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THE EXAMPLE OF WATH.

We publish on another page a letter of congratulation from one extremely capable six-bell band to another. We like the spirit of that letter just as much as we feel that it is a deserving tribute to a company who have reached the zenith of performance. The band at Wath-on-Dearne rang 197 Minor extents in 194 different methods in the course of the year 1927. Nothing to equal this achievement has ever been accomplished before as far as we know, and we are sure that all our readers will associate themselves with the sentiments expressed by the Leytonstone band. The performance at Wath stands out as one of great distinction not alone on its face value. Its true worth, in our opinion, is to be found much deeper than that. Such an achievement calls for the exercise of all the virtues which can be put into the practice of change ringing. There must be unity among the ringers and an unflinching loyalty on the part of every individual in the band. There must be enterprise and initiative; perseverance and the will to succeed. There can be no slackers; no irregular or unpunctual ones; in fact only the keen and enthusiastic can find a place in such a company. We say nothing about the skill which is essential for the task; the bare record of what was rung speaks for itself.

What the men of Wath have done is open to others to aspire to, and we commend it as an example which all ringers might well endeavour to emulate. The Wath band did not reach the heights they have attained in one stride; it has meant a good deal of toil and steady plodding, and it is perhaps in these earlier stages rather than at the peak of success that the greatest test of those qualities, to which we have referred, comes. When one realises that extents in 194 different methods have been rung in one year, it makes the efforts of many bands look very puny. True, it needs not only exceptional ringers, but also exceptional opportunities to achieve such a record, and true also is it that many bands are faced with almost insurmountable barriers in the shape of depleted numbers, apathetic members and restrained chances, but there is an old saying that those who aim at the stars may reach the top of the tree. There are, we are quite sure, many bands of ringers in six-bell towers who, if they could but become actuated by some of the spirit which has imbued the ringers at Wath, might rise out of the rut in which they have long been content to remain. But it needs determination, unity of purpose, and, above all, a genuine spirit of perseverance if success is to be attained in the end. We hope the achievement at Wath will be an incentive to many other companies to see what they can do by way of expanding their 'repertoire.'

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	*GEORGE R. JONES 7
*SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 2	*JAMES MORGAN 8
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	*JAMES SWINDLEY 9
*JOHN HAYES 4	CLAUD I. DAVIES 10
HENRY W. WILDE 5	JAMES H. RIDING 11
LESLIE GRAY 6	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by CHARLES PRICE. Conducted by ROBT. SPERRING.

* First peal on 12. First peal of Treble Twelve for all except ringers of 5th, 11th and 12th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Pegler. The band wish to thank Mr. G. R. Newton for making the arrangements, and Mr. Hughes for getting everything ready. This composition is now rung for the first time. Mr. Gray was proposed a life member before starting.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	THOMAS BEVAN 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 9
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	WILLIAM R. HIBBERT 10
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
CECIL G. MATTHEWS 6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7 exor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS

The band comprises six fathers and six sons, standing in the order of father and son. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. G. W. Fletcher and Miss Edith K. Parker.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DERBY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*P.C. GEORGE PYE ... Treble	*P.C. DONALD BROWN ... 6
P.C. HAROLD J. POOLE ... 2	*P.C. JOHN CARTER ... 7
*P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... 3	*P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... 8
SERG. WILLIAM DOWDING 4	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... 9
SERG. HAROLD G. JENNEY 5	*P.C. JAMES TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First peal on ten bells. This is the first ten-bell peal rung by members of the police force. Sergt. H. G. Jenney and P.C. H. J. Poole are members of the Leicester City Force, Sergt. W. Dowding Birmingham City Force, and the remainder of the band Manchester City Force. Ringers of 4th and 5th were elected life members of the association previous to starting the peal.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 6
JOSEPH ROWELL 2	ROBERT ANDERSON ... 7
*HAROLD G. FRAMPTON ... 3	ERNEST E. FERRY ... 8
*GEORGE MURRAY 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 9
JOHN FOREMAN 5	JOSEPH E. SKYES Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig. This composition in 72 courses has a 7698 and 6798 in alternate courses.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
(St. Peter Mancroft Guild.)

On Tuesday, January 31, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt.

*Miss Mabel Robertson... Treble	†Wm. C. Duffield 6
†Miss Anna Cushing 2	†George Bailey... .. 7
George Mayers 3	†George Claxton 8
†Arthur W. Haistead 4	†Jas. F. Duffield 9
†James Rampley 5	William L. Duffield ... Tenor

Composed by J. Reeves.

Conducted by J. F. Duffield.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire.
First peal as conductor on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

Walter Charman Treble	Reginald V. Johnson 5
C. Ernest Smith 2	Cecil Nice 6
Bernard Wells... .. 3	*Peter Charman 7
William Watts... .. 4	Oliver Sippetts Tenor

Composed by J. Pagett.

Conducted by O. Sippetts.

* First peal in the method.

MERE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Tenor 23 cwt.

*George Bunce Treble	†Lewis A. Perrett 5
Fred A. Coward 2	William C. Shute 6
*Harold Keates 3	Edward G. L. Coward 7
†Jesse E. Green... .. 4	William Keates Tenor

Conducted by Fred A. Coward.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Triples as conductor. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th and 8th belong to the local company, remainder from neighbouring towers. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Ian Grant Cameron, who was recently inducted as Vicar.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*Frank Parnell Treble	John Booth 5
†Miss E. M. Sturt 2	Ernest Birchall 6
James William Grounds 3	†James Marsh 7
Edwin Jennings 4	Joseph Ridyard... .. Tenor

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Also first peal as conductor. J. Booth's 50th peal. The composition contains 22 courses 4.6.3 and extent 6.7.8.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 30, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

Douglas Harris... .. Treble	Cyril Herbert 5
Albert Fleet 2	Ernest Herbert 6
William Janes 3	Edmond J. Hobbs 7
Arthur Markwell 4	Horace Smith Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights.

Conducted by E. J. Hobbs.

First peal in the method by all, and rung at the second attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Markwell and Cyril Herbert, and a 30th wedding anniversary peal to D. Harris.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 25 cwt.

Robert Sperring Treble	Samuel Roberts 5
Geoffrey Milton 2	John E. Randles 6
George R. Jones 3	Arthur E. Pegler 7
George Williams 4	Arthur Tilson Tenor

Conducted by Robert Sperring.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, founder and president of the North Wales Association, and Vicar of St. David's Church, Bangor, who passed away on January 29th, at the age of 83 years.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(Western Branch.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Middleton's.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

Frank Lawrence Treble	Sidney T. Holt 5
William Niblett 2	William Ranford 6
*Geoffrey J. Hemming 3	Robert G. Knowles... .. 7
Cyril Tansell 4	Charles Camm Tenor

Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.

* First peal of Surprise and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to Field-Marshal Earl Haig. This was the quarterly peal for the Western Branch. G. J. Hemming's 50th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

Ernest Stone Treble	Frank W. Perrens 5
Joseph H. W. White 2	Thomas W. Chapman... .. 6
Frank E. Pervin 3	Joseph A. Fenton 7
E. Harry Stoneley 4	Douglas H. Argyle Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. Law James.

Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.

First peal rung in the method. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. J. L. White, M.A., Vicar of Nuneaton, and president of the above Guild, as Rural Dean of Atherstone.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Preston Branch.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

John Brown... .. Treble	John T. Bimson 5
Fred Rigby 2	Fred Harwood 6
Benjamin A. Knights 3	E. Roger Martin 7
William Sharples 4	Edward Armstrong Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights (No. 51). Conducted by E. R. Martin.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. John Marsden, of Chorley.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

Peter Laplin Treble	*Tom Wilde 5
John E. Bibby 2	Allan F. Bailey 6
William Bibby 3	Titus Barlow... .. 7
Thomas B. Worsley... .. 4	Edward Jenkins Tenor

Composed by G. Lindoff.

Conducted by E. Jenkins.

