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'RAISING AND FALLING' IN PEAL.

The opinion expressed by the Vicar of Broxbourne, at a meeting of the Hertford County Association in his parish the other day, on the subject of 'raising and falling' in peal is not only worthy of notice, but is a view which should be encouraged. He urged that the practice should be more universal, as this form of getting the bells up and down sounds much better to listeners outside than the clanging of three or four bells, and spoiling the effect of good ringing before or after. From this opinion few will differ, but like everything else, raising and falling needs to be properly done.

The practice of getting bells up and down in peal is one which, it must be admitted, is nothing like as common in towers where change ringing prevails as where 'stony' is the order of the day. In many of the towers, where nothing is known of scientific change ringing, the ringers take a real pride in their raising and falling, and it is often a matter of greater ritual than anything that comes in between. One has only to visit some of the west country belfries to realise this. Among the men who ring the bells in some of these village churches, a man is of small account as a ringer, whatever other accomplishments he may have, if he cannot make something of a show at 'raising' and 'falling.' In this matter the call-change men often set an example to many of those who pride themselves on their change ringing abilities.

Obviously, bells well raised or lowered in peal are much nicer to listen to than bells jangled up or down, two or three at a time, often without the exercise of any regard for the 'chords.' And yet, to men with 'ears' and with ability to strike their bells, the task is an easy one. Why, then, is it not more extensively practised? Is it laziness, or is it a desire to save time and so put in a few more minutes' change ringing, or is it sheer indifference? Whatever the cause, there is no excuse why bands should not make themselves proficient in this branch of ringing. It needs practice, but it is worth it. We have seen men ring a bell with admirable precision through a difficult method, yet make a complete hash, immediately afterwards, of lowering a bell in peal, demonstrating that, however simple the process looks, it cannot be properly carried out without practice. Raising and lowering ought to form as important a part of a young ringer's training as his instruction in ringing rounds, but where there are towers—and there must be thousands of them up and down the country—in which no one can do it properly, he gets no tuition in this department of ringing,

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and cuts a sorry figure when he tries his hand in another belfry, or has to admit that the process is beyond him. It would be far pleasanter for the listening public if bells were raised and lowered in peal, and associations might do something to encourage it. We hope the plea of the Vicar of Broxbourne will have effect not only in the county of Herts, but in a much wider sphere where ringers do not at present utilise this excellent way of beginning and ending their ringing.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 24, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At St. Patrick's Cathedral,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*GABRIEL G. LINDOFF, JUN. <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH A. ATKINSON 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	ROBERT TAIT 7
THOMAS MCMORRAN 3	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY 8
HARRY WILLS 4	GEORGE F. WILMOT 9
WILLIAM H. WILSON 5	WILLIAM E. LYNCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a token of respect to the memory of the late Earl of Iveagh, who, amongst his many generous gifts, presented this cathedral with its noble back ten in 1897.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 27, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM PIKE 6
ERNEST H. HUNT 2	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH 3	FRED ATWELL 8
JOHN BULLEN 4	CHARLES GREEDY 9
*PERCY JONES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6001 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY HARRISON <i>Treble</i>	†GEORGE A. NEWTON 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
KEDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 8
C. FERGUSON 4	HAROLD G. JENNEY 9
*ALBAN DISNEY 5	RICHARD GRANT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. Harold J. Poole and Miss Phyllis Hare.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WALTER FISHER <i>Treble</i>	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 8
ERNEST JONES 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
JOHN WILKINSON 5	BENIAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE

Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, on Wednesday, September 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Padgett 1, H. F. Clulow 2, E. H. Clulow 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. R. Harrison to Miss D. E. Merryweather, both of Southwell.

SWINDON, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

JACK S. ROBERTS... .. Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 6
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 2	HARRY WHEELER ... 7
ALBERT W. BOND ... 3	CYRIL HUSSEY ... 8
ROBERT W. HYNTER ... 4	HERBERT W. BISHOP ... 9
HARRY A. HEARL ... 5	ERNEST BISHOP ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' ONE-PART.

GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... 5
FRANK PONTING ... 2	THOMAS WITTS ... 6
ARTHUR HARMER ... 3	THOMAS PRICE ... 7
HARRY PHELPS ... 4	LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

DERBY.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*FRED COOK... .. Treble	JOHN W. GLEW ... 5
WILFRED H. BUNTON ... 2	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 6
CYRIL J. JENNINGS ... 3	WILLIAM A. PARSONS ... 7
FREDERICK W. STONE ... 4	ARTHUR SHERWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by C. J. JENNINGS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in commemoration of the hallowing of the diocese. Ringers of treble and tenor elected members before starting.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY BENNETT... .. Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 6
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7
JACK HONEY ... 4	WILLIAM HUTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Honey.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*EDWARD BAREHAM ... Treble	HARRY W. CATTERWELL ... 5
LEWIS WISEMAN ... 2	FRED WILKIN ... 6
HORACE COOPER ... 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 7
OLAVE BROYD ... 4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by W. BURGESS.

* First peal. Harry W. Catterwell was elected a member of the Essex Association before starting for the peal.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 2	HAROLD V. COOPER ... 6
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... 7
WILLIAM GIBBS ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and also a birthday compliment to Mr. Matthew Hackett.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CECIL DRAKE ... Treble	WILLIE PROCTER ... 5
*JOHN WINDLE ... 2	JOE GREENWOOD ... 6
WILLIAM AMBLER ... 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 7
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... 4	MILLIGAN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting. First peal as conductor.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN, BLACKBURN, PRESTON & FURNESS BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	FORNESS WOODEND ... 5
*EDWIN JENNINGS ... 2	JAMES HARRISON ... 6
FREDERICK HINDLE ... 3	JOHN BOOTH ... 7
*MISS CLAYTON ... 4	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in method. Ringers of 4th and 6th hail from Houghton, 7th and 8th from Standish, 2nd from Kendal, 5th from Brathay, 1st and 3rd are local.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*WILFRED HENAGUPH ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLETT ... 5
CHARLES COLES ... 2	HARRY TOLLEY ... 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	*GEORGE HORWOOD ... 7
†FRANK BECKETT ... 4	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. TUCKER.

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor, and the first peal of Major on the bells. Rung by all St. Ebbe's ringers.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 25, 1927, in Three Hours

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... 7
*ARTHUR MARTIN ... 4	ALEXANDER EVANS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This was the 50th occasion on which T. F. King had rung a peal with J. T. Dyke and G. H. Harding.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Sunday, October 16th, for harvest festival, at St. Ann's Church, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor in 25 mins.: F. E. Ringrose 1, E. G. Hibble 2, T. G. Deal 3, F. Fensom 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

TWERTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	THOMAS F. KING 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
ARTHUR MARTIN 3	ALEXANDER EVANS 7
THEODORE GRANT 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

The peals at Corston and Twerton were arranged for Mr. Alex Evans, of Burnham-on-Sea.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	WALTER THOMAS 5
ALBERT E. RICHARDS 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	WILLIAM J. CLARKE 7
GEORGE JONES 4	REGINALD L. INCE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal on the bells since rehanging and tuning.

DERBY.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 28, 1927, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WILFRED H. BOXTON Treble	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 5
WILLIAM POYSER 2	GEORGE W. BRAME 6
CYRIL J. JENNINGS 3	*CYRIL J. PORTER 7
JOHN W. GLEW 4	†JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal and 60th as conductor. Ring to celebrate the hallowing of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby.

FOWEY, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. FIMBARRUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD Treble	JOSEPH WOODLEY 5
JAMES E. LILLEY 2	FREDERICK G. VILES 6
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	HAROLD BENNETT 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY 4	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. First peal of Triples on the bells.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 5
*AUBREY L. BENNETT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
†DAVID G. TAYLOR 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob with a bob bell.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-OF-HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in E flat.

HENRY C. ALFORD Treble	ALBERT TURNER 5
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 6
CHARLES J. CHOOET 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. BURTON.

