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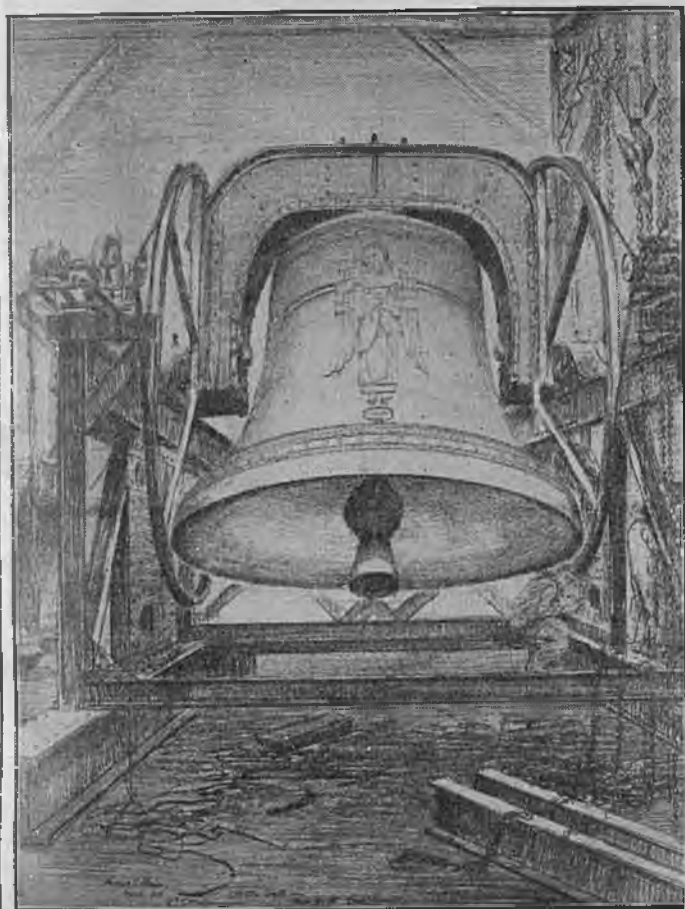
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'SEVEN DIFFERENT 720's.'

No one has yet ventured to reply to a correspondent who has twice asked the question in our columns, 'What constitutes "seven different 720's" of Minor?' The question, on the face of it, would seem easy to answer, but the apparent reluctance of the pundits to reply to the inquiry seems to indicate that the point is more difficult of satisfactory explanation than appears at first sight. Accepting the expression '720' as meaning the extent of the 'rows' or 'changes' on six bells, and that all extents must contain, somewhere or other, the same rows or changes, it seems to us common sense that, if in each of the extents the rows or changes come up in a different order, then the 720's are 'different.' But it is never safe to make even the simplest assertion in regard to ringing, because someone is nearly sure to contradict it, and we shall not be in the least surprised if, having had the temerity to answer our correspondent's question—because no one else seemed prepared to do so—we are now told that our views on this matter are entirely wrong. It is possible we may be told that it means something totally different to what the words in their ordinary sense convey—as we were, for instance, when it was stated that the apparently simple expression, 'seven 720's' (contained in the definition of a peal of Minor) meant seven different compositions.

If a transposition or a reversal is looked upon as the same composition as the original, it is obvious that, unless the definition of seven different seven-twenties is that which we suggest, a great many reports have been published which could not substantiate the claim made of the peal consisting of 'seven different 720's.' Here is another issue to which the Central Council might turn their attention when they come again to the vexed question of defining a peal of Minor. They might say what shall be understood in future by the expression 'seven different 720's,' and the suggestion by our correspondent might, in the meantime, very well be considered by conductors in reporting their peals—that they should distinguish between seven different 720's, in which the difference lies principally in the sequence of the rows or changes, and those in which there are actually seven different compositions.