* First peal of London and 100th peal. First peal of London in the tower. Rung with muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to that great British soldier, Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

GARSTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 30, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES TURNER Treble	J. WILLIAM RAWLINSON ... 5
HENRY S. HUGHES 2	WALTER HUGHES 6
JAMES HOOLEY 3	SAMUEL MILLERSHIP 7
THOMAS LLOYD 4	HENRY LITTLER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

First peal for 1st, 2nd, 4th and tenor. First peal on the bells by a band of Sunday service ringers.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	ALFRED MONKLEY 5
* REGINALD DAVEY 2	WILLIAM HOWE 6
TOM G. BARTLETT 3	ALFRED BETTS 7
* EDWARD W. BIFFEN 4	ARTHUR H. COAT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Birthday peal for Mr. Bartlett.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble	† JOHN WOODS 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	WILLIAM S. FORSHAW ... 6
* WILLIAM T. CLARK 3	† THOMAS METCALFE 7
STANLEY HONOUR 4	WILLIAM PICTHALL Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First of Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells. Ringers of 4th and 5th belong to Lancaster, 3rd Broughton, tenor Barras, treble and 2nd Ambleside, rest local.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

PERCY WEBB Treble	* WALTER FLITTON 5
* REGINALD CLEMENTS ... 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 6
† GORDON LILLEY 3	* ARTHUR G. LILLEY 7
† HENRY W. HUTLEY 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th are members of the local band, and 6th and tenor are 'Youths' from Cambridge. E. G. Hibbins' 100th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to Field-Marshal Earl Haig. This is the first peal on the new bells.

ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART, No. 1. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Treble	HAROLD BENNETT 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	WILLIAM H. SOUTHERD ... 6
* JOHN SEDGLEY 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY 7
HORACE BENNETT 4	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples away from the treble. Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Agatha, V. and M. This was the conductor's 150th peal of Grandsire Triples, 120 of which he has conducted. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. E. Roberts, for the use of the bells, and the local captain, Mr. W. H. Broad, for having everything ready.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* WILLIAM COOK Treble	* ALLAN R. PINK 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
GEORGE TALBOT 3	HARRY ELLIOTT 7
* WILLIAM GEO. NEWBURY ... 4	GEORGE MARRINER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* Elected members previous to starting. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. Mr. Elliott had not rung a peal for 32 years.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LIVERSEDGE SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CLARENCE BLACKBORN ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN 5
FRED HODGSON 2	ARNOLD BLACKBURN 6
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 3	LESLIE V. C. MORRIS 7
JACK BANKS 4	ERNEST B. BETTS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Sidney Goodall and Earl Haig. First peal and first attempt in this variation. ~~The method is by Edward St. John, 1927.~~

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD BUCKLAND ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
PHYLLIS M. MOSS 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. W. Fletcher and Miss E. K. Parker.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN J. BROWN Treble	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN 2	PERCY C. WILLIAMS 6
FREDK. W. WADE 3	FREDERICK E. TYLER 7
WALTER FARLEY 4	ISAAC LONG Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HARRY LONG Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
†FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 4	CAPT. J. HOWARD FREEBORN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. First peal in the method on the bells and also the quickest of Major. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss E. K. Parker and Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HUBERT JONES Treble	GEO. RANDALL 4
*JOHN J. PRICE 2	WM. MAPF 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	ARTHUR MASON Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal on an inside bell in the method. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and tenor hail from Ludlow, 2nd from Knighton, 4th and 5th from Bromfield.

BRIGHTWALTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

HENRY W. CURTIS Treble	*JOHN F. BRACEY 4
*KENNETH J. SHERMAN ... 2	*GEORGE E. HEDGES 5
ERNEST W. SMITH 3	*HUGH A. WHITLOCK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

* First peal. First peal ever rung on the bells. Ringers of 1st and 3rd are from Newbury tower, the remainder are local ringers. The Newbury ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hedges.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob and 2,880 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER N. ASHBY Treble	*HERBERT GREENACRE ... 4
TOM GREENACRE 2	ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... 5
EDWARD GREENACRE 3	JAMES H. RAPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Doreen Bagge (daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Bagge) to Mr. Ralph Hare, which took place at the Guards' Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on the same day. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WHADDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BECKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*WILLIAM MEAD Treble	HERBERT E. EDWARDS ... 4
WALTER SEAR 2	HARRY SEAR 5
*SIDNEY SMITH 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. E. A. Selby Lowndes for sending his car to fetch them to attempt this peal.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOSEPH FAULKNER Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW 4
GEORGE R. DILLEY 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 5
ERNEST H. MASTIN 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal and 66 years of age. The band (thank the Vicar (Canon W. W. C. Baker) for ascending the tower at the conclusion of the peal and offering his congratulations.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 30, 1928, 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 three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Greaves, 62 years churchwarden at the above church.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
BARNARD PATMORE 2	GEORGE H. CARTER 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. S. Carter, an esteemed member of the Little Munden Society, to Miss Elsie Brown, of Brightlingsea.

THEDDINGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	A. NORMAN GEARY 4
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which have been five since 1873. A very long pull without guides. This is the 107th Leicester tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

FUNERAL OF MR. S. R. KING.

The funeral of the late Mr. Stanley Robert King, whose tragic death, at the age of 25 years, we recorded in our last issue, took place at Mitcham Parish Church on January 31st. The deceased had been a member of the Mitcham Society and of the Surrey Association for the last five years. He made many friends, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a man who would always do a 'good turn' for anyone; the furtherance of the art of campanology was his chief hobby, and for this reason the Parish Church company feel the loss not only of an enthusiastic change ringer but of one who was virtually a brother to all.

A number of ringers attended the funeral, and at the graveside a last tribute was paid by ringing the handbells three whole pulls, thrice followed by a plain course of Grandsire Triples: A. Calver 1-2, L. Attwater 3-4, R. Grimwood 5-6, J. Watkins 7-8. After the interment, the tower bells were rung half-muffled to the usual 'whole pull and stand' prior to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: H. Tourle 1, J. Watkins 2, R. Grimwood 3, L. Attwater 4, J. H. Lott 5, A. Calver 6, W. H. Joiner (conductor) 7, W. S. Smith 8. Among the host of floral tributes were wreaths from the Mitcham Society, Christ Church (Mitcham) bellringers, and the Surrey Association.

GLoucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. 'BIRTHPLACE' REVISITED.

The annual meeting of the Stroud Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Bisley on Saturday, January 28th. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung in the afternoon, and the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. I. Clay), who gave a helpful address. The lesson was read by the Master of the Association, Rev. C. D. P. Davies. By the kind invitation of the Vicar and Mr. Clay, the ringers then adjourned to the Vicarage to a most bountiful tea, at which a feature was an iced cake, adorned with bells, the letters 'G. and B.,' and 50 candles, to celebrate the jubilee of the association. The cake was cut by the Master of the association, and the Vicar said how pleased they were to have the honour of Mr. Davies' presence with them. Mr. A. Wright referred to the two meetings held in that same room, presided over by the late Rev. Canon Keble, in September and October, 1877, when they worked out the details preliminary to starting the association. He read out the names of those present at the meetings, including Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. G. H. Phillott, the founders of the association.

The Master expressed his pleasure in again visiting Bisley, and said he well remembered those early meetings held at that Vicarage.

The annual meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The secretary presented the balance sheet for 1927, which was passed and considered most satisfactory.

The Rev. W. I. Clay, R.D., was elected chairman of the district, Mr. A. Wright sec. and treasurer and Mr. H. Barrett representative on the Diocesan Association. All the tower representatives were re-elected except that for Stroud. Mr. H. Scrivens takes the place of Mr. G. Orchard.

The Vicar was heartily thanked for his kind hospitality and helpful address, and the tower was afterwards visited and various touches rung.

CIRENCESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the branch was held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 28th, and despite the wet weather was fairly well attended. The following towers were represented: Cirencester, Fairford, Tetbury, Cols St. Aldwyns, South Cerney and Down Ampney. Two welcome visitors put in an attendance—Mr. C. Gardiner, of Swindon, and Mr. L. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett. Tea was had at Messrs. Viner's Restaurant, and was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Westmacott), who took the chair at the business meeting. The old officers were all re-elected. Several new members were elected. South Cerney was chosen for the next meeting, to be held in April. The Chairman of the branch, Mr. F. Edwards, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind hospitality. The Vicar, in reply, said that he had been visiting at the hospital during the afternoon, and that the ringing had given great pleasure to the patients.

