated that in the past ten years he had raised the number of members from 36 to 77. That alone spoke for the grand work he had done, and he hoped the new secretary would follow in his footsteps.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for presiding at the meeting.

This concluded the business, after which the members settled down to one of the most enjoyable of social evenings, with Miss Neaks at the piano. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Youngs, Parsons, Franklin, Tribe, Pattenden, Johnson and Capeling, and recitations by Messrs. Balcomb, Franklin and Parsons. The evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem, and the members then turned homeward, some fortunate ones by car, others by cycle and motor-cycle, all having had a really good time.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**SUPPORT FOR THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.**

A successful meeting was held at Tattenhall on January 10th, when some 60 members and friends assembled from affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry, and such distant places as Chester, Croydon, North Wales, Wellington, etc. A short service was held in the Collegiate Church of St. Michael, and a helpful address delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Goode), who also gave the assembly a hearty welcome. A good tea was provided at the Mitre Inn.

It was agreed to support the Washbrook Memorial project by sending subscription sheets round to the several towers.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, etc.; the Rev. R. N. Lawson for presiding at the organ; and to Mr. R. Pickering, the local captain, for getting things ready. The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Shenstone on April 25th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. THE SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on January 10th. A service was held at St. Paul's Church, the address being given by the Rev. E. E. B. Grant, of Sunninghill. Prior to the service touches were rung on the bells, and after the service the company adjourned to St. Paul's Parish Room, where some 98 ringers sat down to tea.

The business meeting followed. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, R.D., chairman of the district, was supported by the Rev. B. Long (Rector of All Saints', Wokingham), the Rev. H. M. Walter (Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham), the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield (Barkham), the Rev. Canon Newhouse (Sandhurst), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, the Rev. E. E. B. Grant, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general Guild secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Mr. F. Dentry (hon. secretary and treasurer, Sonning branch), Mr. E. S. Barry and Mr. A. H. Lusty.

The hon. treasurer produced the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £16 13s. 1d., an increase of 30s. on last year. The Hon. Secretary reported that the branch had made steady progress, not so much by ringing peals as by the number of practices, and so educating the beginners. The membership was 194, compared with 173 last year. The honorary members had been increased by four, thanks to the efforts of Miss Walker and Miss Robinson.

The Secretary made sympathetic reference to the late Mr. Broome, and spoke in high terms of the deceased gentleman's efforts on behalf of the bellringers. He also regretted to report the death of Mr. Arthur Guy. They all wished Mr. Arthur Jones (Wokingham) a speedy recovery from his long illness. One peal had been rung during the year at Finchampstead. He expressed his thanks to the foremen of towers for their help in connection with the combined practices.

The Chairman read a letter from Mrs. Broome, and a vote of condolence was passed with her, all standing.

The Chairman also announced the death of the former Vicar of Binfield, the Rev. R. A. C. Bevan.

The Secretary read several proposed amendments to rules, which were passed without comment.

The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr. F. Dentry secretary and treasurer of the branch. The following were elected to serve on the branch committee: Mr. S. Embien, Arborfield; Mr. W. Cook, Barkham; Mr. J. Rance, Binfield; Mr. W. Newton, Easthampstead; Mr. W. Goddard, Finchampstead; Mr. Joseph White, Hurst; Mr. J. Moth, Sandhurst; Mr. G. J. Wright, Sonning; Mr. F. Dentry, Twyford; Mr. W. Mortimore, Waltham St. Lawrence; Mr. W. H. Easterling, Wargrave; Mr. W. J. Brooks, Wokingham All Saints; and Mr. W. Houlton, Wokingham St. Paul's.

Mr. Wright reported on the combined practices, which he considered had been an improvement on last year; the highest attendance was 32, and the lowest 11.

Mr. Moth said he did not agree that the practices had been more successful, as they had been poorly attended at the eight bell towers. They wanted ringers to attend and ask for a method to be tried.

Mr. Houlton moved 'That the railway fares of branch representatives to the General Guild Committee be repaid from the funds of the branch.'—Mr. Wright (Sonning) seconded, and the resolution was passed unanimously.

The following were elected to serve as branch representatives: Messrs. J. Moth, G. J. White, W. J. Paice and J. Rance.

The following were elected to serve on the Combined Practice Committee: Messrs. Moth, White, Brooks, Rance, Darrille, Nash and Paice.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. R. H. HART DAVIS.

