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A NATIONAL ORGANISATION?

The bold suggestion put forward by a correspondent that there should be, instead of many separate diocesan, county and district ringing organisations, one national association of church bell ringers, strikes deeply into the system by which the administration of the Exercise has hitherto been carried on. Mr. Colin Harrison, in advancing his views, obviously realises some of the great obstacles which would be met with in endeavouring to launch such a scheme, which, while it has much that may be said in its favour, has, as far as we see it at the moment, a very great deal to be said against it. It is, however, a subject that might well be discussed, because much might be gained and certainly nothing can be lost by a free consideration of the pros and cons.

The main idea behind the proposal appears to be to avoid that overlapping of ringing organisations which is to be found in a great many parts of the country, with the consequent imposition of dual subscriptions by ringers, who cannot always well afford them, a frequent clashing of fixtures; and sometimes the engendering of friction—all of which things it is in the best interests of the Exercise to avoid. The nucleus of a national body, if it were needed, is of course, already in existence in the Central Council, but we imagine there would be a strenuous opposition to the idea of sinking the 'local' identity of the diocesan and territorial organisations, while even more difficult would it be to absorb those societies like the College Youths and Cumberlands, which are already almost national in character.

The overlapping which exists is due in the main to the fact that all the associations are not based on the same territorial plan—some are diocesan, some county, and while this dual system prevails the trouble, if trouble it is, will continue. The elimination of overlapping, difficult as it may be, would, we think, be easier to accomplish than the setting up of a national organisation, for the reason that there are in the different areas in which the various Guilds and Associations function closer ties to bind the members. For instance, a ringer's connection with a county association must be of a more personal kind than would membership of a national association with a local branch; and the interest of the clergy could be better retained in a diocesan organisation than in one which was country-wide in its scope. Then, too, there is a certain amount of jealous regard which ringers have for their own societies which would make many of them loth to surrender their 'control,' if one may use the term, to a centralised body. These are just one or two of the broader objections which would have to be met in connection with a national scheme. As already indicated

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we are inclined to think the overlapping difficulty might be better dealt with, at any rate where counties and dioceses are not coterminous, by an endeavour to establish all the ringing associations on a diocesan basis. Even this idea would, we are sure, meet with great opposition and perhaps the time is hardly ripe to put it forward, but, as we have also said on more than one occasion, we believe the trend is already in this direction and that eventually it will come. But whatever individual views ringers may hold, Mr. Harrison's suggestions ought not to be lightly cast aside; it is a proposal which deserves more than cursory examination.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY BENNETT... .. Treble	JACK SIMONDS 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 2	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 7
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
MAURICE SMITH 4	RICHARD WHITE ... 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
* First peal on ten bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Earl Haig, also to the late Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, formerly treasurer of the Oxford Guild.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, LOMBARD STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES BENNETT ... 7
JOHN T. KENTISH... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE 8
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.
This is the 400th tower in which Mr. W. Pye has rung a peal, and it is nearly 30 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 2, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HUBERT JONES Treble	F. T. WAITE... .. 5
T. BALDWIN 2	A. G. WAITE... .. 6
G. L. BRUNSDON 3	J. A. WAITE... .. 7
W. H. HARRIS 4	T. HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by J. A. WAITE.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (Canon E. H. Brice), and a compliment to Mr. A. Waite, captain of the above band, and a ringers at the church for 60 years.

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BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	HECTOR G. BIRD 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
CLIFFORD SAIDMORE 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Hemming.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 6, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
EX. R.S.M. A. J. HUGHES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
JOHN HAYES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig, and the late Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., president of the North Wales Association, who was interred at Bangor Cemetery on February 2nd, 1928.

BEDWELLY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 7-6-8 covering.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* IDRIS ROWLANDS Treble	THOMAS WERRETT 5
GLYN WILLIAM 2	TIMOTHY POPNELL 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	* JOHN THOMAS 7
STEWART WILLIAMS 4	FRANK MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by G. POPNELL.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig. All are members of the local band.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	PERCY JONES 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
GEORGE COOKE 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM PIKE 4	* CYRIL DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor, and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

BREWOD, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 9, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

HERBERT E. BOOTH Treble	ALBERT G. HUNT 5
A. E. WINTERTON 2	JOHN W. PERRY 6
GEORGE WARNER 3	JOHN PERRY 7
THOMAS PERRY 4	ERIC SPEAKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Leslie Knight Smith, who was instituted as Vicar of Brewod on January 9th, when an unsuccessful attempt was made for the peal. This is the first peal of Triples ever rung in Brewod by a local band.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

* ALBERT WIFFEN Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 5
* BASIL REDGWELL 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the second had never before attempted to ring the method. Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who afterwards entertained the band to tea.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD J. LAWMAN Treble	JOSEPH A. FENTON 5
JOSEPH H. BEALE 2	RICHARD J. JACKSON 6
ERNEST W. TIPLER 3	WALTER MALINS 7
JOHN W. CHANDLER 4	A. JOHN TIMSON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Lupton T. Topham, a highly respected resident of the town, and many years a churchwarden and ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	MISS D. EVA LEWIS 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
ALBAN DISNEY 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in this method by all the band, and by the association. It is the second peal yet rung of this kind.

SOUTH WIGSTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. THOMAS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

SIDNEY COX Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 6
* EDWARD SOARS 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 7
JOHN E. CLARKE 4	† HAROLD DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on more than five bells. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss D. Belton, of Barwell. W. P. Whitehead's 100th peal as conductor.

TUNSTALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFORD AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED SMITH Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 5
* CHARLES S. KYLES 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 6
THOMAS HURD 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
THOMAS HILDITCH 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal in the method. The treble ringer belongs to the local band, 2nd to Norton, 3rd and 4th to Burslem, 5th and 7th to Wistaston, 6th to Cheadle, tenor to Stoke-on-Trent. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. A. M. Coxon, for the use of the bells, and to thank the churchwardens, Alderman G. F. Bailey and Mr. F. Bentley, for their kindness in providing tea after the peal.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Boniface,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

HARRY F. HOLDING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
HARRY OVERTON 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER 6
JOHN C. ADAMS 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 4	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	EDWARD C. MERRITT 5
FREDERICK C. J. TURNER 2	FREDERICK W. CRIPPS 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

STROUD, GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HUBERT SCRIVENS Treble	THOMAS PRICE 5
TREVOR PRICHARD 2	FRANK PONTING 6
LESLIE BARRY 3	HARRY BARRETT 7
THOMAS WITTS 4	ROBERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael, Bishopwearmouth,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK AINSLEY Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES 5
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 4	*NORMAN MILLS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal. J. J. Leighton has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
JOSEPH BROADWAY 2	GEORGE AMBLER 6
SAMUEL WARD 3	THOMAS B. KENDALL 7
ROWLAND MYERS 4	JOHN AMBLER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE) CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*RICHARD E. JONES Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH 5
*ERNEST BENNETT 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 3	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD.

Conducted by JOHN W. HARTLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Major as conductor. The ringer of the second is only 15 years of age. The above band are all Sunday service ringers at this church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD YOUNGS Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 4
ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD 5
HARRY MOSS 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Col. the Right Hon. Lord Henriker, and the birthday of Mr. E. Youngs.