The ringers' service was held at the Parish Church, and was conducted by the Vicar. The organist, Mr. A. H. Gibbons, very kindly accompanied.

During the afternoon and evening the fine peal of twelve at the Parish Church, which have recently been reclappeded, and the three back bells counterbalanced by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., were kept going to Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, and Stedman Doubles, Triples and Caters, several members having their first pull on twelve bells.

NORTH WALES PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Bangor, North Wales, of the Rev. Thomas Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Glanadda, in his 83rd year. The deceased gentleman was formerly an active ringer, and for many years, up to the time of his death, was president of the North Wales Association. He was an accomplished musician and an enthusiastic horticulturist, his extensive gardens being filled with rare specimens and being one of the show places of Bangor.

THE LATE MR. W. E. GARRARD.

MUFFLED 'REQUIEM' AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

The late Mr. W. E. Garrard, whose sudden death we recorded last week, was a parochial ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral, and his colleagues rung the 'whole pull and stand' on the bells, prior to which the De Profundis was recited. Afterwards, two courses of Stedman Cinques were rung.

At Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, where Mr. Garrard was born, two 720's of Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung with muffled bells on January 28th, as a mark of respect. J. Botts, G. Brown, A. Berry, F. Hayward, G. Kemp, E. Poppy and E. Youngs took part.

Mr. Harry Sear, of Bloctley, Bucks, who, like many others, owes his first insight into ringing to the late Mr. Garrard, writes paying a tribute to his memory and expressing deepest sympathy with the widow and family.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church on January 28th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes): H. Nelson 1, Rev. M. C. Edgar 2, A. Gardner 3, R. Gilbert 4, C. Nichols 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6, G. Butler 7, G. Wilson 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 8th.

ANOTHER DEVON OCTAVE.

SIXTEEN BANDS RING AT BRIDGERULE.

Just two years ago the peal of six bells at Bridgerule, near Holsworthy, Devon, was restored and augmented. This ring has been so admired that it set up the desire to add two trebles to complete the octave, and these have now been added.

The dedication of the new bells took place during a service of thanksgiving, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Kingdon. The local ringers rang rounds for a few minutes immediately after the ceremony. Ringing continued throughout the day by complete visiting bands, which included Bridgerule (two), Launcells, Jacobstow (2), Marhamchurch (2), Poundstick, Stratton, Weeks St. Mary (2), Pyeworthy (2), North Tamerton, Whitstone and Poundstock—sixteen complete bands in all.

A public luncheon was provided in the schoolroom.

After the toast of 'The King,' the Vicar (the Rev. Kingdon) said how happy he was to meet everyone again in that second dedication of the bells at Bridgerule. He was the more pleased because the desire to complete the octave came from the ringers and parishioners. He explained that, some months ago, their friend Mr. Bassett, one of his ringers, offered to give £25 towards the new bells. Before he, the Vicar, knew anything about this proposal, half the money had been offered. He felt he was pushed into it, but, of course, he gladly took the matter up and approached Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who were the founders of their splendid peal of six. They, his hearers, had heard the new bells, and he was sure they would agree that they had now an octave of bells second to none in the county. They had with them that day Mr. Roper, to represent the firm, and he was sure they would wish him, the Vicar, on their behalf, to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston very heartily for the lovely toned peal of bells which they now possessed, and of which they were very proud.

In reply, Mr. Roper said how pleased he was to be with them once more, and thanked them for the kind things said about his firm. He assured them that they had the same quality of bells that had brought a demand for English bells from all over the world. His firm were now making hundreds of tons of bells each year. Continuing, he complimented the local bands on their splendid ringing (which consisted in raising and falling in peal and call changes). He, the speaker, said that he had rung in hundreds of towers all over the kingdom, and he was bound to say that the excellence of the striking in Devon could not be surpassed. But while he admired this, he did not think, as ringers, that they should stop at call changes and raising and falling in peal. If, as he urged them to do, they took up 'scientific' ringing and maintained the same level of striking which they now did, then they would be giving of their best in their office of church workers. As far as he could see they had the material there which could, with a little assistance and perseverance, in a few months ring a complete peal of 5,040 changes.

The Rev. Melhuish, Ashwater, proposed the toast of 'The subscribers.' He thought that by the easy way money was collected in Bridgerule it showed how much they loved their church and their dear friend the Vicar. He had thought of asking them to subscribe towards the proposed new bell to make his peal up to six at Ashwater, but he quite expected that their own list would be over-subscribed, and he would be glad to receive the surplus.

Further events of the day consisted of a public tea, supper, concert and dance. A football match had been arranged, but had to be abandoned owing to the floods. The festivities ended at 1.30 a.m., after a particularly happy, if strenuous, day.

The bells are a very sweet-toned peal of eight, with a tenor of 10 cwt. They are hung in a massive iron frame, and the 'last word' in fittings. The number of broken stays during the days testified to the easy running of the bells.

It is hoped that when, in future, bands of ringers are in the district for their annual outing, they would include Bridgerule in their itinerary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Presteigne District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Weobley on Saturday, January 28th. Ringing commenced at four, and the Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. L. Edwards). Tea was provided after service, and was followed by the business meeting, twenty-eight members being present from eight towers, including the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards). The Vicar presided, and the Secretary reported that three meetings and five combined practices had been held in the past year, with an average attendance of fifteen members. One practice was abandoned owing to bad weather. Four members had qualified for certificates, one peal of Grandsire Doubles had been rung at Lyonshall in December to celebrate the bi-centenary of the hanging of the bells, rung by the local band.

The District Ringing Master (Mr. W. Evans, Lyonshall) and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow) were re-elected, and two new members were enrolled.

The next quarterly meeting was fixed for May at Wigmore, and combined practices in February at Kington and in April at Dilwyn.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and allowing the use of the bells concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, where ringing was kept up till 9 p.m. in Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor.

CROWNING THE SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE RECORD.

An interesting event was celebrated on Saturday, January 28th, at Bolton Parish Church, when a peal tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the Rev. Canon Carpenter, Vicar and Rural Dean, recording the peal, rung 12 months ago, of 11,232 Superlative Surprise Major. A very interesting service was conducted by the Vicar, the congregation representing many towers in Lancashire. All the band who took part in the record peal were present, including Mr. Lindoff, who had made the journey from Dublin specially for this occasion.

The Vicar, in his address, referred to the remarkable work of skill and endurance which the tablet would for evermore commemorate, and said it was one more noble example of carrying a message to the minds and hearts of men.

Some good ringing was enjoyed on the bells at the Parish Church, Grandsire, Treble Bob, Superlative, and London Surprise being some of the methods rung.

After the service the 'record' band adjourned to the photographers, where a group photo with the peal tablet was taken.

In the evening (at the invitation of the Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club), a very enjoyable time was spent at their headquarters, when upwards of 60 ringers with their wives were entertained. Songs were rendered by Miss A. Potter, Miss F. Cutsforth, Mr. Cutsforth, and others, while Miss M. Cutsforth assisted at the piano. Handbell music was provided by the Holy Trinity company, also a course of Grandsire Caters by E. Cutsforth 1-2, G. Lindoff 3-4, A. Bailey 5-6, E. Webster 7-8, E. Jenkins 9-10, which received a great ovation.

Last, but not least, were the congratulations voiced by Mr. P. Crook to the ringers of the peal.

Mr. Banks, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, while congratulating the whole band, from the treble to the tenor, on their excellent performance and their striking, which was the great feature of the peal, said he could not let the opportunity pass without commenting on the ability, the expertness in mathematical problems, and the far-seeing capabilities of Mr. Worsley, the composer of the peal. As to Mr. Jenkins, went on Mr. Banks, as a conductor he would be very hard to beat. With two such capable men as these, the Lancashire Association would never fall. Mr. Banks closed by moving a vote of thanks to the police for their invitation and their generosity. Mr. Jenkins, who seconded the vote of thanks, stated that the success attached to the peal and the previous attempt was due to the local band and the personal supervision of Mr. Crook, for which he thanked them all.