The Chairman said it was his pleasing duty to propose 'That the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis should be elected president of the branch.' No other branch had a president. He considered it would be a very honourable thing if they asked their old chairman of some thirty years' standing to accept the presidency of that branch.—The proposition was carried with acclamation.

The Chairman said they could not speak too highly of the excellent work their late chairman had done. Mr. Hart Davis had also been Guild secretary for a number of years. It was his pleasant duty to ask him to accept as a slight token of their appreciation a blotting pad. He had noticed that Mr. Davis' present pad was worn out (laughter), so he thought a blotting pad would remind him of his old friends. The pad was bound with sealskin, with corner pieces of solid silver, and gold lettering, bearing the words, 'Presented to the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, 10th day of January, 1925.'

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, in acknowledging the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him as their president, thanked them for the most useful gift. He greatly appreciated their kindness, and would value the blotter exceedingly. He had handed the chairmanship over to a noted bell ringer. He considered what he had done to be very little.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) stated that

he had visited a large number of towers, and a great deal of restoration work had been carried out during the past year.

Mr. Hibbert (general secretary) expressed a hope that every tower would collect subscriptions for the Washbrook Memorial Funds.

Mr. Houlton remarked that the late Mr. Washbrook rang his first peal in 1881 at St. Paul's (Wokingham) tower.

A sum of two guineas was voted to the memorial scheme from the branch funds.

The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. M. Walter for placing the church and parish room at their disposal, to the preacher, also to the ladies who had provided tea, especially Mrs. Houlton, who was responsible for the catering.

The Rev. H. M. Walter said the meetings of the bell ringers brought back many happy memories.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. WORK IN THE CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch was held at Prestbury on Saturday, January 10th, and was attended by over 40 members from eight towers. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, with the genial captain of the tower, Mr. Pendry, in attendance. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Baghot de la Bere), who also gave an excellent address on 'The good bells of Old England.'

Tea was partaken of in the Institute, kindly provided by the Vicar, who had many willing helpers.

The Vicar having to leave after tea to take a service, Mr. G. H. Phillot was voted to the chair.

The Secretary, in his report, referred to the continued interest taken in the association. He was sorry to say they had only rung three peals for the branch, but that was no indication of the work done; in fact, a great deal had been accomplished, especially in the outlying districts.

A very satisfactory balance sheet was presented, and the branch would be able to send a larger amount for the Association Belfry Repair Fund than last year.

The following officers were unanimously elected: Chairman, the Rev. A. D. Kennington; branch representative, W. Townsend; hon. secretary, W. Yeend.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded those gentlemen for their past services.

Dunblaton was selected as the venue for the next meeting, to be held early in May.

Several new members were elected.

Following a discussion, it was decided that Rule III. (general rules) and Rule I. (branch rules) required altering, and would be brought before the general meeting at Tewkesbury.

Mr. W. Hale proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and lady helpers for their generosity at tea, also that the best thanks be accorded Mr. G. H. Phillot for taking the chair.

A return was then made to the tower, and good practice obtained.

RINGER'S DEATH FROM ACCIDENT.

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. John Moore, who was born at Preston, Suffolk, on November 2nd, 1858, and died at Chelmsford Hospital on Jan. 7th, three hours after admission, from injuries by accident at the Marconi Works, where he was employed as a shunter. Deceased began to ring in the early 'eighties,' under the tuition of his old friend, Mr. A. Symonds, and after migrating to Lavenham he learnt to ring Grand sire, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, his favourite method being Kent. He rang his first peal at Lavenham on Saturday, December 19th, 1896 (5,008 Bob Major). In this he rang the 4th, and he rang the same bell to the longest length of Bob Major yet rung on the bells, viz., 6,240 in 3 hours and 55 minutes, on December 27th, 1909. Deceased, who was highly respected by all who knew him, was interred in Lavenham Cemetery on Monday, January 12th, the Rev. G. H. Lenox Conyngham officiating. In the evening, the SS. Peter and Paul's company rang, with deeply muffled clappers, J. J. Parker's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as a last token of respect: M. T. Symonds 1, L. Poulson 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, F. A. Poulson 4, F. F. Mortlock 5, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 6, W. Faiers 7, A. Symonds 8.

Some beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave by the widow and family, also one from the Marconi employees.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL, 'DOUBLE-HANDED.'