HALE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford, and four 720's of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ROBERT BILLINGTON Treble	JOHN LEATHER 4
*WILLIAM HUTCHMOUGH 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
*GEORGE HOUGHTON 3	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Treble Bob by all except the conductor. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells, and was rung on the 50th birthday of the treble ringer, who was elected a member previous to starting.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Duke of York, one of Killamarsh, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

ERNEST STURMAN Treble	HORACE HIBBARD 4
WILLIAM STURMAN 2	RICHARD REECE 5
PERCY MORRIS 3	PHILIP HIBBARD Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP HIBBARD.

First peal of Treble Bob by all the band, who are Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Stella Locker Lampson, daughter of Mr. G. T. Lampson, M.P., on her 21st birthday.

WEST CRANMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 5, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*THOMAS J. GANE Treble	†RICHARD A. LOVELL 3
JOHN E. METCALFE 2	*FREDERICK J. EDWARDS ... 4

FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Thursday, February 2nd, in 27 mins., 720 Oxford Bob Minor: W. Hughes 1, H. Gates 3, H. Golding 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, A. V. Good (conductor) 7, C. F. Winney 8 (covering). Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARDWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD COMPTON Treble	ARTHUR HARMER 4
WILLIAM JONES 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	WILLIAM MAYO Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig.

LAMBERHURST, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

JAMES BASSETT Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	BERTRAM LUCK Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM LUCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. It was his first peal in seven methods, also first as conductor.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 6, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

CHARLES E. WEBB Treble	HAROLD HARDY 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON 5
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Backhouse, for many years captain of the ringers at the above church.

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

On Tuesday, February 7, 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 one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Field-Marshal Earl Haig, and also to Canon Butler, late Vicar of Preston Parish Church.

WINLATON, DURHAM. THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOSEPH ROBERTSON Treble	JAMES E. SCOTT 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES 2	ERNEST E. FERRY 5
EDWARD A. HERN 3	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Adam Deas.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Double Court, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
*WILLIAM A. WOODS 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
*THOMAS E. WARD 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal in seven different methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to William A. Woods.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

JOHN P. BARKER Treble	EDMUND THOMPSON 4
*CLEMENT SLATER 2	WILLIAM T. CLARK 5
FREDERICK LANGTREE 3	GEORGE SLATER Tenor

Conducted by W. T. CLARK.

* First peal, age 15. The ringers of the 2nd and tenor (son and father) are from Millom, the remainder from the local band.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON DISTRICT, OVERSEAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, including Pitman's and Morris' arrangement, and the ten original callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ARTHUR ADAMS Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON 4
FRANK BOULSTRIDGE 2	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 5
WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD 3	WILLIAM H. CERZON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer. All the above are Sunday service ringers at Overseal.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOSEPH SHARP Treble	AMOS SMART 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	JAMES HUDSON 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	WILLIAM STOCK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* Elected a member previous to starting for peal.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-WITTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	CYRIL TANSSELL 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE TREASURER'S 'MAJORITY.'

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday, February 4th, at Selby. By the kind permission of the Vicar and churchwardens, the fine ring of ten bells at the abbey were available for ringing from noon onward, and they were kept going in a variety of methods from noon till 9 p.m. The day's proceedings commenced with the audit, which was held in the sacristy of the splendid abbey church, the auditors being Messrs. A. W. Hall and W. Hinton, of the local band.

Divine service was held in the Abbey at 4 p.m., and was attended by some sixty members. The imposing church made a fine setting for the delightful service, which was tastefully rendered by the choir and organist of the abbey. Taking as his text the first verse of Psalms xcv., the preacher (Rev. Canon Solloway) gave a most interesting discourse on the old ring of eight bells formerly in the Abbey. The words of the text, the preacher said, breathed the spirit of devotion. Ringers of these days had high ideals, and their thoughts should be centred on pressing the spirit of worship, and all members should be animated by this thought in their work. Realising the difficulty of ringers always remaining to service, the Canon stated that he could easily understand them hurrying home occasionally for a drink—of water. Worship meant to honour God in all thought, word and deeds, and all his hearers were urged to take this conception of their office as ringers in the church. In conclusion, Canon Solloway extended a hearty welcome to the members to Selby, and trusted that their visit would be a profitable and pleasant one.

Tea was served in the neighbouring Co-operative Cafe, and the business meeting was subsequently held in the abbey sacristy.

The president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was in the chair, supported by the principal officers of the association. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. W. Dale, G. Lewis, F. Willey, J. H. Blakiston and C. Harrison.

The Chairman presented the annual report of the committee, and paid a warm tribute to the work of the peal secretary.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. S. Briggs, seconded by Mr. W. Idle, while the balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. W. Hinton, seconded by Mr. H. Morley.

No other nominations having been received for the office of treasurer of the association, the retiring treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell) was duly declared elected to the office unopposed. In making the declaration, the Chairman called the attention of the meeting to the fact that Mr. Cotterell had held the post of treasurer for twenty-one years, and that during that period Mr. Cotterell had faced many anxious and critical times in the history of the association. The present flourishing state of the association was very largely due to the labours of Mr. Cotterell. The chairman also took the opportunity of reminding his hearers that it was customary to honour a twenty-first birthday by the presentation of a suitable memento, and the members and Mr. Cotterell ought not to be surprised if some effort was made in this direction, as some token of the respect that they all had for Mr. Cotterell for his many services to the association on their behalf.

Messrs. P. Byram and M. Hodgson were elected as members of the association, while Messrs. E. Wagstaff and S. Claney were elected as 'out county' life members of the association. The Rev. J. Hewitson, Vicar of Hoylandswaine, was also elected an honorary member.

The Chairman proposed, and Mr. H. Williams seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Solloway for his very kindly welcome and for his address at the service. The Vicar of Selby had placed the association under another debt of gratitude to him by placing the fine ring of ten at the abbey at the disposal of visitors, and by giving up an afternoon of valuable time when he was seriously wanting all his spare moments to devote his energies to the appeal for funds for the preservation of the abbey.

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the abbey organist, who had very kindly come specially from Leeds for the occasion; to the choir for their services at evensong; to the ladies who waited at the tea tables, and to the local company for their kind arrangements. This, on being put, was carried with acclamation.—Mr. F. Cryer responded on behalf of the local authorities and the Selby ringers, thanking the members for their appreciation of the efforts made for their comfort, and stating that the local ringers felt that they had only done their duty in making the arrangements for the meeting.

The general secretary next called the attention of the meeting to the announcement in the press of a great gathering of ringers at Croydon Bell Foundry on March 3rd, and asked all intending visitors to that function to notify him of their intention not later than Monday, February 20th.—A vote of thanks to the chairman brought to a close a most pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

IN MEMORY OF EARL HAIG.