Mr. Shaker (secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mr. Lindoff supported the previous speakers, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**READING BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on Saturday, January 28th. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' in the afternoon, and a well-attended service followed at St. Mary's Church, led by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Parham, who gave an appropriate address, his text being, 'Praise Him on the loud cymbals.'

The tea and business meeting were held at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, 75 members sitting down. Among those present were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer), the Rev. J. T. Mumford (branch chairman), the Rev. Canon Coleridge, Mr. W. P. Routh, Mr. W. S. Pearton, Dr. Joyce, and members from the various towers of the branch. The tea was not quite a success, owing to the overcrowding of all cafes in Reading by cup-tie enthusiasts, and, as it was first come first served, the ringers had to wait three-quarters of an hour for their tea, which then was not all that could be desired.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. J. T. Mumford in the chair. The Secretary (Mr. F. W. Hopgood) read the balance sheet and gave his report, mentioning that it had been a very successful year. Eight new honorary members, eight new ordinary members and a new tower, Nettlebed, had been added to the branch lists. The quarterly meetings, too, had been fairly successful, but not so good as in the previous year.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, the Rev. J. T. Mumford (re-elected); secretary, Mr. F. W. Hopgood (re-elected); auditors, Messrs. A. Wiggins and H. Tucker; committee, Messrs. J. Swain, W. Appleby and H. Tucker.

The quarterly meetings for 1928 were arranged for Checkendon, Shiplake, and Mortimer, and very satisfactory reports were given of most of the towers of the branch.

Mention was made of the death of the Rev. R. Hart Davis, who had been an active member of the Guild for many years, and the members stood in silence as a token of respect.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Vicar and organist of St. Mary's for the beautiful service which had been held.

A smoking concert followed, the members enjoying very much the songs given by Miss W. Ramsden, Master Godfrey, Dr. Joyce, the Rev. A. G. Parham, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. H. Goodyer, ably accompanied by Mrs. Wood. Some amusing Devonshire stories were told by the Rev. Canon Coleridge.

The meeting then closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The recent gale blew down part of the battlements of Loughborough Parish Church tower, and until repairs are completed ringing is suspended.

The Bishop of Taunton, Dr. Charles De Salis, after dedicating a new bell at Minehead Church, climbed to the belfry, when the service was over, and, taking off his coat, assisted in ringing the new bell for the first time.

Another example of the adage, 'It's never too late to begin'—peal ringing, is found in the fact that Mr. Joseph Faulkner has rung his first peal at Southill, Bedfordshire, at the age of 66 years.

While undergoing repair in 1810, the spire of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, fell on February 11th, and crashing through the roof of the church killed 22 persons and injured many others.

The first time the extent of Cambridge Surprise Major with the tenors together was known to have been rung was at Bennington, made famous by Squire Leonard Proctor's band, on February 11th, 1873.

Next Sunday is the anniversary of a 14,016 Kent Treble Bob rung at Oldham in the year 1821. The peal occupied 7 hrs. 26 mins.

Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, among the foremost men in the Exercise in his day, died at the age of 68 on February 14th, 1836.

At Painswick, where on February 14th, 1920, the longest Cinques (13,001 Grandsire) was rung, celebrates the 70th anniversary of another peal next Thursday. This was the 8,448 Stedman Cinques, rung in 1858.

On February 7th, 1801, the Society of London Youths rang 'a complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Tripples,' at St. Mary's, Whitechapel. It was composed and called by J. Reeves.

The Kent Treble Bob Royal at King's Norton on January 21st was 5,080 changes in length, not 5,000 as originally recorded.

We are asked to say that the correct dedication of Bromsgrove Parish Church is St. John-the-Baptist, and not St. John, as given in connection with the peal recorded last week.

BELLS, THEIR TONES AND TUNING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel much gratified at the reception accorded to my historical sketch of the above subject, also for the kindly compliments to myself disclosed in the subsequent correspondence, both that published and that received personally.

In briefly replying to the latter, I would state that the article was gleaned from the many notes compiled for the Ipswich motion, and that, something like the little boy, whose mother said that 'he had enough left in his head to build another wooden boat,' I could add that there yet remain sufficient notes for several other articles. But as these would have to deal largely with the theory of musical sounds, they might not prove so acceptable as the historical sketch, despite the present vogue of articles on wireless and loud speakers.

I observe that some criticism has been directed to Lord Grimthorpe's bells. I find that I am in error in regard to Doncaster bells, which have not been recast as I had been informed. If his bells were like his architecture, they are gravely open to doubt. In the case of St. Paul's, it was doubtless the touch of old Taylor's hand upon the tiler, as I inferred, that saved them from the alleged shortcomings of Grimthorpe's other peals. Apart from sound, they should certainly be regarded as having an historical value, and one hopes that they may, perhaps with Doncaster, long remain a memorial to a man who, despite his many faults, was a great Victorian.

In further comment, there is only space to say that in a middle-sized bell of average quality, the 'third' (above the tap-note) is more important and insistent than the 'fifth,' and that the hum-note appears likely to prove the most important of all, as, indeed, Canon Simpson largely claimed. But how and in what degree, it is still, I feel, for the musician and the scientist to tell us.

In 'Bell tones and how to observe them,' I gave them (using key C) as generally accepted; this will still suffice for a comparison, i.e., old standard, D flat, C, E, G, E, G, etc.; and Simpson, C, C, E flat, G, C, E natural, G, etc. (see reprint in 'The Ringing World,' July, 1926). As you, Sir, once pointed out, these cannot be truly reproduced on a piano. The quality, scale and tones all differ.

Being aware that 'fools rush in where angels fear to tread,' I feel some diffidence in expressing the following in conclusion, viz., I think that the scientist will one day find that the first four of the above tones, in either tuning, are primary ones, i.e., originating from various parts of the bell, and each having their own proper groups of over-tones, whilst the remaining two and all above them are natural harmonics from one or more of the tones below. As to the hum-note itself, I consider that it in all probability arises from pulsations of the air column within the cavity of the bell. Shall we call it the 'loud speaker' of the mass tone of the bell also?

I have already trespassed too much on your space. I will only add that when my friend, Mr. Percy O. Lafin, and I meet, whether at the Gog and Magog or at the Johnson Dinner, we hope to have our usual laugh over Simpson Tuning.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING AT THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY ON MARCH 3rd.

An invitation has been issued to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations asking them to send names of their members who wish to attend. I would be glad if this information could reach me not later than Wednesday, February 22nd. The programme for the day will be:—

- 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Ringing at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, and Croydon Parish Church, by arrangement.
- 2 p.m.—Works open to visitors. Demonstration of a peal of ten, having as tenor the 19-ton Bourdon for New York, which will be rung in its frame; a ring of eight; a carillon of 23; and sundry other peals of bells.
- 3.30 p.m. to 4.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's, Croydon.
- 5 (for 5.15 p.m.)—Invitation tea at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road.
- 6.45 p.m. to 7.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's.
- 8 p.m. to 11.45.—Social at the Baths Hall: concert, handbell ringing and dancing.

His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Bishop of Guildford, Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, and the Vicar of Croydon (Canon E. S. Woods), are among those who have expressed their intention of being present at this gathering.

CYRIL F. JOHNSTON,
Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

In connection with the gathering, Mr. Johnston is seeking the co-operation of the secretaries of ringing Guilds and associations in making known the arrangements, and those who require tickets will have to make application through this channel.

As the number of ringers attending is likely to be unusually large, it is not possible to extend the invitation in a general way to ringers' wives or friends (unless they are ringers also). Every effort, however, will be made to provide for a few tickets for this purpose to each association or Guild directly the number of those coming is known.

RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The Associated Railway Companies have agreed to the issue of cheap return tickets to Croydon from any railway station upon payment at the time of booking of single fare and a third (minimum 1s., fractions of 3d. reckoned as 3d.) and surrender of a voucher, which will be forwarded in due course with the admission tickets required. The tickets will be available for the forward journey on March 2nd or 3rd, and for return on March 3rd, 4th or 5th. This will enable visitors to break the journey by staying in London one or two days, if desired, up to and including March 5th.