Conducted by J. BULLOCK.

Rung as birthday compliment to Mrs. Alford.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	*JOHN THOMPSON 7
ALFRED G. GRANT 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal in the method, and first 'attempt.'

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	*FREDERICK S. MACRY 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	*HERBERT J. HAMMOND 7
*BERT LUCK 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Oxford. Birthday peal for C. H. Sone. This composition appeared on page 455 of 'The Ringing World,' July 22nd, 1927.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES S. RYLES Treble	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 2	THOMAS HURD 6
THOMAS HILDITCH 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
ROBERT G. LEWIS 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the hanging of the bells, and was the first peal in the method by all the band, also the first peal in the method by the above association.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	*NOLAN GOLDEN 5
FRANK BLONDELL 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	WILLIAM E. CHREATER 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method, and hails from Northrepps, Norfolk.

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TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 5
*ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING
* 400th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.	
GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
FRED PRICE 2	THOMAS H. REEVES 6
ALBERT WALKER... .. 3	JOHN NEAL 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung specially in honour of the birthday of Mrs. Badger, wife of the Vicar at Bishop Ryders.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*RICHARD ATHERTON Treble	†ARTHUR HUTCHINSON ... 5
FRED READ... .. 2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 6
SYDNEY BROWN... .. 3	JOHN HIRST... .. 7
ARTHUR INGHAM 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by F. READ.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. First of Major as conductor. Ringers of 3rd, 4th and tenor from Churchkirk, the remainder from Rishton.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the association. Rung at the first attempt.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EAST CROMPTON.—On Monday, September 26th, in 1 hr. 16 mins., 2,160 Treble Bob Minor, being 720 each of Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Sandal: C. Thorpe 1, S. Heywood 2, R. H. Byrom 3, J. E. Buckley 4, C. Howarth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. Longest length by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ALLENMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD COLCOMBE Treble	HERBERT COLCOMBE 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 5
WALTER S. EVANS 3	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 21, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

*JACK BRAY Treble	*STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	*JOHN KENNINGTON 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in four methods.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*HAROLD G. SMITH Treble	*GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	*FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	†ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. E. WHEELDON.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise Minor. First Surprise peal on the bells. The 50th peal together by the brothers A. and G. H. Crawley. The conductor's 60th peal, and the first he has rung outside of North Staffordshire.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight of Morris' 240's and 26 six-scores.

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL... .. Treble	ALBERT E. KITCHEN 4
NORMAN GEARY 2	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 5
GEOFFREY GEARY 3	JOSEPH NORTON Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN S. BAGWORTH.

First peal of Doubles on the bells.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Double Court. Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD A. SNEATH Treble	WILLIAM ROSE 4
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for Miss Phyllis Hare to complete her century of peals.

PENCOMBE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 23, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD THOMAS Treble	*CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... 4
DAVID HORNE 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* 50th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HUNTINGDON.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 22, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE PRATT Treble	ARTHUR J. ABRAMS 4
*ERNEST H. MASTIN 2	JOHN SMART 5
†KENNETH SEWARD 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor, and 25th peal. Rung after meeting short for Triples. Messrs. Pratt and Mastin were elected members of the association previous to starting.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 24, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ERIC HOARE Treble	HERBERT HOARE 4
MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harold J. Poole and Miss Phyllis Hare, two well-known ringers, who were married on that date at the above church.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

BERNARD GILLATT Treble	GEORGE HOBBS 4
BRIAN BRAY 2	*ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
CHARLES H. BIRD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First extent of Treble Bob. First peal entirely of Treble Bob Minor by all.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 25, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES R. POWER Treble	FRED BLACKLIDGE 4
ARTHUR HATCH 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
JOHN R. STOTT 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF ANNABLE'S LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

PERCY WEBB Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.

At Matlock Parish Church, on Friday, October 28th, on the occasion of the hallowing of the new cathedral church at Derby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins.: A. Smith, Darley Dale (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Paulson, Darley Dale, 2, W. Askew 3, E. Greator 4, J. H. Paulson (conductor) 5, F. Paulson 6, E. Holmes (first quarter inside) 7, V. Taylor 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 26, 1927, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's Oxford Single Bob and four of Plain Bob.

*J. WALLIS, JUN... .. Treble	*H. HOOPER... .. 4
J. WALLIS 2	F. J. SANDERS 5
J. JUDD... .. 3	†H. R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

* First peal. † 100th peal. Rung as a welcome home to the Rector and his wife.

SHEEPEY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY W. GRICE... .. Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
HORACE V. ROWLEY 2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 5
RONALD H. DOVE 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The 160th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal. At the conclusion the ringers were entertained at the expense of Mr. Charles E. Thurlow, of Sheehey Hall, who personally visited and congratulated them on an excellent peal.

BUTTERWICK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently.

FRANK DEWEY Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS 4
JOHN T. BROWN 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 5
WILLIAM E. CLARKE 3	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 29, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lincoln, Durham, Stamford, Wearmouth, York, Lancashire and Lightfoot Surprise. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
WILLIAM ASHWORTH 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS 5
ARTHUR GILL 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

First Surprise peal on the bells, which have been six since 1748, and first of Surprise by all the band, none of whom had rung even a touch or plain course of any of the methods above, until this their first attempt at the methods and at a peal of Surprise. Rung in honour of the conductor's mother's birthday on October 28th.

HANDBELL PEAL.

EALING.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 28, 1927, in Two Hours,

At 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER... .. 1-2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. 3-4
WILFRED G. WILSON 5-6	

First and fourth 720 Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

Second and fifth 720 Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Third and sixth 720 Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

Seventh 720 Non-Conducted.

First peal by ringer of 1-2. First peal by ringer of 5-6 except for two tower bell peals of Grandsire Triples.

THE LATE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS.**PROPOSED MEMORIAL SCHEME.**

A special meeting of the Christchurch District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Milford-on-Sea, on Saturday, October 15th, those present including Mr. G. Preston, Mr. Elliott, Mr. W. Andrews, and members from Christchurch, Brockenhurst, Lymington, Winchester, North Stoneham and the local band.

At the business meeting, which was held in the tower, the Vicar (Rev. H. M. Larner) presided, and was supported by Mr. Manders and Mr. Pike, churchwardens.

The General Secretary of the Guild (Mr. G. Pullinger) said the meeting was arranged for the purpose of meeting the Vicar and churchwardens to consider if anything could be done in the way of rehanging the present ring of five bells, and, if possible, to add at least one more bell as a memorial to the late Vicar, Rev. C. E. Matthews, who had been connected with the Guild for over forty years, during which time he had held the posts of secretary, treasurer, master, and, finally, vice-president. There was £33 earmarked in the funds of the Guild for the purpose of restoring Milford bells, which was a scheme that their late vice-president had contemplated. With this sum, together with subscriptions, which he thought could be raised, the Guild would add a bell to their late vice-president's memory, if the Vicar, churchwardens and Church Council would proceed with the work of restoring their present old ring of five and put in a new frame for six.

The Vicar, in reply, expressed his pleasure and that of the churchwardens in welcoming the Guild to Milford. He knew that the Rev. C. E. Matthews had taken a great interest in bells and ringers, and was aware that he had started a scheme before his death for the restoration of Milford bells. He thought there was nothing more appropriate to his memory than that the Guild's memorial should be a 'name' bell, added to the present peal of five after they had been put in order; in fact, he was greatly in favour of having a complete octave. The whole question would be laid before the Church Council at their meeting to be held during the week, together with the Guild's generous offer, for which he heartily thanked the members.

Messrs. Andrews, Elliott and Tucker also spoke in favour of the scheme, and the Vicar said that no effort should be spared to get the scheme under way.

After various touches of Doubles had been rung, the members proceeded to Lymington, where a splendid tea was provided for them by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott.