At Cirencester, Glos. on Sunday, February 5th, for the special memorial service at the Parish Church, 395 Grandsire Caters: H. L. Cook 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. W. Bond 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, F. Edwards 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, W. H. Raywood 9, J. Hayward 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

At St. Mary's Church, Ottery St. Mary, Devon, with the bells half-muffled, on Sunday, February 5th, for the memorial service to the late Earl Haig, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hine 1, K. G. Godfrey 2, J. Hine 3, F. Stuckey (conductor) 4, J. H. Godfrey 5, C. Turner 6, E. Marks 7, J. Lovering 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North and East district was held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Unfortunately, as several meetings took place in or near London on this date, the attendance was a small one, only 40 members being present. The district committee met in the vestry at 4.15, and at 5 o'clock the usual service was held. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector through illness, the Rev. W. Wright conducted the service, and preached a very inspiring sermon.

After an excellent tea, the usual business meeting was held. The balance sheet, showing a credit balance of £20 2s. 5d., in addition to stock valued at £73 13s. 8d., was adopted, subject to audit. In spite of heavy expenditure, which included a grant of £5 to the Bow bells restoration fund, and nearly £3 in instructors' expenses, the loss on the year's working was very small.

Twenty new members were admitted, including the Rev. W. Wright as an honorary member, whose election was carried with acclamation.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. A. Howkins (St. Giles-in-the-Fields) as assistant hon. secretary in place of the late Mr. W. J. Kemp. Diplomas for peal ringers was discussed, in anticipation of the coming Central Council meeting. A decision was, of course, deferred until the annual general meeting of the association is held.

Arrangements for the ringers' day at Croydon were also gone into, and local secretaries and others were urged to send in their returns to the secretary by February 20th.

A sum of £2 2s. was voted to the West Drayton (Middlesex) bell restoration fund.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hornsey; whilst Edmon-ton was chosen as the venue for the next annual meeting of the district.

An interesting subject was raised by Mr. G. R. Goodship (Harrow Weald), who read an extract from a London evening newspaper in connection with the tragedy which recently occurred in the belfry at Mitcham. The paragraph stated that the question of reconsecration did not arise, 'as the belfry was not part of the consecrated building.' Mr. Goodship asked if this was correct.

Much surprise was expressed by many. The president (Mr. F. A. Milne), the Rev. W. Wright, Mr. James George, Mr. W. Pickworth and others were all of the contrary opinion, and Mr. Milne said that he would write to the Chancellor of his diocese for his ruling on such a matter.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies) for allowing the meeting to be held; to the Rev. W. Wright for his address at the service; to the Revs. W. P. Bickford and B. Marshall for permission to ring at St. Clement Danes and St. Andrew's, Wells Street; and to Mr. Dyas for arrangements made at the latter tower.

The vote of thanks was acknowledged by the Rev. W. Wright, and the meeting terminated.

During the afternoon and evening many good touches were rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, St. Clement Danes, and St. Andrew's, Wells Street, amongst the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major, and Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO CHEW DEANERY BRANCH SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 28th, and was attended by members from Barrow, Gurney, Chilcompton, Clapton-in-Gordano, Chew Magna, Clevedon, Easton-in-Gordano, Kingston Seymour, Long Ashton, Portishead, Tickenham, Wraxall and Weston-super-Mare. Ringing was followed by service, at which an address was given by the Vicar of Long Ashton (the Rev. J. E. Varley). Tea was then partaken of at the Church House by 26 members, and the subsequent business meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. E. Varley.

The following officers were re-elected en bloc: Mr. T. Wyatt, chairman; Messrs. J. Bishop and G. Court, vice-chairman; Percy G. Yeo, hon. secretary and treasurer; G. Yeo, Ringing Master and representative on general committee.

Fourteen new members were elected, and Portishead was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, with an intermediate meeting at Chew Stoke.

A handsome 14-day clock, suitably inscribed, was presented to the hon. secretary in recognition of his services, and also as a wedding gift, Mr. Gillingham, in making the presentation, saying the opportunity should not be lost of showing their appreciation of the work done by the hon. secretary.—Mr. Yeo suitably replied, thanking the members for their generous gift and good wishes.

Votes of thanks were then given to the Vicar for his address and for presiding at the meeting, and to the ladies who provided such a nice tea.—A welcome was accorded Mr. H. Jefferies, churchwarden of All Saints', Long Ashton.—The meeting then concluded, and the tower was again visited.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. FIVE NEW TOWERS JOIN ANDOVER DISTRICT.

The inaugural meeting of the newly-formed Andover District was held at Whitchurch on Saturday, February 4th, and was a great success, over 70 members attending from the following towers: Basingstoke, Bramley, East Woodhay, Fareham, Highclere, King's Sonborne, Laverstock, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Portsmouth, Steventon, St. Mary Bourne, Wherwell, Woolton Hill, Whitchurch and Winchester. A welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon).

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and the business meeting followed, the Rev. M. S. Douglas being voted to the chair. He was supported by Rev. E. Jones, Rev. A. Lewis, Rev. G. H. Jewdine, Mr. G. Williams, Mr. A. H. Rogers, Mr. F. Wilson, Mr. H. Horne and others.

The General Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) explained the reason for forming the new district, and stated that the following towers had been provisionally placed in it: Andover, Ampert, Abbots Ann, Burghclere, East Woodhay, Highclere, Hurstbourne Priors, Laverstock, Longparish, Nether Wallop, Over Wallop, St. Mary Bourne, Sydmonton, Tangle, Thruxton, Wherwell, Whitchurch and Woolton Hill.

The Rev. F. C. Sear (Sydmonton) was elected district secretary, the Rev. A. Lewis (Wherwell) district chairman, Mr. F. Knapp (Highclere), representative on the Central Committee Mr. R. Rix (Woolton Hill) District Ringing Master, and Mr. O. Smart (Andover) district auditor.

The following bands joined the Guild: Burghclere, East Woodhay, Highclere, Laverstock and Wherwell. This was very encouraging, as these towers had not previously belonged to any ringing organisation. It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Whitchurch on February 2nd, 1929.

Quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: St. Mary Bourne on April 21st, Wherwell and Longparish on July 28th, Woolton Hill and East Woodhay on October 6th.

The bells of Laverstock (six) and Whitchurch (eight) were available during the afternoon and evening, and various methods, ranging from Bob and Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, were practised.

USK, MON.—On Tuesday, January 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: G. Knight 1, L. Jones 2, G. Went 3, E. W. Luff 4, E. Perry 5, D. G. Clift 6, A. Hawkins (conductor) 7, G. Hawkins 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for all. First on the bells by a local band, all of whom are Sunday service ringers at this church.

DEDICATION OF PEAL TABLET AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

An interesting ceremony was performed in Exeter Cathedral belfry on Saturday, February 11th, when a framed oak tablet, presented by the Rev. M. Kelly, recording the peal of Stedman Cinques on the Cathedral bells, rung on October 15th, 1927, by members of the Devonshire Guild, was unveiled and dedicated. Canon McLaren recited the office, and a congregation of about 30 joined in the responses, the Lord's Prayer, and singing a short hymn.

Mr. Kelly then unveiled the tablet, the dedicatory invocation followed, also Psalm cxxii., thankful sentences and a prayer.