LADIES' GUILD. LINCOLN BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bassingham on Saturday. Despite the cold, wet weather, a good number put in an appearance, the bells being raised in peal about 2 p.m. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and the standard methods in Minor up to Cambridge being rung. The most notable feature during the whole of the ringing was the help given to young ringers. Very few touches were rung without having a beginner inside.

The Rev. Pocock officiated at the choral service, and invited those of the ringers who cared to do so to go to the Parish Room for handbell ringing, a fire having been lit for the purpose.

After tea, which was arranged by Mrs. Pollard and other ladies in the village, thanks were accorded by Mrs. Richardson (the district secretary) to the Vicar, Miss Johnson, the organist, and the ladies who had helped with the tea. Mr. Baker, of Gainsborough, who seconded, said how very pleased the gentlemen were to be able to support the ladies' meetings, and they would always do anything in their power to make the meetings a success.

The business meeting then followed, and Mrs. Bartram, of Misterton, was voted to the chair. Lincoln was proposed by Mrs. Humphrey, and seconded by Mrs. Baker as the place for the next meeting. It was also proposed that the business meeting should be held on the same day as the Lincoln Diocesan Guild's annual meeting is held, providing permission could be obtained, as that day would be the most suitable for the majority of the Lincolnshire ladies to meet.

Thanks were accorded to the members, through the secretary, by Miss Parker for the wedding present given her by the Ladies' Guild at St. Clement Danes. The ladies then adjourned to the Parish Room and the belfry, where the ringing of handbells and tower bells was indulged in until about 8 p.m., when a very pleasant meeting terminated.

LADIES' GUILD SECRETARY'S MARRIAGE.

MR. G. W. FLETCHER AND MISS E. K. PARKER WEDDED AT EDMONTON.

The marriage of two distinguished ringers was solemnised at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, on Saturday, when Mr. George Wm. Fletcher, of Southgate, was wedded to Miss Edith Kate Parker, only daughter of Mr. James Parker, of Enfield. The bride has been among the foremost lady exponents of the art of ringing, and, in addition, was one of the founders of the Ladies' Guild, and has been general secretary from its inception in 1912. Miss Parker inherited her ringing ability from her talented father, and is herself the leading conductor among the gentler sex. The bridegroom is also well known throughout the Exercise, and both have rung together with the Sunday service band at Edmonton for some years.

It was not surprising, therefore, that Saturday's event—the culmination of another belfry romance—should excite widespread interest among ringers, a large number of whom gathered to witness the ceremony which, fittingly, was performed by the Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the Central Council, of which Miss Parker is a member. The wedding party reached the church to the sound of the bells rung by eight members of the Ladies' Guild, and the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, escorted by two bridesmaids, and preceded by the choir and clergy, advanced up the aisle while the hymn, 'O Father, all creating,' was sung. In addition to Canon Coleridge, the Rev. R. C. Evill (Vicar of Edmonton) and the Rev. E. Forbes (Vicar of Bush Hill Park, where for 15 years Miss Parker was secretary of the Sunday School) took part in the service, at the conclusion of which the hymn, 'O perfect love' was sung, kneeling.

In an address, Canon Coleridge referred to the part which both bride and bridegroom had taken, in a special way, in church work.

Immediately the ceremony had been completed, the bells pealed out from the old grey tower, and were 'fired' and rung in touches of Stedman Triples by the Edmonton band.

The bride was attired in a pretty gown of grey georgette, with hat of grey tissue and georgette, and she carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Skinner (cousin of the bride) and little Miss Parker (the bride's niece). Both wore dresses of blue georgette, their bouquets being of pink and yellow carnations. Mr. C. V. Parker was best man.

As the happy couple left the church, the organ boomed out the 'Wedding March,' and the bells rang out merrily.

A reception was held at the Church Hall, when Canon Coleridge, in a felicitous speech, proposed the health of 'The bride and bridegroom,' which was suitably acknowledged by both. Afterwards, the Rev. R. C. Evill added his congratulations, and referred to the service which the bridal couple had long rendered to Edmonton Church as ringers.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher left for the Isle of Wight, where the honeymoon is being spent. At their departure, and for some time later, touches in a variety of methods were rung on the bells.

The many gifts which Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher have received include presents from numerous ringing friends, and, in addition to those from the Ladies' Guild, there have been gifts from the Cumberland Youths and the Edmonton band.

DEVON GUILD. BRANCH MEETING AT TOTNES.

Totnes, with its noble peal of eight bells, was the venue for the annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild on Saturday, January 28th. The inclement weather somewhat marred the attendance, but ringers came from Paignton, Collaton, Torquay, Brixham, Dartmouth, Littlehempstone, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Dawlish, Christow, Exeter and Exmouth. The president of the Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell) was also present. The bells were kept going in the Grandsire method during the afternoon, and the touches included a well-struck 504. Service was held in the beautiful old church, conducted by the Rector of Totnes (Rev. Preb. J. Heywood Waddington), who in a very interesting address extended a welcome to the visitors.

The company afterwards adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, where the wants of the 'inner man' were amply satisfied.

Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman) presided over the business meeting which followed. A report on the past year's work was presented and adopted. Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were unanimously re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and both suitably returned thanks.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the Rector of Totnes for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, and to the organist and choir for their presence.—This the Rector suitably acknowledged.

For the next meeting, to take place on Saturday, May 8th, Cockington and Collaton were proposed, and, on being put to the meeting, Collaton was chosen.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. C. R. Walker, of Newton Abbot, a member who had been ill.

The president of the Guild was congratulated on his forthcoming marriage, and on his appointment to another living, to which he suitably replied.

The business having concluded, the visitors returned to the tower, where Stedman Doubles, and Grandsire Triples were rung.

THEORY AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I suppose I ought to feel thoroughly crushed after the replies which my last letter drew from the experts. But thick-skulled people take a lot of hammering before they are finally 'laid out.' Permit me, therefore, a few more words, lest your readers deem my arguments so utterly demolished that there is nothing more to be said.

The most serious thing which I have to meet is Mr. Trollope's answer to my challenge as to the definition of 'change,' and he goes back to Fabian Stedman as his authority. Mr. Trollope defined 'change' as 'the movement, the "work," which connects two rows.' My argument is that the 'change' is the row itself, and I venture to suggest that Mr. Trollope's quotation from Stedman supports my contention. Let me repeat what Stedman said, and ask your readers to study it: 'A change is made between two bells that strike next to each other by removing into each other's places, as in these two figures, 1.2. Make a change between them and they will stand 2.1, which is called a change.' If the words 'between them' mean anything, they mean 'between the bells or figures,' and not in between what we now call the 'rows,' as Mr. Trollope would have us believe.

I appreciate Mr. George Baker's desire to elucidate the distinction between 'lead-end' and 'lead-head,' but it does not destroy my case that dual terms such as this (and dual meanings to the same term, of which there are many instances to be found) tend to confusion. I did not contend that the theorists had no ground for using the term 'lead-head,' and I am now quite sure the matter will be perfectly clear to everyone in future. All we have to remember is that when we see 135284 appear in Bob Minor and call it the 'lead-end,' it is a simple transposition row. When we see the same row appear in the same place in the same method and call it 'lead-head,' it is a complex transposition row. Yes, it is quite simple.

I am afraid Mr. Joyce has rather missed my point. Of course, everybody knows that 214365 is not 213546, and any ringer knows that if you have 214365879 and do nothing, 214365879 will repeat itself. My whole argument is that the change from 214365879 to rounds is made in the row 123456789, and not in between the rows.—Yours faithfully,

A PLAIN RINGER.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT BELL FUND.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth by permission of the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith (Vicar), and in spite of the inclement weather a good company was present. Service was conducted by the Vicar, who in his address gave a brief history of bells, which was most interesting. After service, the members were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the Vicar and churchwardens, and a party of 56 greatly appreciated the refreshments provided. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. Bird (vice-president), Mr. Edgley (churchwarden), and Mr. Bridges (hon. treasurer to the Isleworth bell fund).