After tea, the bells at Lymington were available, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major practised.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
HANDSOME GRANT FOR DERBY BELLS.**

The second general quarterly meeting of the year was held at North Wingfield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, October 22nd. The weather was most unkind—very wet, windy, and generally miserable. In spite of this, however, a good number of visitors and friends turned up from the Burton, Derby, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham districts, as well as the local ringers from Chesterfield, Sheffield, etc.

The bells, a splendid going peal of eight, were kept going to most standard methods, the striking being of the usual 'meeting' sort. The committee met in the schools at 3.30, and in the absence of the president (Alderman R. B. Chambers, J.P.), who sent a telegram regretting his absence owing to the state of his health and the terrible weather, Mr. C. Draper took the chair.

The usual routine business over, it was proposed to grant £20 to the rehanging and retuning of the bells at the new cathedral of Derby (All Saints').

In respect to the proposed memorial peal tablet to be erected in Duffield Church, recording the last peal rung by Sir A. P. Heywood, it was left to the hon. secretary to communicate with Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Chester (who has the matter in hand) and suggest that the M.C.A. make up the amount he has already collected, towards a suitable slate or stone tablet, to the sum required.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. W. Willson) also suggested that before printing the committee's report for the year it should first be read out at the third quarterly meeting in January, so that any comments, etc., might be noted.

An excellent tea was provided, and the general meeting took place immediately afterwards, the Rev. W. Peter Wright, of Eyam, being voted to the chair. New members elected since the last meeting were confirmed, viz., 16 ringing, 9 honorary and 3 life.

The proposed grant to Derby Cathedral bells was ratified, and the proposal with regard to the memorial peal tablet to Sir A. P. Heywood was passed. A further suggestion as to a stained glass window was discussed, and it was left to the hon. secretary to communicate with the president on the matter, with a view to an appeal to all associations, Guilds, societies and individual towers or ringers to subscribe.

The Rev. Peter Wright gave an outline of certain proposals he had in hand with a view to stimulating interest in change ringing in the scattered towers around Bakewell district, and appealed for support in this excellent work.

Hearty votes to the local committee and the ladies were passed and suitably replied to by Mr. J. P. Tarlton. Further ringing took place on the bells, during which the hon. secretary just had time to have a course of Cambridge on the tenor, dash off to catch the bus—incidentally falling 'up' (not down) the church step—away to Chesterfield and home with the hon. treasurer, wet and weary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are pleased to report that Mr. A. H. Pulling, who is now at his own home at Guildford, is making steady progress, but rest and quiet are essential to his successful recovery. Mr. Pulling is much touched by the many expressions of sympathy which have been sent, and he hopes in time to be able to acknowledge them.

To-morrow is the anniversary of several important events. Leaving out of account such things as Gunpowder Plot, it is the 290th anniversary of the foundation of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the 106th anniversary of the first peal of Superlative. This latter performance took place at Huddersfield, and was conducted by Benjamin Thackrah.

One hundred and forty years ago, also, a peal of 6,048 Cambridge Surprise Major (obviously, in the light of present knowledge, false) was rung at what is now Sheffield Cathedral, on the old ring, the tenor of which was 35 cwt.

The Yorkshire Association scored their first peal on November 9th, 1875.

We regret that through an error, the meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Loughborough was announced last week to take place on October 29th. This was the date originally fixed, but it was changed to to-morrow (November 5th), and the alteration did not appear in the advertisement.

A noteworthy performance was accomplished at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, on Saturday, when a band rang a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods without having previously rung a touch or plain course of either of them. This is a unique achievement upon which the ringers are to be heartily congratulated.

The death took place at a nursing home in Tunbridge Wells of Mr. William Wooding Starmer, A.R.A.M., who was a great advocate of carillon music. He was the composer of a variety of Church and secular music, a writer on musical subjects, and an examiner at the Mechlin School of Carillonneurs. He will be remembered by ringers as one of the principal witnesses in favour of recasting Coventry bells. Mr. Starmer was 60 years of age.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'New Ringer,' I do not wish to say anything against those ringers who attend one service on Sunday; my point was that there are many (not entirely numbered among the readers of 'The Ringing World') who do not go at all.

With reference to his remarks about ringers being 'kept' in church for two and a half hours, surely it is not a penance to attend the service, and, in any case, peal ringers have no objection to being 'kept' in for three and a half hours.

To 'Layman,' I would say that the clergyman I referred to does sometimes visit his ringers at practice, and is very pleased if the bells can be rung on Sundays; but he would sooner have a couple chimed than see three or four of the ringers walk out as the service is about to begin (there is no belfry door at this church).

We often read in 'The Ringing World,' and hear at meetings, high-sounding phrases about the position of ringers as church workers, and I think it does us good to hear the reverse side of the case sometimes, and to be told of our shortcomings. We should not forget that the primary purpose of the bells is to call the people to worship, and if those ringers who seldom or never attend that worship would take more interest in the affairs of the church, the clergy, on their part, would be more ready to help and encourage us.—Yours faithfully,

REFLEX.

AN OPINION FROM A 41 YEARS' RINGER.

Dear Sir,—If the tone of 'New Ringer's' letter is a reflection of his feeling, I would not give much for his churchmanship, especially if he thinks two hours a long time to be in church. Besides, if the clergy do not come to see you, go and see them, and hear if they have anything good to tell you.

I might add that I ring for and attend all the services, and it is not a flash in the pan, because I have been doing that for 41 years, and hope to do it a long time yet. If 'New Ringer' thinks he has done his 'bit' by going to ring, I should call it a very little bit.—Yours faithfully,

REGULAR RINGER AND SERVICE MAN.

MEMORIAL PEAL TABLET UNVEILED.

During the service at Lawton Church, Cheshire, on Sunday evening, October 16th, a peal tablet was dedicated in the belfry. This tablet, which records a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the local band on February 26th, 1927, was dedicated by the Rector (Rev. W. Harrison) to the glory of God and in memory of two late Lawton ringers who fell in the war. The tablet, which is made of oak, was carved and lettered throughout by one of the ringers in the peal, and was unveiled by Mrs. Condliffe, a sister of one of the fallen men.

LONDON.—On Tuesday, October 18th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, 1,350 Grandsire Triples: R. Bullen 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, G. Cole 3, C. W. Roberts 4, E. C. Garrard 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, J. E. Davis (conductor) 7, E. A. Young 8. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. W. Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of the church, on the occasion of her birthday.

JOINT GUILD FOR WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESES.

THE QUESTION OF TITLE.

A special general meeting of members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild residing in the new dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth was held at Southampton on Saturday, October 22nd, when about 50 members attended from the following towers: Basingstoke, Bishopstoke, Christchurch, Curdridge, Fareham, Hursley, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Portsea, Portsmouth, Ringwood, Romsey, Newport, Lyndhurst, Southampton, Whitechurch, Twyford and Winchester. A very welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, with his usual outfit.

The meeting was held in the Chantry Hall, presided over by Rev. N. C. Woods, who was supported by Rev. E. Jones, Messrs. G. Williams, H. Barton, G. Preston, W. Andrews, F. W. Rogers, E. J. Harding, F. Burnett, and other prominent members of the Guild. Apologies were received from the Archdeacon of Winchester, Canon Braithwaite, Rev. R. Spread and others.

In opening the meeting, the Chairman stated that it had been called to decide the future of the Guild. As most present would know, the members in the new diocese of Guildford had decided to form a separate Guild, which would come into being on January 1st next. The members in the new dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth had passed resolutions at their district meetings in favour of forming a joint Guild for those two dioceses; the Bishops of Winchester and Portsmouth had been approached for their views, and replies received were read, which stated that both Bishops were in favour of a joint Guild, and promised to assist in every way possible.

It was unanimously decided to form a joint Guild for the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth. The question of title caused considerable discussion, particularly as to whether it should be a Guild or an association, also as to whether the word 'Church' should be included. Finally, it was resolved that the title should be 'The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.' The following officers were elected to take office as from January 1st next:—

Joint presidents: The Bishop of Winchester and the Bishop of Portsmouth.