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday last, was the first touch in the method (on twelve bells) by the Brothers Gofton, for whom, with Messrs. Morris and Poole, the peal was specially arranged. A handbell peal of Stedman Cinques on Sunday, January 18th, was preceded and followed by some excellent double-handed practice in Surprise methods, including what is believed to be the first course of Cambridge Surprise Royal ever rung on handbells, by G. R. Pye 1-2, W. Pye 3-4, H. J. Poole 5-6, T. T. Gofton 7-8, J. A. Gofton 9-10.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 18th, for a Masonic service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: C. Moulton 1, W. G. Pinnigar 2, J. Lawson 3, J. Dafters (conductor) 4, F. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, H. Brasher 7, B. Heisterman 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, January 18th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 1,259 Stedman Caters: C. T. Coles (conductor) 1, E. Morris 2, H. Rumens 3, J. A. Goffon 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, J. C. Adams 6, F. C. Maynard 7, T. T. Goffon 8, H. J. Poole 9, W. H. Freeman 10.

BARNES.—At the Church of St. Mary's, on Sunday, January 18th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Cook 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmor 3, H. Rivers 4, R. Mackrill 5, W. C. Stacey 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—On Sunday, Jan. 11th, for evening service, a date touch, 1,925, in 1 hour 10 mins.: C. Blackburn 1, A. Blackburn 2, A. Marshall 3, F. Hodgson (conductor) 4, J. Banks 5, R. Goddard 6, E. Betts 7, W. Thomas 8. Longest length in the method by all but the conductor, and longest length on tower bells for him.

LECKHAMPTON.—On Sunday evening, January 11th, for service, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 38 mins.: A. Candle 1, F. Pratt 2, T. Hunt 3, A. Hunt 4, J. Ballinger 5, W. Townsend (cond.) 6, W. Hunt 7, C. Richings 8.

EGERTON, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Jan. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: W. Henniker 1, J. Edwards 2, J. Skinner 3, G. Youngs 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, L. Prior 6.

FELSTED, ESSEX.—At the Church of the Holy Cross, for children's afternoon service, on January 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the first quarter-peal by the local band: R. Wilson 1, H. C. Reason 2, A. H. Farrow 3, F. Jacob 4, W. T. Farrow 5, H. C. Ebert 6, J. Wood (conductor) 7, H. Fuller 8.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 11th, for Feast of Epiphany, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: R. Heazel 1, F. G. Ringe 2, E. Furbank 3, H. Turner 4, R. Ong 5, G. Miles 6, A. Rainbird (conductor) 7, P. S. Carroll 8.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, January 11th, in 43 mins., for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. W. Thomas 1, G. Stacey (Minthead) 2, C. T. Rawlings 3, W. Thomas 4, J. Jones 5, S. Roper (Croydon) 6, R. Clark (conductor) 7, F. Mason 8.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, January 11th, for Matins, 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Woodbine: J. Mountford 1, W. Corfield 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, F. Triner 6.—Also for evensong, 240 each of London, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise: C. S. Ryles 1, J. W. Walker 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Waller 6.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: T. Bevan 1, R. E. Summers 2, J. Blake 3, W. Powell 4, W. T. Poston 5, H. Powell 6, W. Poston (conductor) 7, C. Townsend 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 5th and 8th.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On January 11th, for evening service, 1,120 Little Bob Major, in 43 mins.: H. Cooper 1, C. H. Baker 2, E. Dalington 3, J. Dixon 4, J. T. Ladd 5, H. Morgan (conductor) 6, W. T. Cooper 7, H. Torr 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 8th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. T. Cooper.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Turner 1, C. Yates 2, P. Asplin 3, F. Hopper 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Turner (21st), F. Hopper and J. Townsend, whose birthdays were January 9th, 10th and 9th, respectively.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, at St. Magnus, London Bridge, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. T. Kentish 1, W. N. Ashby (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, S. C. Moye 3, J. R. Gammon (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, E. D. Smith 5, T. H. Taffender 6, W. Bottrell 7, S. N. Platt 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 53 mins. (1,296 changes): W. Fletcher 1, W. Henley 2, F. Bolt 3, R. Turner 4, H. Wingrove 5, J. Batting 6, R. Buckland 7, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 504 of Stedman Triples: W. Fletcher 1, C. C. Mayne 2, F. Bolt 3, H. Wingrove 4, R. Turner 5, J. Batting 6, R. Buckland (conductor) 7, A. S. Bagley 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Beckensale 2, E. V. Beadle 3, W. Lidbetter 4, T. Beadle 5, J. Milner 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.—On Sunday, January 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Webb 1, F. G. Goddard 2, G. Spencer 3, J. Milner 4, T. Beadle 5, W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, A. Beckensale 7, A. Sheard 8.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LONG MELFORD.**