At the subsequent business meeting an appeal for the distressed sufferers of the recent floods in Isleworth was made, and £1 11s. was collected and handed to the Vicar.

A grant of two guineas was made from the funds to the West Drayton bell fund.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted, and showed a surplus of £1 13s. 3d. on the year's working. It was reported that nine meetings were held during the year, with an average attendance of 39. The ringing at these meetings had greatly improved. Many young enthusiasts had attended, all of whom the association welcomed most heartily. Twenty-four ringing members and three honorary members were elected during the year.

All the officers, including the members of the Central Committee, were re-elected for the ensuing year, with thanks for their past services.

The company expressed their sincere sympathy with Mr. Tom Beadle, and wished him a speedy recovery. A vote of condolence was accorded to the widow and family of the late Mr. W. E. Garrard on their sad bereavement.

Arising out of the several appeals received from churches in the district, a fund is to be formed with a charge of 3d. per rope for peal attempts, to be collected previous to the attempt by the conductor, in towers affiliated to the South and West District, and remitted to the hon. secretary.

The appeal for the Isleworth bell fund, which, owing to the great demand on the generosity of ringers and public alike, has been prolonged for a time, is still before the public. The amount reached is £120. The new Vicar is greatly interested in the scheme, and further assistance is asked for. A dance and social is to be held at Acton Church Hall on Easter Eve, April 7th, arranged by the Ringing Master (Mr. Holloway) in aid of the funds, and it is hoped others will follow.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality, to the vice-president, Ringing Master, Mr. Lidbetter of the Isleworth band, the organist, hostess and assistants.

With the Ringing Master and hon. secretary's best thanks to officers and members alike for their attendance and support during the year, the meeting closed.

The tower was again visited, and ringing also took place at Twickenham, where the company increased by other arrivals. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Twickenham and Mr. E. A. Morris of the local band.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 28th. Heavy rain fell during the afternoon, but in spite of this over 40 members were present from various towers in the county, and also from Crewe.

Ringing commenced soon after 2.30 at St. Mary's Church, but had to be stopped at 3.15 on account of a service. Tracks were then made for St. Chad's, where ringing continued until five o'clock, when a service was held in St. Aidan's Chapel, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. B. S. Lombard), who gave a very interesting address on the origin of bells and their ancient use.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in St. Chad's Institute, the catering being done by Mr. John Wall, an old and esteemed member.

The business meeting followed, Major E. R. Trevor Corbett presiding.

The Secretary read the report, and presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £41 4s. 10d. It was gratifying to learn that the membership was 115, and as there were several more elected at the meeting this brings the total to over 120.

Mr. W. Saunders was elected to represent the association on the Central Council, in place of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, who has left the county.

On the proposition of Mr. Rodenhurst, seconded by Mr. Saunders, it was decided to reduce the non-resident life membership fee to 3s. 6d. The quarterly meetings for this year are to be held at Malinslee, Oswestry, and Moreton Corbet.

The business having been disposed of, the members returned to St. Chad's, and the noble ring were kept going till nine o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal, and three courses of Grandsire Cinques.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE NEGLECT OF SIX-BELL TOWERS.

In spite of a gale and incessant rain, over 50 members braved the elements and attended the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District at Rainham on Saturday, January 28th. The tower was opened at three o'clock for ringing, and the belfry was soon crowded out.

The Vicar of Rainham, the Rev. W. A. R. Ball, conducted the association service, the organist and a full choir being in attendance, which considerably brightened the service. The Vicar gave an excellent address, taking for his text the words from Corinthians iii. 9, 'We are labourers with God.'

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, to which nearly 70 sat down, including the choir, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by Churchwarden H. Springate.

The business meeting, which followed, was of the usual harmonious character.

Six new members were elected, and after a host of towers being proposed at the place of the next meeting, Tunstall was finally chosen, after a close vote with Gillingham. It was unanimously decided to hold the meeting on the last Saturday in April.

Mr. Haigh spoke of the neglect to hold meetings at the six-bell towers, and it was decided to hold a bye-meeting at Higham, on Saturday, March 10th, and try and get that tower to rejoin the association.

The district secretary was asked, on behalf of the district, to write to Mr. W. A. Cooke, of Rainham, who was lying in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Chatham, after a successful operation, and convey their best wishes for a speedy recovery; also to Mr. E. J. Dobbie, of Sittingbourne, who, as the result of an accident with his motor-bicycle, had lost three fingers, expressing the members' regret at his accident.

The District Secretary said they were deeply grateful to the Benevolent Committee for a further grant to Mr. F. Draper, of Northfleet, which had helped him over an evil time, and he was glad to say that now he was in receipt of the old age pension.

Mr. W. Haigh proposed hearty thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their valued assistance, also to the organist and choir for their attendance.

The Vicar responded in a humorous speech and thanked the district for again visiting Rainham.

After touches on the handbells, the tower was again visited, the ringing ranging from rounds to whatever method was desired up to Cambridge and Superlative.

LIVERPOOL RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred at Liverpool of Mr. Sam W. Stewart. Mr. Stewart was formerly a member of the company at Halifax Parish Church. He came to Liverpool about 24 years ago, and was for some time a ringer at St. John's, Tuebrook. Later he had resided at Great Crosby, and rang regularly as a service ringer at St. Luke's Church, the ringers of which tower carried him to his last resting place.

Deceased was a good ringer, and had rung several peals of Stedman Triples, but his favourite method was Treble Bob.

Much sympathy is extended to his widow and family, also to his brother, Mr. C. E. Stewart, by the ringers of Liverpool, with whom the deceased was very popular.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

The inaugural meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held on Jan. 28th at St. Mary's Church, when over 60 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Bishop's Waltham, Caterington, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Southampton, and Wickham, as well as visitors from King's Somborne and Mr. H. Barton (Ventnor).

Ringing took place on the peal of eight until 4.30 p.m., when a service was held in the church, at which the Archdeacon of Portsmouth (the Ven. H. N. Rodgers) addressed the members, and was assisted in the conduct of the service by the Revs. A. G. E. Munson and R. B. Brown, of St. Mary's. The Archdeacon based his address on two of the objects of the Guild—(1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church workers, and (2) the promotion of ringing for divine service. At the close of the service, at which Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O. (Millbrook), presided at the organ, the assembly adjourned to the Parish Institute, where an excellent tea awaited them.

At the business meeting which followed, the Archdeacon took the chair, supported by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), the general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), the district secretary pro. tem. (Mr. F. W. Rogers), etc., the Secretary read the list of towers which had been placed in the new Portsmouth district, viz., Alverstoke, Curdridge, East Meon, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Petersfield, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Soberton, and West Meon (eight-bell towers); Bishop's Waltham, Bramshott, Caterington, Hambledon, Shedfield, Swanmore, Titchfield, Wickham and Warnford (six-bell towers); Buriton and Steep (five-bell towers). The Secretary said that all the towers had affiliated to the Guild except Soberton, Warnford, and Buriton.

The election of district officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. F. A. Burnett and R. J. Stone.

Several new members were elected, including the Rector of Bramshott (the Rev. E. H. Polehampton), and eight honorary members of Wickham, Messrs. C. E. Foster (Caterington) and S. A. Bamford (Portsmouth) as full members, and two probationers from Havant and Portsea. Colonel de W. Kitcat (Gosport) was transferred from a full member to an honorary member.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Petersfield on April 28th, when it is hoped to be able to visit both Buriton and Steep.

A discussion arose on the question of combined practices, and it was suggested that a quarterly peal should be arranged to give young ringers an opportunity to ring their first peal, applications to be made to the district secretary.

Just before the close of the meeting, the Bishop of Southampton (Dr. Boulflower) paid a visit and was warmly welcomed by the members present, to whom he addressed a few remarks.

On the proposition of the District Chairman, votes of thanks were accorded the Archdeacon for his address, to the clergy who had arranged the service, and to the organist and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success. At the conclusion handbell ringing was practised until it was convenient to visit the belfry. During the day the ringing ranged from rounds for the beginners, and included Grandsire and Stedman Triples. Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise Major.