Vice-presidents: The Bishop of Southampton and the Archdeacons of Winchester, Portsmouth, Basingstoke and the Isle of Wight.

Master: Mr. G. Williams. Treasurer: Rev. N. C. Woods. Hon. secretary: Mr. G. Pullinger. Recorder of peals: Mr. F. W. Rogers. Auditor: Mr. G. Smith. Central Council representatives: Mr. G. Williams and Mr. H. Barton.

It was decided to approach the respective Bishops to see if they would allow the Guild to nominate a member to serve and give advice regarding bells on the diocesan faculties' advisory committees. Dr. Williamson was nominated for the diocese of Portsmouth, and Mr. W. Andrews for the diocese of Winchester, as the names to put before the Bishops.

It was decided to form the area into the following eight districts: Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Christchurch, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton and Winchester. The number of rings of bells in the two dioceses is: Twelve-bell towers 1, ten-bell towers 1, eight-bell towers 40, six-bell towers 55, five-bell towers 36; total, 133.

It was decided that all incumbents and bands should be circularised, and that an organising meeting should be held in each district early in the new year.

A sub-committee was appointed, consisting of the Master, general secretary and the district secretaries to revise the rules and report to the next annual meeting. In the meantime, the Guild will carry on under the present rules.

It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Winchester on July 7th, 1928.

The suggested reciprocal arrangement with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, to admit resident members of one Guild as compounding members of the other, upon payment of 1s., if application is made during the year 1928, was adopted, conditionally upon it being also accepted by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The question of the present life and compounding members was raised, and it was pointed out that nearly 50 per cent. of the former resided in the diocese of Guildford. Mr. G. Williams thought that there should be no difficulty over this, as both the life and compounding members would become members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, which was merely the same Guild under a new title.

The general secretary gave a report of the meeting held at Milford-on-Sea on the previous Saturday, in connection with a suggested memorial to the late vice-president, Rev. C. E. Matthews. Mr. Andrews also spoke on the matter (a full report of this meeting appears elsewhere), and the meeting endorsed and approved what had been done.

A splendid tea was provided in the Chantry Hall, to which full justice was done.

The bells of both St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches were available for ringing before and after the meeting, and good use was made of this privilege. A variety of methods was practised, ranging from 'Grandsire Doubles to Bristol and London Surprise Major.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

'Minormania's' next article in this series is unavoidably held over this week.

INTERESTING GATHERING AT BURNHAM.

BERKS AND BUCKS BELLRINGERS MEET.

The monthly practice fixed for Saturday last at St. Peter's Parish Church, Burnham, was well attended by some 30 ringers and friends, when a most enjoyable half-day was spent under 'summer-time' conditions, so far as the weather was concerned. The tower bells were set going at 3.45, and at intervals until nine o'clock the four Surprise methods, with Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples, were brought home in the various touches and courses.

A pleasant interlude was arranged for five o'clock in the belfry, when the formal unveiling of a peal tablet, recording the first 'London' on these bells, rung on November 5th, 1921, by the Rev. Percy P. Nott, M.A., took place. He was supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. W. H. Williams and J. Hall). As it happened, the same band who took part in the peal were present, and they rang a touch in the same method, standing in same order with the same Vicar and wardens in office. The tablet has been made to match one recording a peal of Superlative. It is written in gold letters on a black ground, the actual board being the top of a table from Burnham Priory, some 150 years old, and past further service domestically. Time and the hands of man have not very much 'changed' the substance, when a table becomes a tablet.

On removing the cover, the Vicar, in addressing the assembly, referred to the value of such records, to perform which much time, study and patience were essential. They served a valuable purpose in handing down to posterity the names of those church workers who would no longer be with them as the years passed. They often saw and admired the beautiful carved stone in doorway and window of their ancient parish churches throughout England, and wondered about the men who placed them. In that tower they left a token of the voluntary work done by members of that old association of ringers, so that future generations in the art might well remember them.

On behalf of those present, Mr. J. Evans offered a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for so kindly meeting them, and each suitably replied. Mr. Williams, referring to his help in the betterment of the belfry of St. Peter's as a pleasure, briefly mentioned how as a young man many years ago he was able to effect a restoration of the church bells of Bedwas, his home in Glamorgan, where the bells had long been in disuse.

Mr. Hall, who, with his father before him, had carried on business in Burnham for nearly a century, expressed his appreciation of the bellringers' work, and mentioned Mr. Alder's faithful services in keeping the bells going for so many years.

Incidentally, it may here be stated that 'George' has been a ringer in Burnham for 55 years, and steeplekeeper for 43 years, starting to ring on the old peal of five. He hopes to score a jubilee peal for the branch on his 70th birthday in November. He is one of the three or four 'remnants' left from the foundation of the Berks and Bucks Association, started in the autumn of 1876.

Following the unveiling ceremony, an adjournment was made to the Five Bells Inn for an excellent tea, where the knife and fork played havoc in Bucks style with a Berkshire ham. Mr. J. Evans, as Central Council representative, was placed in the chair, supported by Mr. C. C. Mayne (Branch Ringing Master). Handbells were first brought into use for a touch of Treble Eight, the attractions of tea table and tower then proving too much for any further use of them.

After 'Grace' by the chairman, complimentary thanks to the generous hosts were proposed and heartily endorsed by all. It was subsequently ascertained that all expenses had been amply covered by Burnham friends—a family party consisting of Vicar, wardens and towerkeeper, who not only bore the cost of a bountiful tea and a beautiful peal board, but other little items, such as mats for the belfry floor and new ropes. The Parochial Council had been busy, too, since the last meeting at this tower in furnishing electric lighting for the belfry and bell loft, and the partial rehanging of several bells. It will greatly interest Mr. J. Bullock to know that the tenor is now pealable in Treble Bob. Mr. J. E. Davis also will be glad to hear that she is 'permissible,' in case he would wish to repeat his 29 miles' cycle journey in wind and rain on an occasion when permission was refused some 20 years since.

The gathering broke up with reluctance. Buses do not wait any longer than trains. Amongst the visitors may be mentioned Mr. Howard Freeborn, of Rickmansworth, Miss P. Moss, of Uxbridge, Mr. Fletcher and daughter, of Beaconsfield, Mr. Boreham and his son from High Wycombe, the Martin brothers, of Boyne Hill, Mr. Gutteridge, of Stoke, Mr. G. Wilson, of Leiston, and the three Bills.

The Diocesan Master, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, was prevented from attending owing to prior engagements at Hagbourne. 'Cut him in half' was one remedy hinted at, where two calls clashed on the same date. This idea was, however, discarded by the others in view of the Master wishing to ring a peal another day and to continue his work for the Oxford Guild.

CANON NOLLOTH'S GREAT WORK. YORK MINSTER RINGERS' RECOGNITION.

With a desire to mark their sense of appreciation of the work done by Canon Nolloth in connection with the recasting of the new peal of 12 bells and 'Great Peter' at York Minster, the Minster ringers organised a presentation which took place at the Ebor Hall, on Saturday week, after the re-dedication of 'Great Peter' at the Minster. The presentation took the form of a beautifully framed illuminated address, and was made by the Dean of York after a tea at which some 50 guests were present, including ringers from all parts of the county, Canon Nolloth was for many years Vicar of Beverley Minster, and is now living in retirement at Oxford.

The Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. Lionel Ford) presided, and amongst those present were Canon and Mrs. Nolloth, Mr. A. H. Barron, Mr. E. D. Taylor (of the Loughborough Bell Foundry), the Rev. R. G. and Miss Pyne, the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), the Rev. H. Spence, Mrs. Rigg (Beverley), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of Yorkshire Association), Messrs. G. Robinson (Leeds), S. Palmer (Sheffield), G. Grimwood (Leeds), G. McHale (Holbeck), H. Smith (Armley), J. Cotterell (Bradford), H. Horner (York), H. Williams (Leeds), J. Broadley (Bradford), H. Gibson (Scarborough), T. Metcalfe (Middlesbrough), Kendall (Bradford), W. H. Maude (Pudsey), Porter (Darlington), and Broadley (Darlington).