In conclusion, Mr. F. Davey, on behalf of the band, thanked Mr. Kelly for his generous gift, and the donor said it gave him much pleasure to be the means of placing that tablet there to commemorate what he considered to a great effort, not only for the ringers but for the composer in producing a musical peal in such a beautiful method. Although the peal had been rung practically by non-resident members, he was delighted that three Devonians had taken part in it, and that it had been rung under the auspices of the county Guild. He hoped they would let it be an incentive to ringers to progress—something to aim at. He asked them to notice also the motto at the bottom of the tablet, 'Laus est Deo,' i.e., 'Praise is to God,' which should be the true object and spirit of all their ringing, the honour and praise of God.

A touch of Grandsire Cinques, conducted by the president of the Guild (Rev. E. S. Powell), was then rung, also touches of Stedman Triples on the Stafford eight, and Bob Major on the Thomas eight.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely District was held at Melbourn on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and was of a high standard, London, York, Beverley, Wells and Cambridge Surprise being chiefly rung. Members were present from Barley, Cambridge, Melbourn, Royston, Stapleford, Trumpington and Long Stanton.

A point of special interest was the ringing of Master D. Howard (son of Mr. R. Howard, of Barley), aged 11 years. An attempt for a 720 London Surprise, non-conducted, by F. Harper 1, F. Warrington 2, R. Howard 3, A. E. Austin 4, E. H. Finch 5, R. G. King 6, was lost two treble leads from home, after otherwise perfect ringing. The bells were lowered about 8.45 p.m., everyone present having a most enjoyable time.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins., for service on Wednesday, January 25th (Conversion of St. Paul): G. F. Baldwin 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. H. Lucas 3, R. Warnett 4, F. Corke (conductor) 5, G. Nicholls 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphries 8.

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Among the many bell restorations which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have in hand are a new peal of six, with new frame and fittings, for Stoke Fleming, Devon; recasting the peal of eight for Ruardean, Glos, which are to be hung in new ball bearings; and the addition of two trebles to the ring of six at Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, with new frame and fittings for eight.

An old London society, now defunct, the Trinity Youths, rang their first peal at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on February 18th, 1722.

Henry Haley, one of London's most famous ringers, was born on February 19th, 1819. In the course of his career, he rang 182 peals, of which he conducted 155 and composed 105. Among other performances, during a visit to the United States in 1850, he conducted at Philadelphia the first peal ever rung in America.

Oxford University Guild was founded on February 20th, 1872, which was before any of our 'modern' county or diocesan associations came into being.

A record was made at Oldham on February 21st, 1821, when a peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 7 hrs. 26 mins. It was beaten ten years later by a peal of 15,168 at Elland.

'The greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanianum Art' was put up at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on February 23rd, 1783, when 5,152 of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. It was believed to be the first 'peal' in the method, but was, of course, false.

LAVENHAM CHURCH TOWER STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

On Friday afternoon, February 10th, the fine old tower of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, was struck by lightning, which, entering at the south-west top corner, went down the inner side of the south wall, causing a crack to extend from under the roof down to the arch of the belfry window, dislodging some of the brickwork. It then entered the window sill, wrecking this, and coming out of the wall just above the belfry floor, where it dislodged some of the smaller boarding near the pit of the tenor bell. The debris was strewn over the bell frame and floor, some of the bricks being found on the north window sill. Any further damage that there may be has not yet been discovered. The damage is covered by insurance. Ringing has been suspended.

WATH MEN TRIUMPH OVER DIFFICULTIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, on behalf of the Wath-on-Dearne ringers, beg sufficient of your valuable space to thank you for your kind and encouraging remarks in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' the Leytonstone band, and all others for their congratulations. Our difficulties have not been few, nor yet small ones. Of the band of nine regular ringers, six work on shift work, mornings, afternoons, and nights, and as four of them work at three different collieries, and two are railway guards on shift work, their various shifts have never yet synchronised. This is shown by the small number of 720's rung at practices. In addition to this, one man has, too often, long periods of ill-health, one has serious eye trouble, one can ring only the treble, and one has badly contracted and crippled hands due to severe burns. One ringer only rejoined the band in May last, and I myself only rejoined in August, and have only been available for practices and alternate Sundays, with the addition of a peal or two. All, however, are deeply interested, and have done a tremendous amount of work at home to achieve our end. (We aimed at two hundred extents, and started for a peal of ten on January 31st, but owing to the tenor going badly I decided during the sixth to end the peal at the seventh, so we were three short of our hoped-for total.) We ring for an hour before each service on Sundays, which makes it possible to get four extents, but there have been many occasions when only one has been obtained (sometimes none), owing to shiftwork, illness and unavoidable absences. Our method is simplicity itself. All present for ringing are told what methods are to be attempted on the next occasion, and asked to study and learn them well at home. That this is, in the main, well done, is shown by the result obtained. The bells are old, toneless, and very 'oddstruck,' the dates and founders being: Tenor, 1583, Godfrey Heathcote; 5th, 1748, James Harrison; 4th, 1826, W. Oldfield; 3rd, 1742, James Harrison; 2nd, 1741, J. Harrison; treble, 1748, J. Harrison.—Yours truly,

A. NASH.

LADY RINGER IN AUSTRALIA.

Miss Dorothy D. Steel, of Bedford, who is the English lady croquet champion, and has been touring in Australia with the English ladies' team, has been able to take part in some ringing at Melbourne. At St. Paul's Cathedral in that city she broke a number of 'records,' being the first lady to ring on the twelve bells and take part in a touch of Caters, a course of Stedman and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. This last was rung by the following, most of whom, it will be seen, hail from the Mother Country: A. A. Savage (Berkshire) 1, Miss D. D. Steel (Bedfordshire) 2, J. M. Murray (Melbourne) 3, A. G. Fitzgerald (New Zealand) 4, H. Blakeley (Lancashire) 5, G. H. Wheeler (Cheshire) 6, F. Boughton (Worcestershire), conductor, 7, J. Spencer (Leicestershire) 8. The weight of the tenor at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, is 31½ cwt.

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.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ST. HELENS BELLS PROVE A GREAT ATTRACTION.

The long-looked-for monthly meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association, at the new Parish Church, was held on Saturday last, and was even a greater success than had been anticipated. Between 70 and 80 members and visitors were present. The old bells of St. Peter's, Liverpool, which had been in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, had been rehung in the tower last year, but owing to the new tower having to settle, the ringing on the bells was prohibited by the architect until Christmas last. To many of those present they were 'new' bells, but there were some present who knew them in their old home, and these expressed great satisfaction with them in their new abode. The general opinion of these stalwarts was that the bells had been greatly improved by the tuning which they received at the Whitechapel Foundry.

The bells were ringing at 3 o'clock, and kept busy until 5 p.m., when the usual service was held in the Parish Church. The prayers were read by Rev. J. H. Pain (curate), who is a member of the new band there, and the Ven. Archdeacon Howson was the preacher. The organist had a full choir present, and in place of one of the hymns an anthem was rendered.

After service, tea was kindly provided by the authorities in the schoolroom near by.

After tea the business meeting was held. The Rev. J. H. Pain addressed the meeting in warm words of welcome to St. Helens. He apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Four new members were elected, and it was decided to make Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor the methods for special attention at the next meeting to be held at Rainhill on Saturday, March 10th.