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Long Melford, when upwards of 50 ringers attended from the following towers: Ipswich, Sudbury, Lavenham, Sproughton, Polstead, Cornard, Cavendish, Wormingford, Assington, Raydon, Tuddenham, Foxearth, Sible Hedingham, Earls Colne, Gestingthorpe, Grinstead Green, Castle Camps (Rev. E. F. Routh) and Swindon (Mr. J. H. Shepherd). Many of the local band were also present. Tea was served at the Rectory, and was followed by a short business meeting, the president (Archdeacon Farmiloe) being in the chair, supported by the assistant secretary (Mr. S. H. Symonds) and Mr. C. Sedgley (Ringing Master). The Rev. H. Drake, general secretary, was unable to attend, through illness.

Four new members were elected, and Mr. A. Symonds' proposition, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th, was agreed to.

The Ringing Master gave a brief report on the 87 peals rung for the Guild during the last year.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon for presiding, to the Rev. Bree for the use of the bells and also to the waitresses.

Mr. E. Ambrose said it was a pleasure to see so many ringers at a quarterly meeting, especially the company from Ipswich.—The Archdeacon and Rector both responded, saying how pleased they were to see so many church workers there that day.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —

Established 1637. — The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Luke's, Derby, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of officers for the year and discussion of various matters affecting the association. A good attendance is requested. — G. C. Wallace, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). — A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches. — A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. — J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch. — A meeting of the branch will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Service 6 p.m. All requiring tea notify by Jan. 21st. — F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Frodsham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Jan. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. All are welcome. — W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District. — The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 24th. Service at 4.30. Tea at Everatt's Cafe, Market Street, at 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head (for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous). Business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Hearty welcome to all. — H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 20, Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, Torquay. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 'Manchester Hall' 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions now due. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at St. James', City, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers, etc. The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds will be held at the close of the branch meeting. — P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells will be available at 2.45 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend. — Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — A branch committee meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Cookham. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Musical service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards till 8.30 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — A meeting of the above will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. — L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster-Presteign District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Rearrangement of district to be settled. — Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Steam Cottage, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. The address will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves. Tea and meeting to follow, at which report and balance sheet will be presented. — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

PENISTONE, YORKS. — The new peal of eight bells will be available for ringing all day on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each, and ringing arranged in companies on the time limit to those only who notify me by Jan. 21st. Will companies please let me know how many they are bringing and the time of their expected arrival, so that those coming short can be made up with odd ringers? — George Hill, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District. — The dedication of two new trebles at Cheriton will take place on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 3 p.m. All members are cordially invited. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Schoolroom. — H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District. — The annual meeting will be held at Edmonton on Satur-

day, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 4. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing: Sunday mornings, 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock, except first Sunday in each month. Annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, at 8 p.m. sharp, for the election of officers and other business.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting in large Vestry at 4.45 p.m. Business: Election of officers for 1925. Nominations to be sent in at once. Also matters of importance affecting the association to discuss. A good attendance is requested. All welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me before Jan. 28th. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at or before this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 28th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, at the Carlton Café, High Street, at 5.30; followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton (5) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 27th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly make a point of letting me know not later than Wednesday, the 28th? Members are also reminded that all subscriptions for 1924 are overdue. Buses leaves Sibsey for Boston at 6.30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 10.50 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 7 p.m. The bells will be available for 3.15 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next district meeting will be held at St. Andrew's South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.15 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify by Tuesday, Jan. 27th, to Mr. R. B. Robinson, 54, Albert Street, Shildon?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 31st? Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., and address by the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and business meeting to follow in Church Institute. Will all those requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 28th? Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Established 1672.—The third annual memorial dinner to the late William Doubleday Crofts will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 9d. each. Ladies and visitors specially invited. Will all those requiring tickets please apply to the secretary by Jan. 29th certain?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Saturday, Jan. 31st, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at East Dereham on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—G. H. Cross, Norwich.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Jan. 31st, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.15, business meeting after, and service at 6.30. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by Friday, the 30th?—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford and Canterbury Districts.—A combined practice will be held at Wye on Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th. — E. G. Buesden and H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Secs., Pattison Farm, Mersham, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due. — J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at Sproughton and Bramford available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Sproughton, free to all sending their names by Feb. 3rd to G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. It is essential that South and West members should make an effort to attend this meeting. The Vicar and churchwardens will entertain members to tea in the New Church Hall, South Street, after service. But please notify me by the 4th those requiring same, and oblige W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after in Church Room. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea up to 7 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 4th? All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.

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