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, president of the Minster Society, invited the Dean to make the presentation. He said that some three years ago the Minster bells were sadly in need of repair, and the then Dean (Dr. Norris) undertook to see they got something done to them. It was understood it would only be repairs. The matter was taken in hand, and the Dean did the wisest thing possible when he placed the work in the hands of a gentleman whose knowledge of bells and his interest in all matters that appertain to ringing, as well as his enthusiasm for bells and the ringers, was very great. He referred to their friend, Canon Nolloth (applause). They knew when he got hold of the work there would be no patchwork about it, but thorough work, and to-day they had a new peal of 12 bells second to none in the world. 'Great Peter' came on later. The Canon must be a glutton for work, and, not being satisfied with what he had done in regard to the peal, they had now got 'Great Peter' recast. It was a stupendous task for a man so advanced in years to undertake. However, he took 'Great Peter' in hand, and everybody would agree it was musical in tone and of good shape, and blended with the peal, and he should say there was not another bell like it in the world. The Dean could rest assured that the ringers would always use these beautiful bells with due regard for the high purpose for which they were installed. The Minster ringers, seeing the Canon took such a great interest in the bells, and having kept in touch with them all the time, kept them informed of what was proposed, and always ready to accept any suggestions, they could not let the occasion pass without some recognition of what he had done. That had taken the form of an address, which had been beautifully illuminated. He asked the Dean to present this address to Canon Nolloth on behalf of the York Minster bellringers (applause).

CANON NOLLOTH'S DEVOTED LABOURS.

The Dean of York, in making the presentation, said that when he came to York Minster he had a long talk with Dean Foxley Norris, in which the latter mentioned, amongst other great enterprises that were in hand, the recasting and renewing of the Minster bells. Dean Norris told him it was a big thing, but that he need not have any fear or trouble himself at all, as he would find Canon Nolloth knew more about bells than anyone else living, and would do it all for him (laughter). As he knew so little about bells himself he was very much relieved when Dean Norris told him that. The Dean said that all his predecessor had told him about Canon Nolloth was perfectly true, and he simply could not exaggerate his sense of obligation, and their sense of gratitude, to Canon Nolloth for his most devoted labours, which he knew had been a labour of love to the Canon from beginning to end. What Canon Nolloth did before in his old parish at Beverley so completely and so successfully he had done again at York Minster, on an even larger scale, and their thanks went out to him with full hearts, together with an expression of appreciation of the silent generosity that had accompanied his labours. He was glad the address spoke of the Canon's personal interest in the ringers. They knew it was not merely his interest in or love of bells that had stimulated his work, but a desire that the men who rang the bells should do it as an act of offering to Almighty God. He was sure it was their wish and prayer that the bells should be rung in that spirit. The Archbishop had asked to be permitted to couple with that desire, which was his also, a very earnest message of goodwill to all the ringers present, and impressing upon them that it was their business to ensure there would always be a supply of fit and proper young men to serve alike in church and belfry, and that they would train on their sons in order to carry on the work which they were so excellently carrying on at the present time. The Dean thanked Canon Nolloth for the extraordinary consideration he had always shown to him in connection with the work of recasting the bells so happily completed that day with the rededication of 'Great Peter,' to which the present generation and their successors would always listen with admiration (applause).

THE ADDRESS.

The Dean then handed the illuminated address to Canon Nolloth, amid cheers. It ran as follows:—

To the Rev. Henry Edward Nolloth, D.D., Canon of York.

Dear Sir,—We, the ringers at York Minster, desire to express our sincere appreciation of your work and generous help in connection with the peal of 12 bells recast in 1926 and 'Great Peter' recast in 1927.

In addition to your care for the material efficiency of the belfry and its contents, we record with gratitude your warm interest in the welfare of ringers, and earnest wish that the Exercise in all its changes may ever be consecrated to the glory of God.

With heartfelt esteem,

We are, Reverend Sir, yours respectfully,

Then follow the names of the 14 ringers.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association, said he felt highly honoured to be associated with that presentation and to have the privilege of being able to speak a word about Canon Nolloth on behalf of the Association. He wanted to assure the Canon that the members and officers of the association had long known how much they owed to him for the tremendous and vital interest he had always taken in bells and bellringers in the county of Yorkshire, and especially the ringers in the Yorkshire Association. He would like to assure the Canon that his interest was something that helped them very much indeed, because they did not always find it among those who had peals of bells under their charge, and they had found that his sympathy and interest had been of the greatest benefit and assistance in the common work which they were undertaking. Apart from that, there were the great gifts which Canon Nolloth had given to the Church in that part of the world—first in the magnificent bells at Beverley Minster; through him, too, that wonderful peal at St. Mary's, Beverley; and now again here in all that he had done to consummate this very great gift of the peal at York Minster and Great Peter. He took it as a great privilege that the York ringers had allowed him to join with them in thanking the Canon for all he had done, and he hoped it would not be lost on the ringers of this great county. They all wished him happiness and Godspeed during the remaining years of his life (applause).

ONE BETTER THAN BEVERLEY.

Mr. Percy Johnson (secretary of the Yorkshire Association) said he felt it a great honour to take part in that rededication ceremony. With regard to the work Canon Nolloth had done, he said it was his privilege a good many years ago to ring a peal at Beverley Minster on the new bells, and when he heard of the new peal for York Minster he told the founders they had something to do to beat their own work at Beverley. He was going to tell the founders, however, that they had gone one better in the new peal at York. The name of Canon Nolloth was known throughout England and throughout the ringing world. They felt that in the Canon they had a very great friend, and they thought the York Minster authorities and ringers were exceptionally fortunate in having had such an authority at their disposal. Canon Nolloth had added the crowning glory to his life's work in the restoration of the bells in the mother church of the North, and had done something which was absolutely unequalled in the ringing world, and the whole universe, as well as the York Minster authorities, were under a great debt of gratitude to him for the unsparing labours he had discharged in this way. His only regret was that Canon Nolloth had never paid a visit to Leeds, where there was an ample field for his energies, if he still felt he had some energy left (laughter). They thanked him from the bottom of their hearts for the great services he had performed in connection with the York Minster bells and other peals throughout the York diocese, and they hoped he would be spared to enjoy the fruits of his labours for many years to come. His name would ever be honoured by the York Minster ringers, whose bells he had been so instrumental in preserving (applause).

CANON NOLLOTH'S REPLY.

Canon Nolloth, who was received with cheers, said he had been entirely taken by surprise at the very kind thought of his friends the ringers. He had never dreamed of anything of the sort. At the same time he thanked them very warmly for the gift, which he very much appreciated, and said the beautifully illuminated address would be placed in his study to keep company with the one presented to him by the clergy in the Beverley deanery when he vacated the office of Rural Dean. He thought the ringers of York Minster had made quite a record in this respect, that when the recasting of the bells was taken in hand they, with the greatest public spirit and generosity, undertook the cost of the recasting of one of the bells. He had never heard of the ringers of any church having shown such a practical interest in their bells, and what they had done must have meant a self-sacrificing act of generosity on their part. Canon Nolloth recalled how he first began to take an interest in bells as a small boy some 76 years ago, and said some twenty years ago he was very anxious to get something done at York. Dean Purey Cust asked him to obtain a specification from Messrs. Taylor for the work to be done both in connection with the old peal and 'Great Peter,' but he was certain that if the work had been carried out then it could not have been done with such great success as the firm of Messrs. Taylor had carried out the work now. When they were out of order some three years ago, it was suggested that as they had to go to Loughborough, it would be a great pity to have them sent back without being recast and returned in accordance with all the latest (Continued in next column.)