The secretary was instructed to bring to the notice of the Rector of Liverpool the state of some of the old peal boards in St. Nicholas' tower, and endeavour to get them restored in order to preserve the old records.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and church authorities for granting facilities for the meeting and for providing such an excellent tea; to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service; and to the Archdeacon for his presence and presiding.

A return was made to the tower, where Cambridge Royal was the 'star turn'.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS?

To the Editor.

Sir,—The re-forming of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and also the subject of your editorial article of February 3rd, which referred to 'The future of the M.C.A.', have no doubt been of great interest to county and diocesan Associations and Guilds, other than those directly concerned. The Guildford Diocesan Guild, under very able leadership, had a most happy 'send off' at the commencement of this year, and one does not doubt that the M.C.A. officials will endeavour to discharge the many thorny problems which will confront them, with sincerity and a desire to please the majority.

In all reorganisations, one finds that sentiment plays a great part; survivors of old organisations cling dearly to the customs, rules and regulations which they have helped to establish, and which have no doubt been of inestimable value in paving the way to success of the larger associations in which they have gradually become merged. But, with the continual addition of new Sees, the difficulties of reorganisation will ever be present, unless we alter the mode and structure of our system, and, to my mind, the only satisfactory solution would be to form a National Association of Church Bellringers. Not only diocesan areas, but geographical circumstances greatly affect the well-being of any organisation, as anyone who is conversant with county associations cannot help but realise.

It is no uncommon feature to find an important centre of ringing situated on the very fringe of a county or diocesan area, and, owing to the distance or inconvenience caused by traversing that area, many of the meetings would be absolute failures were it not for the assistance derived from neighbouring towns and villages which lie in adjoining counties. Consequently, such meetings, and there are many of them throughout a year, actually have to rely upon the help, at a county meeting, of ringers who do not belong to the said county. Many will say that no harm is done in such circumstances; perhaps not, but is it not anomalous that those who back up such meetings as out-county members have little or no right in the management of that county association?

Many county and diocesan associations have not fulfilled the wishes of members in some particular area, with the result that a district society springs up and carries on the work which should rightly come from the parent society. The thought arises, Have the county and diocesan organisations 'held their hand' for fear of hurting the feelings of county members who are also interested in the junior bodies, or has it been a case of letting the willing horse do all the pulling?

By force of such conditions as just mentioned, many ringers whom I know personally are under the obligation of subscribing to five different bodies, two of them as county associations (ringing peals for each), and three of them district societies. Surely, this should not be so.

To obviate the disadvantages already illustrated, I think that a National Association of Church Bellringers would be just the thing, for, not only would our prestige so far as the church itself is concerned be raised, but in the case of other national matters our weight of opinion and unanimity of expression would have far more effect in general than is the case at the present time. My idea is to have an authoritative Executive Council at established headquarters, with branch organisations in all the centres of ringing throughout the British Isles, carrying on in similar circumstances as other national bodies, such as the Y.M.C.A., C.E.M.S., insurance companies, trade unions, friendly societies, etc. Ringing would then come to be regarded as a whole, whilst local customs would be the care of the branches.

What of financing such a proposal? It is obvious that much of the money now spent could be economised, e.g., more than one county publishes the same peal, for the simple reason that all the performers may be members (either county or life) of their association; and there are instances where two counties hold their meetings within a few miles of each other, neither of them being a success because members naturally desire to support their own organisation, whereas, if a district was governed by its branch, intercommunication would be more feasible, and by regarding each district as one of a whole, the question of rights and settling up of precedents would not arise.

It has been stated several times that there are at least 40,000 ringers in this country, so that on the basis of only 1s. per member per annum, the total income would be £2,000, plus whatever could be obtained from honorary members. This figure would, after deducting all the usual charges associated with running organisations, leave an ample surplus for other purposes, i.e., investment, various funds, etc.

I can hear many of my readers saying, 'What about the funds we have already built up?' Well, surely this is no obstacle, but rather an asset. If my critics are as sincere for the welfare of ringing as they would have me believe, they would not hesitate to put the whole lot in the common pool.

I am well aware of many objections to the scheme propounded, especially from the sentimental point of view, but shall nevertheless be glad to hear what other ringers think, and so long as the correspondence is conducted without bias or personalities, even if nothing comes of it, it will, perhaps, have provided matter for discussion.—Yours etc.,

COLIN HARRISON.

62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE FIRST DISTRICT MEETING.

The first of the district meetings in the newly-formed Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Leatherhead on Saturday. There are twelve towers in the district, the ringers of ten of which belong to the Guild, and nine were represented at the meeting, viz., Ashted, Bantled, Capel, Cobham, Dorking, Ewell, Epsom (St. Martin's), Leatherhead and Newdigate. Excellent arrangements had been made by Mr. A. Dean and the local band, and although early ringing was prevented by a funeral, a number of touches on eight and ten bells were enjoyed in the afternoon by the visitors, several of whom rang on ten for the first time. The Vicar (Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) conducted the Guild's service, and gave an inspiring address.

A meat tea in the Institute was followed by the business meeting, at which 45 members were present, there being, in addition to representatives of the towers mentioned, ringers from the Cathedral and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Oatlands Park, Walton, West Clandon, Woking, Thursley and London. The Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. F. Carver (Capel), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. W. Shepherd (Central Council representative), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. general secretary), and Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association).

The General Secretary reported that under the affiliation scheme 20 towers had actually paid their affiliation fees to the Guild, and several others had signified their intention of doing so. It was expected that before the year was out all the towers where the ringers had come into the Guild would enter the scheme. It was started as an experiment, and promised to be completely successful. Up to the day of the inauguration of the Guild, 399 members were enrolled, and there had since been belfry elections which brought the total to over 400. There were, at the end of the year, ringers in the Guild from 39 out of the 56 towers in the diocese, and others would be added as the district meetings were held. The Secretary congratulated the Leatherhead district on the work they had already done for the Guild. The members had been very active in propaganda work, and in peal ringing alone they could claim four of the five peals rung up to date.

Fourteen new members (including one life member) were then elected, including all the members of the Newdigate band.

DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The election of district officers followed. Only one nomination had been received for the office of Ringing Master, and Mr. Albert Harman was declared duly elected. Similarly Mr. F. G. Woodiss (whose address is 28, Strathern Road, Sutton, Surrey) was appointed without opposition to the post of hon. secretary.

The representatives elected by show of hands on the Executive Committee were Rev. C. F. Carver (Capel) and Mr. G. Mariner (Leatherhead) from the ringing members, and the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge from the hon. members.

Leatherhead was chosen for the next annual district meeting, and it was resolved to hold five other district meetings during the year, the places to be selected by the District Committee, and the dates to be arranged in conjunction with the other districts so as to prevent the clashing of Guild meetings.

The meeting approved, in principle, of a scheme for combined practices, drawn up by Mr. A. H. Winch, who has undertaken to do the management for the first year. It provides for a visit to each of the towers in the district once a quarter, on the regular practice nights. The details will be arranged by the District Committee.