NEW ALTON DISTRICT STARTED.

The inaugural meeting of the new Alton District was held at Alton on Saturday, January 21st, when 24 ringers attended from Alton, Binsted, Blackmoor, Fareham, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Portsmouth and Winchester.

Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild) presided at the business meeting and was supported by the Rev. B. C. Taylor, Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. W. Read, Mr. Perry and others, and at the commencement expressed his regret that more clergy were not present. He proceeded to give the reasons for forming the new district, and stated that the following towers had been placed in it: Alton, Privett, Chawton, Binsted, Froyle, Ropley, Blackmoor, Hawkley, Froxfield, Liss, Selborne and Newton Valence. Bramshott, although in the area, had expressed a wish to remain in the Portsmouth District, but the chairman thought that when it was seen that an Alton District would be more convenient and handy for them, the Bramshott band would be anxious to transfer to the Alton District.

Considerable discussion arose over the point brought forward by the Alton band, that they did not think the new district was required or workable. However, it was finally decided that the only way to work the towers in the area was by forming a new Alton District.

Rev. F. G. Byres (Blackmoor) was elected district chairman, Rev. B. C. Taylor (Binsted) district secretary, Mr. Read (Blackmoor) representative on the Central Committee, and Rev. E. Dennett (East Worsleyham) district auditor (subject to his consent).

It was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting at Binsted on Saturday, May 12th, and that the dates and places of the next annual meeting and two more quarterly meetings be decided at that meeting.

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'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

We are glad to acknowledge the following further contributions to the fund for the assistance of Mr. Alfred T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor'), of Hillsborough, Sheffield. The fund has reached a substantial amount, but there is, in a case of this description, where a breadwinner is permanently deprived of his sight, great need for as large a sum as can be raised, and we earnestly appeal to all those who have not yet sent their contributions to do so as soon as possible, so that the fund may be closed.

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Amount already acknowledged	116	9	5
Collected at Kent County Association meeting at Bromley			
Common, per T. Groombridge, sen.	1	3	0
St. Mary Magdalen ringers, Harlow Common	10	6	
Wickham, Hants, belfry, per G. E. Chappell	10	6	
Ringers of St. Giles', Stony Stratford	10	0	
Collected at the Essex Association at West Ham, per E. Butler	1	0	0
Ringers of Long Eaton, Derbyshire	10	0	
Eastern Branch, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, per J. Phillips	2	2	0
Ringers of Burton-on-Stather, North Lincs	12	0	
Wrexham Parish Church bellringers	12	0	
Miss Vera Robinson, Wokingham	1	0	0
D. Cecil Williams, Southampton	1	1	0
G. Dent, Harlow	10	6	
C. Chooet, Chelsea	2	6	
W. Tiley, Bruton, Somerset	2	6	

Total £126 15 11.

SURREY'S DIOCESAN POSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to point out a little mistake in your leading article on the problems of Surrey in your issue of January 27th. It infers that the portion of Surrey which formed the new diocese of Southwark was in Canterbury diocese. That was not the case; it was formerly in Rochester diocese. The only portion of Surrey that ever was, and still is, in Canterbury diocese is Croydon and a portion of its near neighbourhood.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. PITMAN.

CHORLEY RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Thursday, February 2nd, at the Chorley Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,928 changes) was rung in one hour and fifteen minutes, in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Marsden, of Chorley. The ringers were: John Marsden 1, W. Blackledge 2, T. Lofthouse 3, H. Southworth 4, J. H. Gartside 5, F. Rigby (conductor) 6, G. Hewitt 7, H. Foster 8. At the conclusion of the touch Mr. Lofthouse, on behalf of the ringers, presented a framed photograph of the church to Mr. Marsden. The picture was inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. John Marsden by the ringers of the Chorley Parish Church on the occasion of their golden wedding, February 2nd, 1928.'

Mr. Marsden, in accepting the gift, on behalf of himself and his wife, thanked the ringers, and said how pleased he was with it, as he thought they could not have chosen anything more suitable, for he had been connected with the church from birth. He was baptised there, married there, and had been a Sunday School teacher for a long number of years, as well as having been a ringer at the church about fifty-seven years.

The ringers then spent the rest of the evening in a convivial manner, Mr. Marsden acting as the host. Songs were given by Mr. R. Clayton, H. Foster and J. H. Gregson, Mr. J. H. Gartside accompanying in his usual efficient manner, and also playing several selections.

Mr. Lofthouse moved that the heartiest thanks of the ringers be given to their host, and to Messrs. Clayton, Gartside, Foster and Gregson for having entertained them. Mr. F. Rigby seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Hertford on Saturday, January 28th, when the bells of All Saints' (10), St. Andrew's (8), and Ben en (8), were made good use of. Twenty-five ringers put in an appearance in spite of the uninviting weather, and all seemed to enjoy the meeting of friends.

A short but very enjoyable service was held in All Saints' Church. The Vicar gave an address, and all who attended appreciated the warm welcome that he gave them.

The business meeting was held after tea, Mr. R. Sanders, of London, presiding.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded the incumbent for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding, all being pleased to see him amongst them. An adjournment was then made to the three towers, and further ringing was done.

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During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the fine peal of bells at St. Lawrence's Church.

The formation of the new district will enable new ground to be worked, as, owing to the large size of the old Winchester District, there were many towers at which a Guild meeting had never been held.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ROSSENDALE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Rosendale Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, January 28th, when members assembled from all parts of the district, and there was a visiting member from Salford, making a total of 34 present. Touches in various methods were rung, including Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, etc., during the afternoon. A substantial meal was served at the Boar's Head Hotel, the menu including potato pie and rice pudding. The repast was kindly provided by the Rector, and, needless to say, the ringers did ample justice to all the good things.

The business was afterwards transacted, St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, being selected for the next meeting, at a date to be arranged.

The best thanks of the meeting were heartily given to the Rector for his generosity in providing such a good meal, also to the Rector and wardens for use of bells, and to the ringers for having all in order. A hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess (Mr. and Mrs. Cowell) brought the business to a close. Further ringing concluded one of the best meetings held in the branch for a considerable time.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

A most successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 14th. Over sixty members were present, including several visitors from other branches. The bells were set going about 3 p.m., and were kept busy until 5.30 p.m., under the guidance of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. J. W. Wilkinson. Service was held in the church, and the Rector of Liverpool gave a most inspiring address.

The company then adjourned to the Institute, where tea had been provided for all by the Ven. Archdeacon Howson. At the conclusion of the tea, the meeting was held, and the Archdeacon presided. The Branch Secretary read a communication from Mr. J. Waghorn, sen., conveying best wishes for a good meeting and season's greetings, which was received with acclamation.

The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Helen's Parish Church on Saturday, February 11th. This meeting promises to be very popular, as the old bells of St. Peter's, Liverpool, have been overhauled and rehung in this tower.

At the conclusion of the formal business, Mr. G. R. Newton proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. Tom Hammond and family in their recent bereavement. This was carried by all present silently standing.

A collection was taken on behalf of 'The Ringing World' fund for 'Ironseus,' and the amount totalled £1 10s. 6d.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Liverpool for granting facilities for the meeting and for the inspiring address. In response, the Rector said he was most pleased to welcome the branch to St. Nicholas', and wished all present prosperity.

The Archdeacon was warmly thanked for his attendance and the continued interest he takes in the branch, and last, but by no means least, for providing the bountiful tea.

This concluded the meeting, and a return was made to the tower, where it is said Cambridge Maximus was the order.

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NOTICE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, February 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Rectory, by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. S. H. Osborne.) Those requiring tea must notify me by February 13th.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

IN MEMORY OF EARL HAIG.

At Guildford, on Saturday, February 4th, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 54 mins.: C. N. Burdock 1, N. Harding 2, H. Hutton 3, C. E. Smith 4, C. Hazelden 5, W. R. Melville 6, W. J. Robison (conductor) 7, H. Harris 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled prior to the memorial service to the late Earl Haig.

At Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, on Sunday, February 5th, with the bells half-muffled for a memorial service to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins. (on the back eight): T. E. Wase 1, W. Saunders 2, J. Hanley 3, J. H. Rixom 4, W. D. Wase 5, J. L. Stanier 6, A. S. Bayley (conductor) 7, B. L. Jones 8.

At Hagbourne, Berks, for a memorial service for Earl Haig on Sunday afternoon, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, rung with the bells half-muffled: W. Cox 1, J. Butler 2, W. Napper 3, K. White 4, W. V. Webb 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, G. F. James 7, W. Goodenough 8.

At Tunstall, Kent, on Sunday evening, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. Allett 1, W. E. Spice 2, G. Kenward 3, G. H. Spice 4, G. Webb 5, J. S. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, W. H. Spice 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late Earl Haig.

At Llanishen, Glam., on Sunday, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 mins. (including Morris' and Pitman's arrangement), rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Earl Haig: H. Nott 1, E. Coles (conductor) 2, P. Heath 3, G. Chamberlain 4, J. Phillips 5, J. Boothby (first quarter) 6.

At St. Lawrence's Church, Hatfield, Doncaster, on February 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 53 mins., with half-muffled clappers: H. Rodwell 1, H. Crowe 2, E. Ensor 3, H. Marshall 4, G. Welch 5, D. England 6, R. Thompson (first quarter as conductor) 7, R. Rodwell 8. This is the first quarter by the local band since the bells have been recast.

At St. Lawrence's Church, Bradwell, on Sunday, February 5th, with fully-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to the late Lord Haig, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: T. Bird 1, J. E. Whitlock 2, W. French 3, R. Chapman (first 720 inside) 4, C. Alderman 5, A. Coley 6.

For a memorial service at Pulborough, Essex, on Sunday, February 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: A. Holden 1, A. V. Corden 2, S. Picton 3, W. J. Harwood 4, H. O. Greenfield 5, A. R. Pink 6, P. H. Doick (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

On Sunday, February 5th, at St. Giles', Stony Stratford, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Clarke 1, W. Neale 2, T. Tompkins 3, H. Edwards 4, E. Yates 5, W. Bonham 6, H. Tompkins 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8. Rung half-muffled for the British Legion memorial service to Earl Haig.

For memorial service for Earl Haig, arranged by British Legion on Sunday afternoon, February 5th, in the Parish Church at Market Weighton, 840 Grandsire Doubles before service and 360 in the same method after service, with bells half-muffled. Ringers taking part: P. Thompson, H. Kneeshaw, A. Saltmer, G. Priestman, W. Moor, M. Moor, W. Scaife, J. W. Kneeshaw (conductor).

At Warnham, Sussex, on Sunday, February 5th, with the bells half-muffled for the memorial service to the late Earl Haig, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: T. Branch 1, W. Charman 2, G. Branch 3, W. Hooker 4, J. Stanford 5, W. Pettifer 6, J. Cook (conductor) 7, A. Charman 8.

WEDDING PRESENTATION AT GUILDFORD.

A presentation took place at St. Nicolas' belfry, on Thursday of last week, the recipient being Mr. Reg. Radford, second ringing son of the esteemed steeplekeeper, Mr. S. Radford, on the occasion of his marriage. The gift took the form of a handsome clock. Mrs. Hazelden made the presentation on behalf of the St. Nicolas' company, and Mr. R. Radford suitably replied.

194 METHODS IN A YEAR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May we trespass upon the hospitality of your columns to offer our congratulations to the ringers of Wath-on-Dearne? Nearly two hundred extents in one year is an achievement of itself, but when nearly the same number of methods are used it becomes remarkable. We wish we had their opportunities—and ability. More power to their elbows!—Yours sincerely,

G. DAWSON,

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St. John-the-Baptist Association, Leytonstone.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—For morning service, on Sunday, February 5th, 882 of Grandsire Triples: W. Lambell (longest touch) 1, W. Goodenough 2, W. V. Webb 3, J. Butler 4, F. H. Abbott 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, T. East 7, H. Bishop (longest touch) 8.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, January 29th, at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Wall, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: R. Sperring 1, R. G. Jones 2, G. Milton 3, H. Lewis 4, G. Lea 5, F. Fox 6, G. R. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Pre 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on February 16th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Springfield, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. H. Bowden-Smith (Vicar). Tea 5, at the Swan Hotel (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Sturminster Newton (6) and Okeford Fitzpaine (6).—R. E. P. Gorringer, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Hurst (8 bells), Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hampstead Norris on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 1s. at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells open from 4 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after. Cheap trains from Broad Street, Euston, or Elephant and Castle.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Melbourn, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify F. Harper, Melbourn, Cambs?—F. Warrington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—George Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at the George and Dragon at 4.30. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions now due.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 11th. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. A good attendance is hoped for.—Arthur E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (8) available from 4 to 7 p.m. This meeting is very important. Will all members therefore make an effort to attend? By the kind permission of the Rector, tea will be provided at the Schools. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, Feb. 11th. All Saints' Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Welby Institute.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Feb. 11th. Service at St. Mary's Church 4.30, followed by tea (5 p.m.) and business meeting at Miller's Restaurant. Bells: St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), 3-4.30; Godmanchester (8) after 6.30. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton Vicarage.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helen's on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided if sufficient number apply before Feb. 11th to Mr. George Broadhead, Earnshaw Cottages, Darton, near Barnsley. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Good train and bus services. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Leesfield, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Special methods: Plain Bob and Double Norwich. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand. — Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6), 2.30-4.30; All Saints' (8), 2.30-4.15; Cathedral (10), 7-8.30. Service at St. Nicholas' 4.30. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting for election of district officers, etc., will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Meat tea (1s. 6d.), in the Institute, 5.30, business meeting afterwards.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. General Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Re-dedication and re-opening of bells at Rickling, Essex, after re-hanging, on Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—C. H. Howard, Master.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing at 3 p.m.: St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6). Short service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea at 5, at the Commercial Hotel, 1s. each, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome. — H. O. Baker, Tasley, Bridgnorth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 14th.—S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. Subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. Tea provided only for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 15th. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Committee meeting at 4, and tea (1s. 3d. per head) at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Those coming to tea please notify me by first post on Tuesday, Feb. 14th. United bus leaves the Hay Market, Newcastle, for Cramlington at the hour and every 15 minutes. Return fare 1s. 4d.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting for election of district officers, etc., will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (1s. each) in the Church House 5.30, business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 14th.—Chertsey district meeting at Hersham, March 10th. — Guildford district meeting at Guildford, March 17th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Gen. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ripple on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—J. Rowlett, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells ready 3.15. Tea 5.30, at a charge of 6d. per head. Meeting 7 o'clock. This is the last time a meeting will be held here, as the church is to be pulled down. Will members therefore make a special effort to attend?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea at Barker's Restaurant at 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. Evensong at 6.30. Anyone requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Thorverton bells available at 2.30. Stoke Canon, Rewe and Upton Pyne by application to me. Service 4.30. Tea to follow, 1s. each. — T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Two towers (8 bells each) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at 4.45. Business meeting to follow.—Rev. Evan Jones, Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Markhouse Road, Walthamstow (St. James' Street Station, L.N.E.R.), on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8), lately rehung, available 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tea and meeting, Church Hall, 5 p.m. St. Mary's (10) available 7.30 to 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea provided by the Vicar at 4.30 at the Vicarage. All those intending being present kindly advise me early.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Ringstead (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Will those coming to tea please let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 14th? — S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Talbot Road, Blackpool, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells at liberty 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. only. — C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Flore (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Branch Sec., Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Wragby (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 40th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets must be accompanied by remittance. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10), St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Great Dunmow, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 5 p.m. Free to all who send their names to Mr. W. H. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Thursday, Feb. 23rd. Subscriptions for 1928 now due, and should be paid to Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Malling on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea at the Church Institute at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Subscription for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. Frequent bus service from Maidstone. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 21st. — C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cutcombe on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Feb. 21st how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.—CHILVERS COTON, Nuneaton.—The practice night has been changed from Tuesday to Monday, 8 to 9.30 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—D. E. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

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