THE DEDICATION OF 'GREAT PETER.' MEMORABLE SERVICE AT YORK MINSTER.

As recorded briefly in our last issue, 'Great Peter,' the 10½ ton bell of York Minster, which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recast and tuned to harmonise with the new ring of twelve, was dedicated at a service which was attended by the Archbishop of York and other notable personages. Among the clergy were the Dean of York (Dr. Lionel Ford), the Archdeacon of York (Canon Cooper), Canon Nolloth, formerly of Beverley, to whose interest and energies the carrying out of the work was largely due, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association. There were, among the congregation, many ringers from Yorkshire towers. In the course of the specially arranged evening-song, the Archbishop, the Dean, clergy and choir, singing the hymn 'When morning gilds the skies,' went in procession to the north-west tower, where the Dean, in the name of the Dean and Chapter, greeted the bellringers and the representatives of the bellfounders: 'May the Lord preserve your going out and your coming in and strengthen you to perform the service to which He has called you, now and for evermore. Amen.'

THE BELL HANDED OVER.

Canon Nolloth then placed the rope in the hands of the Dean, saying: 'Very Reverend Sir,—In the name of all who have contributed towards the recasting and renewing of this bell, I beg you, as representing the Dean and Chapter of this cathedral church, to signify your acceptance of the same.' The Dean replied: 'We receive this bell, to be solemnly set apart from all profane and unhallowed uses, as a sacred trust committed to the Dean and Chapter of this cathedral church, who do promise and profess that they will give their utmost care that it shall be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.'

At the request of the Canon-in-Residence, the Dean then rededicated the bell in these words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this bell to the glory of God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

Two prayers followed, the one asking Almighty God 'to accept this offering at our hands,' and the other for God's blessing on the ringers.

As the Archbishop, the Dean, clergy and choir returned up the nave to their stalls, 'Great Peter' for the first time boomed out his note—now said to be the deepest note of any church bell in Christendom. It was a thrilling moment. The sound reverberated through the great cathedral, and was heard all over the city and far beyond. The clapper struck the bell about 20 times, and at its conclusion the choir sang Canon Bell's hymn: 'Ad Petrum Magnum' in Latin, of which the following is the translation:

We hail our Peter
Whom reborn we dedicate.
Brethren, let us rejoice together
In hymns and holy songs.
Thou who in the fire hast burned,
As of old Christ's Martyrs burned,
Now hast come forth safe and sound—
Unto God alone be glory!
O Great chieftain of the Bells,
Lo! to the Chapter of thy comrades
Who join their voices with thine
In gladness we restore thee.
Let the City of York,
Bereft of thee for many months,
Happy, with eager ears,
Listen to thy voice.
Let the Chapter here rejoice:
Listen now, the choir begins
Over land and over sea
To chant its praises.
Let us worship God the Father,
Let us also hymn the Son,
Let us give to Holy Spirit,
Glory in the highest.

This hymn was sung to a fine tune by Dr. Bairstow, organist of the Minster.

A YEAR'S TASK.

After further Collects, the Dean gave an address, in the course of which he said the 13th centenary of the Minster had been a year of

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scientific discoveries that had been made. Some of the Canons undertook the cost of recasting some of them; the chapter clerk (Mr. Barron) and Mrs. Barron bore the cost of one; five others were given by the people as memorials; and the ringers also came forward and did a great thing, as he thought, in undertaking the cost of another. He only hoped that for a long time to come both the ringers who rang them and the people who heard them would more and more be reminded of the great realities which lay beyond this world (applause).

Canon Nolloth concluded with a quotation which one of the Beverley ringers, William Plaxton, said to him when on his deathbed, that he always looked upon the service as beginning when they began to raise the bells, and that he always began the bell service with prayer. He would always, he said, regard that gift as one of his most treasured possessions (applause).

new beginnings, of movements set on foot, some great, some small, of which they could not forecast the end. But that day's ceremony, he continued, did seem to introduce an element of completion. Throughout the year Great Peter has been the great absentee—he the chieftain of the sweet-toned sisterhood of bells who have chimed to us so melodiously through the months, but until to-day without him. And now he has returned to us in safety—recast, retuned—his great frame reposing easily on his bed of ball bearings, so that a single sexton can set his 11 tons of metal vibrating, and cause the booming of his deep E flat to be heard within and without the city walls. And if the finished work proves to function according to its plan, our Minster loud speaker, whom we have just rededicated, will speak in exact correspondence and perfect tune with the pitch of the B flat peal, to which he will contribute the Bourdon accompaniment. His refashioning has been a whole year's task—and to those who set it on foot and those who have executed it so thoroughly, our deepest gratitude is due. Others have laboured, and now we enter into their labours. We thank them from our hearts as we welcome our exile home and give God the glory for the finished work—'Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy Name be the praise.' But ought we to stop short at that? It is good to come together and rejoice that our beloved Minster, which every Yorkshireman regards as the finest of cathedral churches, should now be presented with what he must also regard as the finest and completest of bell peals—a new set of precious jewels in the Minster's crown. But cost is the essential of sacrifice, and the words of King David to Araunah keep sounding uneasily in my ears, 'Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord God of that which doth cost me nothing.' Can we say, most of us, that these bells, this great bell which we dedicate to-day, have cost us, US—YOU and ME—anything? And unless we can say that, is there not something a little hollow about our enthusiasm, our chorus of self-congratulation on other people's generosity and self-sacrifice? So much has been done for us, but by so few people. Only yesterday, in gathering up the results of the Minster Thankoffering Fund, did I become aware that of the tens of thousands who flocked rejoicing to our 1,300th Anniversary Festival, or of the two million people who form the population of Yorkshire, only 524 in all, and those not all Yorkshire people, have so far made any outward and visible response to their Minster's cry for help. Are they, are you, content to leave it at that, while so much still remains to be done for her, for the mother church of the North's preservation and maintenance during her 14th century of life? Carry this thought a stage further. What is the end to which such offerings as to-day's are meant to lead? There is no question as to that. They are meant to strengthen, enhance, and deepen our worship of Almighty God. Not the selfish saving of our own souls, not saving, but giving, the giving of ourselves and our possessions to God, that is the keynote of the religion we profess. The better and higher worship of God, that is the centre and core of it all. When these bells ring in our ears with their summons to join in the Church's sacred liturgy or services, it will be of little profit for those who lie in bed to murmur, 'How beautiful is this peal.' When Peter booms his mid-day call to prayer, or when he tolls the knell on some soul that has passed into the great Beyond, his calling will not be heard with our ears alone. We shall miss his meaning, if at the sound no message of an angel echoes in our hearts: we shall be unworthy of our beautiful peal if Sunday by Sunday we make no response to their summons to the House of God, nor enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Dear people, will you not resolve with me to-night that you will henceforth bear your part more faithfully, and praise and serve God better than before?

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Ye watchers and ye holy ones,' and the Benediction pronounced by the Archbishop.

Immediately after the ceremony a course of Grandsire Cinques was rung, afterwards 'Great Peter' alone for five minutes, and then Grandsire Cinques with 'Great Peter' accompanying.

Later in the evening the bells were kept going by visitors to Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Bob Major.

NEW BAND AT BOCKING.

After several years, a new band has been formed at St. Mary's, Bocking, Essex. The new ringers have now been at it two months, and are making steady progress. They are very fortunate in having Mr. George Wiffen and Mr. L. W. Wiffen to instruct them. These two ringers, with their great knowledge of change ringing, regularly walk three miles each practice night, and under their tuition the local ringers are progressing. The instructors are very popular with the band, and the keenest interest is taken in what they have to say. Mr. Albert Coate, who was responsible for getting the company together, is captain, and is to be congratulated on having got together such a 'jolly good lot of chaps.' The motto is 'Fellowship and forward.'

MR. G. POPNELL'S 50 PEALS.