A suggestion was also approved of a scheme to encourage progressive method ringing at the district meetings, and this also will be worked out in detail by the committee and put into operation as soon as possible.

The views of the meeting were invited on the question of providing diplomas as an encouragement for young ringers when they ring their first peal. A variety of opinions were expressed, and ultimately a motion was passed that any diploma awarded should be to beginners when they become qualified change ringers.

Members of the old Winchester Guild were reminded of the proposed memorial which it is hoped to provide for the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, and were requested to forward their subscriptions to the hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild (Mr. G. Pullinger) without delay.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the service and for presiding at the meeting, and to Mr. Dean and the Leatherhead ringers for their assistance in arranging the meeting, concluded the business, after which the tower was revisited and further ringing indulged in.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds was held on February 3rd. Rev. R. H. Whitford becomes chairman for the 1929 dinner, and Mr. W. H. Thomas (Clifton Guild) was unanimously chosen as chairman for 1930 dinner, taking the office of vice-chairman for 1929. Mr. Way and Mr. Jeffries were elected with Mr. Cave, Miss Smith and Mr. Knight, as stewards.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a slight loss on the year's working, and announced an overdraft of £2. 9d. from the bank. This, however, does not alarm the committee, who are now setting to work in earnest for the jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

A BELFRY BRIDE.



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MR. GEORGE W. FLETCHER and MISS EDITH K. PARKER.
Photographed immediately after their wedding at Edmonton on
February 4th.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT EAST MARKHAM.

There was a somewhat meagre attendance at the meeting of the North Notts Association at East Markham on February 4th, but it could not have been due to the weather, which was as good as can be expected at this time of the year. A good peal of eight bells was at the disposal of the visitors from 2 p.m. to 8, and a substantial meat tea was provided by Host and Hostess Coups, of Refreshment Rooms, East Markham, Newark, to whom all the absent members who had sent in word that they would be present at tea should forward their contributions of 1s. 6d., and thus save the hon. secretary the trouble of collecting it. Only 16 attended, whereas considerably more sent in. The members present hailed from Sutton-on-Trent, Worksop, Ordsall, Gainsborough, Tickhill, North Wingfield and Gamston, and Mr. Brett of the local company. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Bob Major, Grandfire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Hostess Coups provided an excellent tea, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, in the absence of the Rev. R. S. Rogerson, the new Vicar, who has not yet taken up residence.

Eight new members from East Markham were duly enrolled, and the next meeting was fixed for Easter Monday, at North Colliingham, and will be duly advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of East Markham for use of bells, and also to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson for presiding over tea and meeting. Further ringing took place up to 8.30, when the bells were then lowered in peal.

R. H.

IRENÆUS PISTOR.

Further contributions to the fund for assisting Mr. A. T. Baker ('Irenæus Pistor'), of Hillsborough, Sheffield, as given below, are gratefully acknowledged.

We hope that all who intend to contribute to the fund will do so quickly, as it is proposed shortly to close it. The money received has been placed on deposit in the Post Office Savings Bank, and when the fund is closed the book will be handed over to Mr. Baker, who feels intensely the generosity of the Exercise in showing in such remarkable degree their practical sympathy with him in his affliction. The kindness of so many friends in endeavouring to lighten his heavy burden is, he says, appreciated beyond description in words.

	£	s.	d.
Amount previously acknowledged	126	15	11
Collected at the annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, per G. Way	18	0	
Collected at the Western District meeting of the Herts County Association, per W. Ayre	15	0	
Staveley Parish Church ringers	11	0	
St. Francis, R.C., ringers, Holbeck, Leeds	5	0	
Canon R. J. Lea and the ringers of St. Peter's, Henfield, Sussex	15	0	
Members of High Wycombe belfry, Bucks	1	10	6
St. John-the-Baptist ringers, Croydon	12	0	
St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester	10	0	
Guiseley Parish Church Ringers	5	0	
Kidderminster Ringers	10	0	
Ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, Lancs	5	0	
The Rector and Ringers of Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcs.	10	0	
St. George's Society, Doncaster	11	0	
Collected at Kent County Association meeting at Headcorn, per A. C. Kay	1	12	0
Shepton Mallet Parish Church bellringers	7	6	
Collected at Hereford District meeting, per Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	18	6	
G. W. Cartmel, St. Albans	5	0	
D. M. S., Birmingham	2	6	
S. Driver, Hastings	5	0	

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The 10s. 6d. previously acknowledged from Mr. C. H. Howard was from St. Michael's Guild, Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the Ashford District for the year was held at Headcorn on February 11th, when in spite of the gale 25 members attended from Ashford, Brabourne, Benenden, Canterbury, Charing, Fristed, Frittenden, Hythe, Maidstone, Marden, Smarden, Staplehurst, Stone, Tenterden and the local band.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. Gerty), who gave a short address on bells, and a very hearty welcome to the association, this being the first occasion on which he has met the members.

Tea was partaken at the George and Dragon Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar taking the chair.

The secretary presented the balance sheet, which was passed, and a report of the committee meeting held in November was read. The proposed alterations to Rule 4D and Rule 11 were explained by Mr. Ruck, and are to come before the general meeting at Easter.

Smarden was chosen for the next meeting place on March 31st. Mr. W. E. Pitman, in a short and able speech, appealed for support for 'The Ringing World' fund for assisting Mr. A. T. Baker, and a collection was taken which amounted to £1 12s.

Ringing was kept up till 9 p.m., the methods including Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. W. E. Pitman for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. Hodgkin for having everything in readiness.

LIVERSEDGE SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me a brief space to correct the footnote to above peal published last week. I did not compose this method, this being purely Kent Treble Bob, with Kent and Oxford Bobs. It is really the idea of Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, who suggested the first peal of this class being named by the band, to distinguish it from variations known as Worcester, Ilkeston, Granta and Cam. I congratulate the band on ringing this, and thank them for choosing one of my humble compositions.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Milnthorpe, Westmorland, on Saturday, January 21st, in 1 hr. 10 mins., a date touch (1,923 changes) of Bob Minor: W. G. Wilson (longest length) 1, E. Jennings (conductor) 2, W. Atkinson 3, W. Bolton 4, J. Holme 5, J. W. Hayton 6. Longest length on the bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday, February 4th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Hilperton. After ringing during the afternoon, the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S. B. Proby). The lesson was read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, and Mr. Watts was the organist.

Tea was provided in the Church Room by the kindness of Sir Edward Wallington, K.C.V.O., treasurer to Her Majesty the Queen, who is the Rector's warden. Before tea commenced, Miss Wallington and Miss A. Wallington, sisters of Sir Edward, came into the room and extended a welcome to the ringers. Miss Wallington said she had been asked by her brother to express his regret that he was unable to be present to welcome the ringers, on account of his duties in London, and hoped that all would have a good time. They were pleased to do what they could to help their good Rector in his work in the parish.

Major Eric Mackay, of Hilperton House, the people's warden, also said how pleased he was to see so many present, and hoped all would have a pleasant time.

It may be mentioned that Major Mackay is a son of the late Mr. Alexander Mackay, of the Grange, Trowbridge, who was one of the first vice-presidents of the Guild, and was a very generous supporter in its early years. He was a great benefactor to the church at Trowbridge, and the whole diocese, and an intimate friend of the late Bishop Wordsworth.

At a short business the Chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, who presided, said he had received a letter from Sir Edward Wallington expressing regret that he was unable to be present, but hoped that all would enjoy themselves.

Six new members were elected. A discussion followed as to advisability of having an experienced ringer on the Bishop's Advisory Board to deal with matters connected with bells, and it was suggested that Mr. S. Hillier, of Devizes, be recommended for the position.

The secretary brought forward the question of purchasing a set of handbells for the branch, to be used at meetings, and it was decided to purchase a set, and a collection was made for that object. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Market Lavington.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service; also to the organist.—The Rector suitably replied.

Ringers were present from Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Warminster, Bratton, Holt, Hilperton, Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity), Rowde, North Bradley, Melksham. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening, a very pleasant time being spent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**BRISTOL BRANCH SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE.**

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch took place at St. James' Church on Saturday, January 28th, but owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not up to the usual standard. The bells were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters before service, which was held in the church, and at which the Rev. M. A. Thorold, vice-president, officiated, and gave a very interesting address on 'What is life?'

Tea was kindly arranged at the Parish Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Way, and Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, and was followed by the business meeting, members attending from Bath, Olveston, Pottishead, Winterbourne, Henbury, Mangotsfield, Marshfield, Stoke Bishop, Clifton, and the City churches.

The chairman (Mr. J. Gould) regretted to say that the secretary, Mr. C. H. Jennings, had left Bristol, and had gone back to his home at Wyke Regis, so that Mr. Williams was asked to read the minutes of the last meeting.

The Chairman, in reviewing the past year, stated that the success of the branch was greatly due to the secretary, who had taken such a keen interest in the work (applause).

A report was then read from Mr. Jennings on the year's working, which showed that 13 meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 34, while at St. Philip's, Almondsbury, and Dyrham, the number was over 50. Change ringing had been up to the standard, Marshfield bells had been restored, and there had been an increase of honorary and associate members in the branch.—The report was adopted, and the Chairman moved a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Jennings, which was carried with applause.—The officers were then elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. J. Gould, and Mr. J. Jefferies re-elected as representatives on the management committee; Mr. Gilbert Way, of St. James', was elected secretary.

The next two monthly meetings will be held at St. Nicholas' and Marshfield, and the quarterly meeting at Bitton in April, St. Michael's being selected for the next annual meeting.—Nine new members were elected.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. M. E. Thorold for officiating at the service, also to the organist, and the ladies for looking after the tea.—Mr. E. Guise proposed a similar vote to the officers for the past year's work.—This was carried with applause, and concluded the business.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**PROPOSED ALTERATION OF TITLE NEGATIVED.**

In spite of the inclement weather, over 30 members put in an appearance at West Ham on Saturday week for the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and was continued till 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. Elliott Binns, after which an adjournment was made for tea served in the Meeson Hall. At the meeting which followed, the Vicar of West Ham was elected an hon. member, and Messrs. White (Loughton) and Jeffs (Brentwood) were elected ringing members.

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

A proposition that a recommendation be sent to the general committee to consider the advisability of altering the name of the association to the Essex Diocesan Guild was negatived by a large majority.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of tower and bells and conducting the service, the organist for accompanying the hymns, the Ladies' Guild for kindly arranging the tea, and to Mr. G. Haydon for having everything in readiness.

A collection made towards the fund for 'Irenæus Pistor' amounted to £1.

During the afternoon members were present from Leytonstone, Woodford, Wanstead, Loughton, Romford, Brentwood, Walthamstow (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Bentley, Streatham and Barking, together with the local band, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Cambridge Major and Royal, Treble Ten and Bob Royal were rung.

SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.**A REORGANISATION.**

The Exercise will be pleased to learn that a settlement has been reached in the dispute which arose in January of last year, and was given prominence in the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Thanks are entirely due to the Vicar, Rev. Dr. P. N. Waggett, and his interest in the society since his institution as Vicar of Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, last May.

Negotiations were commenced in October, at an informal meeting held in Rev. A. H. F. Boughie's rooms, Trinity College, between existing members and the friends of ringing. At this meeting the Vicar was unanimously elected as the first president of the society, and succeeding members re-elected. Since then various meetings have been held under his presidency, and culminated in the first annual meeting of the society which was held on Monday, January 30th.

The new rules were read for the first time, and after various amendments were passed.

Officers selected to serve for the ensuing year were: Master, J. Taylor; secretary and treasurer, T. R. Dennis; steeplekeeper, F. Taylor; and committee, Messrs. E. G. Hibbins, C. W. Smith, and W. Welch. The following new members were elected unanimously: Messrs. F. Warrington, B. D. Bultress, A. G. Rivers, F. E. Haynes, S. H. Wood and J. R. Duffield.

A new rule has been embodied to cover Sunday service ringing at 5.45 p.m., and it is hoped as the company grows larger that Sunday ringing will be regularly carried out by members of the society.

PRESENTATION AT GULVAL, PENZANCE

Previous to commencing to ring for evensong at Gulval, on Sunday, February 5th, the captain of the church bellringers, Mr. F. C. Jebbert, on behalf of his brother ringers, in eulogistic words asked one of their honorary ringers to accept a small token of their gratitude and appreciation of his long continued assistance in the belfry, especially in connection with the study and practice in various methods of change ringing, and expressing an earnest wish that he might long continue to be present with them.

The recipient recorded briefly his sincere thanks for their very beautiful and useful present, intimating that it was, and always would remain, a very great personal pleasure to be present with them in the belfry.

The presentation took the form of a handsome ebony crutch walking stick, with an elaborately ornamented silver band, on which was engraved: 'Presented to John Symons, Esq., J.P. (College Youths), by the Gulval Church bellringers, February, 1928.'

ROMNEY MARSH RINGER'S RECORD.

Mr. Alfred Johnson, of Appledore, has just completed 50 years of regular ringing for service at the Parish Church, many of which he has been leader of the ringers. In commemoration of his retirement he has presented a hanging lamp to the belfry.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the choir for 40 years, a sidesman of the church for over 30 years, a member of the Parochial Church Council since its formation, and also representative on the Ruridennal Conference. He wound the church clock for 25 years, and on relinquishing this duty was presented with a clock, suitably inscribed, by the parishioners. He was also a Sunday School teacher for several years. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Kent County Association, the Sussex County Association, and the Romney Marsh Guild, and has rung about 40 peals. He has been in his present situation, first as groom and then as chauffeur, for 55 years.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.**

The annual meeting of Grimsby District was held at Grimsby on Saturday, January 28th, when the towers represented were Bigby, Barrow-in-Humber, Barton-on-Humber, Goxhill, Ulceby and the local members, also the Rev. J. Barber, of Great Coates, and the Rev. G. H. Newton, of Ulceby.