Doubles 6 (conducted 3), Bob Minor 6, Grandsire Triples 16 (conducted 1), Stedman Triples 6, Bob Major 4 (conducted 1), Kent Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1, Grandsire Caters 7: total, 50. Rung in seven counties for eight associations, with 152 different ringers in 30 towers.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

POSITION OF WINCHESTER GUILD COMPOUNDING MEMBERS.

The question has been raised in these columns as to the position of Compounding Members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in relation to the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, and we are authorised to say that the Organising Committee propose to recommend to the general meeting on November 19th that these shall be admitted on the same terms as the ordinary members residing in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, viz., on payment of a compounding subscription of one shilling at any time before December 31st, 1928. Those who before December 31st, 1927, take advantage of this arrangement, assuming it is approved by the general meeting, will be included among the Foundation Members.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

NOISY BELLS.

A quarterly meeting was held at Whitechurch, nr. Cardiff, on Saturday, when a good number from the towers of both dioceses put in an appearance. The bells, a ring of six by Llewellyn and James, were kept busy during the afternoon in the various standard methods. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. Bolton was voted to the chair at the business meeting, at which several letters were read by the hon. secretary.

Comment was made on the noise of the bells outside the tower, owing to the louvres being so large, and an offer was made by Mr. Weaver, of Penarth, and Mr. Large, of Cardiff, that if the church authorities would find the material, in either timber or bricks, to close them up, they would do the work free of charge. The hon. secretary was asked to write to the Vicar to this effect.

The selection of a place for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting was left until the annual meeting. The hon. secretary reported that he had purchased Peal Book No. 2, as No. 1 was filled up.

Several new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, brought the meeting to a close.

The bells were afterwards kept busy until late in the evening.

AN ORDSALL JUBILEE.

The Mansfield ringers paid a visit to Ordsall and West Retford on Saturday last to fulfil a long-standing invitation, and to oblige their esteemed and loved tutor, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, who had, during the time he was curate at Mansfield, taught them the rudiments of the art. The date marked the 50th anniversary of the reopening of All Hallows' Church, after restoration, on October 31st, 1877, and thus celebrated the jubilee. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson was in readiness to greet the ringers, and subsequently entertained them to tea.

The writer of these lines, who took part in the service 50 years ago, accepted the invitation to be present and take part, and 35 years ago was instrumental with the late Rector in getting the bells rehung, one of them recast, and the peal augmented to six, which gave a rather light musical ring, with tenor 7½ cwt. They were opened as a ring of six on Wednesday, August 4th, 1892.

Good touches of Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford were rung at both churches, and as a jubilee touch, to wind up, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung by: Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 1, J. Bleby 2, H. Haigh (conductor) 3, H. Alsopp 4, S. Hurdle 5, C. Carr 6. The other ringers taking part were P. Hardsaff, W. Dodd, A. Freeman and C. Randall.

LINCOLN AND LADIES' GUILDS' JOINT MEETING.

A pleasant meeting was held by the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, in conjunction with the Lincoln District of the Ladies' Guild, at Barton-on-Humber, on Saturday, October 22nd. This combined gathering brought together a large number of ringers, including visitors from Hull. The service was held in the fine old Church of St. Mary, which has only four bells, but room enough for twelve. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Legge, the Ladies' Guild service form being used. Mr. H. Rushby, of Grimsby, presided at the organ, and the Rev. G. H. Legge gave a very interesting address. Tea was partaken of in the assembly rooms, 33 members and friends sitting down.

Tea over, the business meeting of the Grimsby district took place, presided over by the president, the Rev. H. T. Parry.

The Rev. G. H. Legge was elected an honorary member, and Mr. J. W. Hobson, of Hull, was elected a non-resident life member of the Guild.

The President moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. G. H. Legge for conducting the service, to Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to Mrs. R. Richardson (secretary to the Ladies' Guild) for the use of their Guild forms, also to the caterers for the excellent tea.—This was seconded by Mr. Baker, of Gainsborough, and concluded the meeting, after which the ladies transacted their business.

Thanks are due to Mr. A. W. Hoodless, of Barton-on-Humber, for making all the arrangements. Towers represented were Grimsby, Barrow-on-Humber, Bigby, Ulceby, Burton-on-Stather, Gainsborough, Surfleet, Isham, Hull, and during the afternoon and evening a variety of methods was rung on the eight bells.

SAM TILLET.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The passing of my first instructor, 'Old Sam,' as he has been called, brings back to me the memory of early days. It must have been in the late 'fifties that I first became known to him as an aspirant to change ringing. I remember vividly on one occasion he was ringing the old tenor (now the 11th) at St. Mary-le-Tower, when the gudgeon snapped. There was a side entrance to the belfry of the old tower, into which most of us ran for safety. 'Old Sam' was 'Young Sam' then, and was first to examine the nature of the catastrophe. Returning from aloft, with his hands begrimed, and describing the trouble, he smothered my face in grease, which took me days to eradicate. The company then included John Naunton, Robt. Burch, Henry Card, James Allen, Sewell, Adams, etc.

I was surprised by 'The Ringing World's' report that my old instructor Sam only rang his first peal in 1881. The present writer rang his first peal at St. Matthew's, Ipswich, in 1869. How's that, ye old veterans of the magic circle?

I am pleased to think that upon my last visit to Ipswich I found 'Old Sam' at his home in Woodbridge Road. Of course, so many years had elapsed since our last meeting, it was like another resurrection of the dead. Could that be the 'Sam' I once knew so well? It was obvious I remembered him better than he did me. I had wished to meet him again, but it was not to be. 'Tired, he now sleeps, and life's poor play is o'er.' His decease reminds me that soon I must make my bed with him, and lie down to pleasant dreams. His immortality is manifest in that his gallant and clever son, Fred, takes up and continues the good life of his father, one of the greatest enthusiasts of a bygone age.—Yours faithfully,

G. F. MARGETSON.

WEDDING PRESENTATIONS AT GUILDFORD.

In the belfry at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, on Sunday morning, two presentations were made. Mr. George W. Steere, who has been a member of the band for a number of years, and was secretary for some time, was the recipient of a teapot, and Mr. John A. Cole, who, although residing at Godalming, rendered considerable aid to the society, was given a timepiece. Mr. Cole was married in August, and Mr. Steere's wedding takes place on November 12th, and these gifts were made as a token of the members' good wishes for the future happiness of the respective couples. Unfortunately for Holy Trinity Society, the services of both these ringers will be lost to the regular Sunday band, as Mr. Steere is removing to Carshalton, and Mr. Cole is already residing at Teddington.

Each gift was suitably inscribed, and the presentations were made in a felicitous speech by Canon E. C. Kirwan and suitably acknowledged.

LEYTONSTONE'S BROADCAST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I through 'The Ringing World' thank the Leytonstone ringers for their beautiful ringing on Sunday night? It came through on the wireless perfectly; it was like clockwork, it was grand, but it was all too short. To me, who can but seldom go out at night, it was like a gleam of sunshine in an otherwise darkened room. It was, as the late Henry Johnson used to say, 'Whatever we have, let it be good, if the less,' and that certainly was good.—Faithfully yours,

T. RUSSAM.

Birmingham.

YOUNG RINGERS' PROGRESS.

At Elmdon, Essex, on October 25th, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: F. Hammond 1, S. Bard 2, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 3, E. Hayes 4, J. Negus 5, G. Hoy 6. First 720 by all except the conductor. Great credit is due to these young ringers for the way in which they struck their bells. They only started ringing about twelve months ago, with no one to instruct them. This 720 was rung at the third attempt and without any mistakes.

DOUBLE LONDON SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of October 28th, you record a 720 of the above method rung at St. Giles' Church, Sandiacre, believed to be the first 720 ever rung in the method. May I state that the first 720 in this method was rung at St. Giles' Church, Killamarsh, in the year 1913?

May I also state that all the Double Surprise Minor methods that can be obtained have been rung by the Killamarsh company?—Yours faithfully,

C. SEVERN.

26, Budge Street, Killamarsh.

Dear Sir,—A 720 of Double London Surprise was rung on August 14th, at St. Mary's, Lamberhurst, and published in 'The Ringing World' on August 19th.—Yours truly,

A. RELFE.

Windmill Cottage, Lamberhurst,

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 23rd, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evensong, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. Bennett 1, E. F. Pike 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, Miss E. E. Harcastle 4, Miss H. F. Mills 5, Miss F. E. Orr 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, R. Bullen 8, J. E. Davis 9, E. C. Garrard 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters by ringers of 3rd and 5th, and rung for the harvest festival.

BECCELES.—At St. Michael's Church, for evening service on Sunday, October 23rd, 1,003 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Beckett 1, R. Spalding 2, C. Bailey 3, T. Beckett 4, C. F. Sayer 5, J. Spalding 6, E. R. Goate (conductor) 7, C. Rush 8. This is the longest touch in the method yet rung by a local band.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, October 16th, in the evening, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Easter 1, W. Haigh 2, F. Ockwell 3, A. Manktelow 4, H. Poulter 5, E. Friend 6, J. Haigh (conductor) 7, A. Hone 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 51 mins.: A. G. R. Twinn 1, F. Cork 2, R. Warnett 3, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, H. J. Wilkinson 6, W. Honor 7, R. Carter 8, F. W. Goodfellow 9, C. Nicholls 10.—Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. G. Baldwin (first quarter-peal) 1, A. G. R. Twinn (first quarter-peal inside and first attempt) 2, R. Warnett 3, H. J. Wilkinson 4, J. J. Pratt 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, W. Honor 8. H. J. Wilkinson is from Hursley, Hants.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, October 9th, at the Church of St. Leonard for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, G. H. Cross (conductor) 2, W. E. G. Hewson 3, J. L. Watkins 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. W. Chapman 6, C. W. Roberts 7, S. Gardner 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, October 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Brockman (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Seager 2, W. Easter 3, W. Rayner 4, C. Belsey 5, W. J. Walker 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, G. Howland 8.

HATFIELD.—On Sunday, October 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: L. Lawrence 1, R. Shepherd 2, F. Cull 3, R. E. Richardson 4, J. G. Dunham 5, A. Shepherd 6, A. R. Lawrence (conductor) 7, G. Scott 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

APSLEY END.—On Sunday morning, October 9th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: B. Bruce 1, C. Munt 2, F. Birchmore 3, F. Tompkins 4, A. V. Good 5, C. J. Henley (conductor) 6.

MERTHAM.—At St. Katherine's Church, on Sunday evening, October 9th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 43 mins.: A. Wood 1, C. Hilton 2, B. Wells 3, J. Batters 4, H. Wood 5, C. Killick (conductor) 6.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, October 2nd, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Hughes 1, W. Hughes 2, A. Woosnam 3, J. Hughes 4, J. Bresse 5, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 6.—After evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Hughes 1, W. Hughes 2, J. Bresse 3, J. Hughes 4, F. Winstanley 5, J. C. E. Simpson (conductor) 6.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival evensong service, 720 Grandsire Doubles and 120 Stedman Doubles: C. Briggs 1, A. Ballard 2, C. E. Carr 3, C. H. Webb 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. This tower possesses a splendid peal of bells, but no local ringers. The above band belong to various towers in the neighbourhood, and they rang for the festival on the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Ingham), who entertained the band and the churchwardens to a sumptuous supper after the service.

DEATH OF AN EXETER RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Frank Murphy, who passed away at Heavitree, Exeter, on October 17th, at the age of 60 years, Exeter Cathedral and St. Sidwell's bands have lost a staunch and reliable member who will be greatly missed. He commenced his ringing career at Heavitree in 1898, on the formation of the company, and there he learnt to ring. In 1902, with several others, he joined St. Sidwell's band, and regularly attended the service and practice ringing until prevented by illness. His record of peals was 30, comprising Grandsire Triples 9, Grandsire Caters 10, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 7, Stedman Caters 1, Bob Major 1, and Kent Treble Bob 1.

He took part in the first peal of Grandsire Caters at Exeter Cathedral on January 14th, 1905, also the first of Grandsire Cinques on January 9th, 1926, the later being the last peal in which he rang.

Of a fine physique, with an easy and graceful style, he was generally under a heavy bell, and, although somewhat reserved in manner, his good-humoured and unselfish nature endeared him to all his colleagues. His robust constitution was probably undermined by working in the warm moist air of the greenhouse (being a gardener by occupation), and he fell a victim to the all too prevalent cancer scourge. He leaves a widow and one son, another son having died on active service during the war.

At the funeral in Heavitree Churchyard on Saturday, October 22nd, representatives of the Cathedral and St. Sidwell's bands were present, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with bells half-muffled was rung on the Stafford eight at the Cathedral, and the 'whole pull and stand' at St. Sidwell's, Exeter.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 290th anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 3 to 4.30; Southwark Cathedral, 2.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, 5 o'clock.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry Campanile will be available from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) newly rehung; available afternoon and evening. Short service 5.15. Tea 5.30 at The Grange. All ringers welcome and please come early.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Whitefield, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 82, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Nov. 5th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—G. A. Taylor, Hon. Sec., The Village, Grappenhall, near Warrington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual district meeting at Bocking on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Very Rev. Dean Brownrigg, M.A. Tea in the Hut, Church Street, at 5 p.m., to be followed by meeting. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—Chas. H. Howard, 37, Bank Street, Braintree.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Bourn (8) on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 3 p.m.—F. Warrington, Long Stanton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Cathedral and St. Maurice's bells from 2.30. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 5 p.m. —W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting on Saturday, Nov. 5th, at Beighton (6 bells). Buses from Intake tram terminus.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec., 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings during November: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m. and Mondays, the 7th and the 21st, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 1st, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 28th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. at St. Magnus' on Nov. 10th and 24th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill (elections), on the 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th (at 8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Special attention to Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. St. Nicholas' bells (12) available 6.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. A good attendance is especially requested.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The last meeting of the above district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.30 p.m. I hope a good many members of the district will make an effort to attend. All ringers will be welcome.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Miss May Clayton, Brindle Bar, Hoghton, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 9th. A good attendance is requested.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—A Cinques practice will be held at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance requested. — T. Laver, Gen. Sec., Heavitree, Exeter.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Kenninghall on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 12th. The ring of eight bells of the Parish Church will be available from 2.30 p.m. Members are kindly requested to send in all outstanding subscriptions to the secretary on or before this meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Sandal on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells ready early. Tea 5.15 p.m. Applications for tickets must be received before Nov. 10th. Address, Mr. W. Robinson, 49, Bournan Street, Agbrigg, Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, Nov. 12th, and at Hartfield (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Towers open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Davenport Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Will members kindly make an effort to attend?—W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Braunston Road, Davenport.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, in the Parish Room, 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers and friends welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Thomas' bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. St. Mary's bells (8) available also. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, the 8th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8—tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Kimball's Café, Milton Street, at 5 p.m. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend the meeting. Those intending to be at tea please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Nov. 9th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A general meeting to approve rules, select officers and transact other important business will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 19th. All ringers residing within the new diocese are specially requested to attend. Service (in conjunction with the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild) at S. Nicolas' Church, 3.45 p.m. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, Onslow Street, 4.30. Meeting 5.15. Numbers for tea by Nov. 16th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Annual district meeting at Hornchurch on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, at King's Head, 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned by Tuesday, Nov. 15th.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division meeting at Withyham, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30 (about 1s.). Meeting to follow. Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Important: Those intending to be present should kindly notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at the Rose and Crown. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Nov. 16th? — P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (usual price) in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 16th?—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Basingstoke. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4 p.m. Tea at Church Cottage 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Reply to Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke, by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.

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