Service was held in St. James' Church, the Vicar (Canon A. A. Markham) officiating, and giving an interesting address. Ten were served in the Church House, 27 members sitting down. The business meeting followed, at which Rev. H. T. Parry was re-elected president, Mr. H. I. Mingay secretary, and Mr. C. W. Taylor representative on the general committee. Mr. G. Blanchard was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. J. Bray Deputy Ringing Master.

Sixteen new members were elected, including Rev. L. Mann, and the members of Killingholme tower, where the four bells have recently been rehung and room left for two more bells.

The accounts of the Grimsby District bell fund were put before the members and accepted. The collection for the district bell fund amounted to 11s.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon A. A. Markham (St. James') and the Rev. T. Russel Warrilow (Vicar of St. Andrew's), for the use of the bells, and to the former for conducting the service and for his excellent address. Mr. Martin Walker proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success, and thanks were accorded to the president for presiding.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The places and dates of meetings in 1928 are: Elsham, April 14th; Ulceby and Killingholme, May 19th; Barrow-on-Humber, July 7th; Claxby, August 18th; Barton-on-Humber, October 27th.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The annual general meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, also a well-struck course of Double Norwich Major by the Ashford and Tenterden men. A hearty service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Vischer), the singing being accompanied by the Guild's official organist, Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury. Tea was served at the principal inn of the village, which was besieged by lean and hungry-looking members and friends of the bellringing fraternity to the number of 50 to 60. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Vischer was elected as president for the year.

Mr. Franklin (retiring hon. secretary) read the balance sheet for the past year, which was passed unanimously. Mr. Franklin impressed upon the members the necessity of choosing a new secretary for 1928, for, he said, it was impossible for him to spare the time to carry the work through this year.

Mr. C. W. Player was elected Master for the year, and Mr. Everett proved an easy winner for the office of hon. secretary, after a thrilling contest with those who 'also ran.'

The next meeting was voted to be held at Rolvenden on February 25th.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the retiring officers for so ably carrying out the work of the past year.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to what was probably the best musical evening that the Guild has had during its existence for a quarter of a century. The programme included the Stone community singers (conductor Mr. E. H. Stutely, pianist Mrs. Lauder), handbells by the Tenterden ringers, conducted by the redoubtable Mr. Chas. Tribe, recitations by the Vicar, Messrs. Balcomb and Stutely, singing, violin and pianoforte items by the Misses Anderson, humorous contributions by Messrs. Franklin and mine host of the Swan Hotel, accompanied by Mr. Baldwin (pianist), songs by Messrs. Pattenden, Franklin and others. 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem concluded an enjoyable evening.

CENTENARY COMMEMORATED.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, on Tuesday, January 24th, after an unsuccessful attempt for Holt's Original, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: W. H. Daynes 1, Miss J. Colegate 2, C. Elliott 3, W. Merritt 4, R. Steers 5, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 6, C. Davis 7, J. Harding 8.

The peal was also attempted on January 21st to commemorate the centenary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in this tower by a band of Trinity Youths on January 21st, 1828, and recorded on a board still hanging in the tower. No composer's name is mentioned, but the conductor was Robert Shershy.

NOTICE.

DERBY CATHEDRAL.—Ringing practice on Monday, February 20th, will be postponed, but will be resumed as usual afterwards; Monday nights 7.30 to 9 p.m.—James Fagett, 107, Abbey Street, Derby.

NOTICES.

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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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in due. Meetings for practice will be held at *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.

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.—S. Proctor, 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.—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. 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.

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.

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.

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.—Chertsey district meeting at Hersham, March 10th.—Guildford district meeting at Guildford, March 17th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Gen. Sec., 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

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.—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.

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.—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.

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.)—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Preshute (near Marlborough) on Saturday, Feb. 18th, at 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Cyril Hussey, Branch Hon. Sec.

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.

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.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A Quarterly Meeting is to be held at St. Giles and Cranborne on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Ringing at St. Giles from 3. Tea in the School at 4.45, followed by business. Chair to be taken by the President of the Guild, the Earl of Shaftesbury. Service at 5.30, address by Gen. Sec., Rev. F. L. Edwards. Ringing 6.15 to 7.15. Ringing at Cranborne 7.30 to 9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Eye, Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at Horse Shoes, 4.30 p.m., 1s. each. Subscriptions are now due.—A. J. Berry, Thornham Magna, Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ledbury, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Eight bells, available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., tea and business meeting afterwards.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, February 25th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Long Buckley (5) on Saturday, February 25th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Aldwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 22nd.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town St., Duffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting will be held at St. Audrey's, by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus). A postcard by intending visitors by the 23rd, please.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

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.

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.

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. Subscriptions 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.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, will be arranged for all who notify me by the Feb. 22nd.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Everett, Hon. Sec., 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. In order to give a fair estimate to caterers, will belfry secretaries please ascertain, and notify me of their number requiring tea, not later than Thursday, Feb. 23rd?—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock, service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, Feb. 28th?—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Rd., Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand, also certificates, 3d. each.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing, etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme, ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p.m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrangements (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d., tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will members and visitors kindly advise early *now* so that extra accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th. Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Eagles 1, J. Eagles 2, C. Turner 3, S. Binfield 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, H. Whitehead 6, R. H. Stevens 7, C. Hardeman 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, February 5th, at Emanuel Church, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. A. Wright (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss B. F. Mills 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, W. E. G. Hewson 4, E. E. Bish 5, J. W. Chapman 6, J. L. Watkins (conductor) 7, W. J. Ancombe 8.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, E.C., on Sunday, February 5th, for evensong, 1,280 London Surprise Major: W. J. Nudds 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, C. W. Roberts 3, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. T. Kentish 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Sanders 8.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,264): W. Peck 1, E. Butler 2, A. Coates 3, A. Hiccock 4, E. Burley 5, G. Beeby 6, G. Gilbert (conductor) 7, W. Perry 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes) in 50 mins.: J. Rumble, jun., 1, H. J. Skelt 2, A. J. Trappitt 3, T. G. Bannister 4, C. H. Kippin 5, A. W. Clark 6, J. E. Cooper 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Peter's Church, before the evening service, on Sunday, January 29th, 1,024 Bob Major: W. E. Morey 1, E. Morey 2, G. Payne 3, F. Cruttenden 4, L. Payne 5, A. E. Baker 6, J. W. Alliss 7, C. Tyler (conductor) 8. W. E. Morey's and E. Morey's first touch of Bob Major.

TWICKENHAM.—For evening service on Sunday, January 29th, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Cutmore 1, R. Thompson 2, *E. A. Morris 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, *R. Hsley 5, R. D. Brown 6, H. A. Folkard 7, J. Lovell 8. * Longest touch of Stedman.

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WARNHAM.—On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: C. Denyer (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Dale 2, S. Knight 3, S. Paice 4, J. Cook 5, P. Charman 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, R. Dean 8.

ISLEWORTH.—For morning service, on Sunday, January 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Webb 1, H. W. Liddetter 2, E. A. Passam (first quarter-peal of Grandsire inside) 3, W. H. Hollier 4, R. Thompson (cond.) 5, W. H. Biggs 6, H. Belcher 7, A. Skeard 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, on Sunday, January 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. Martin 2, J. H. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, R. C. H. Steel 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, G. Machin 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

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