The question of peals on five or six bells is a complex problem, upon which there is a widening division of opinion, and the probability is that it will eventually become one of those questions, like the extension of methods, in which the two sides take up an irreconcilable attitude. In all these questions, however, the Council

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ought to show a mind of its own. It does its prestige in the Exercise no good when it shelves knotty points by passing resolutions that it is 'not competent to express an opinion' upon such things as, for instance, what it will recognise as an extension of a method. When there are two divergent points of view, both cannot be accepted, and even at the risk of offending the susceptibilities of one side or the other, the Council should have the courage to take a stand. Such a position is hardly likely to arise, perhaps, over the question of what constitutes seven different 720's of Minor—but it might.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5070 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... Treble | THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2 | ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 8
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 3 | HAROLD G. FRAMPTON ... 9
WILLIAM STORY ... 4 | THOMAS H. REEVES ... 10
JOSEPH ROWELL ... 5 | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 11
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 6 | ADAM H. DEAS ... Tenor
Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER
* First peal on twelve bells. This composition contains the 6th the extent wrong in the Tittums, with the last eleven courses in the back-stroke home position, and was composed and rung for the 70th birthday of Mr. William Story, who received the congratulations of the band at the conclusion of the peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.
JAMES HEMMING ... Treble | HERBERT JORDAN ... 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 2 | REV. E. GEOFFREY BENSON 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3 | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 8
JOHN HALL ... 4 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 9
HARRY MIDDLETON ... 5 | OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor
Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WINSCOMBE, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1930, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.
THOMAS GUNNING ... Treble | CHARLES E. LEVETT ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2 | HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... 6
HOWARD H. YEATES ... 3 | HARRY C. VOWLES ... 7
FRANK W. NIPPER ... 4 | JOHN ROBERTS ... Tenor
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.
MISS D. BLENCOWE ... Treble | HARRY W. SMITH ... 5
MISS N. BELCHER ... 2 | RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 6
MISS P. HOLLOWAY ... 3 | WILLIAM HENSLEY ... 7
REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 4 | EDWARD G. FOSTER ... Tenor
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for a peal.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ERNEST COTSFORTH Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 5
ROBERT WALLWORK 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of London in the tower. In this composition, now rung for the first time, neither the 2nd nor 3rd ever strikes over the tenor behind.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK TURNER Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 5
WILLIAM LAWRENCE 2	WALTER SMITH 6
HERBERT WITTERING 3	JOHN WELCH 7
MISS NORA WELCH 4	*CHARLIE SAGGERS Tenor

Conducted by W. LAWRENCE.

* First peal. First peal on eight for all except ringers of 5th and 6th. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' NO. 1 IRREGULAR FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR M. FELTHAM Treble	CHARLES LEVETT 5
HOWARD H. YEATES 2	† STANLEY JAMES 6
* FRANK FISHER 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
ALEX. H. T. PARKER 4	* HECTOR G. YEATES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. Rung as a welcome to Preb. H. E. Badcock on his return after a long illness. Ringers of 1st, 4th and 6th belong to the local band, 3rd and 7th to Congressbury, the rest to Wrington.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Tuesday, January 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

* CYRIL W. A. BROWN Treble	* WILLIAM TICKNER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	* WILLIAM BUTTON 7
HARRY BAKER 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. Mr. and Mrs. Baker's 125th peal together. Rung on the 27th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Button, parents of the 7th ringer.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

* JOHN DARCH Treble	PERCY JONES 5
FRANK J. BAILEY 2	ROYDEN DAVIES 6
WILLIAM PIKE 3	GEORGE POPNELL 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* ERNEST SIBLEY Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	DODGLES H. ARGYLE 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3	† CHARLES FREEMAN 7
FRANK E. PERVIN 4	WILLIMAN HIBBERT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

CRAYFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 31, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM BOND Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AODSLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN OLDHAM Treble	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4	C. HENRY WEBB Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, recently restored and augmented by J. Taylor and Co. This is the 115th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung peals of 5,000 and over.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ARNOLD HILL Treble	MILTON C. FOWLER 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	ALBERT NASH 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	* ERNEST COOPER 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Mr. Clark being the highly esteemed Ringing Master of the Doncaster and District Society.

DIDSBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HAROLD JONES Treble	BEN THORP 5
DONALD BROWN 2	* F. RALPH WILLIAMS 6
SAM HOLT 3	WILLIAM H. SHOOKER 7
ARTHUR RIDYARD 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by R. THORP.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Sam Holt. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Wolstencroft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 5
ARTHUR MARTIN 2	*THOMAS J. FOWLER 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
CHARLES SMITH 4	†JAMES E. HINTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 5
GEORGE BASFORD 2	*AMOS SMART 6
HARRY CHAMBERS 3	JAMES T. WARD 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM CRABTREE Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2	*WILLIAM HORAN 6
*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 3	*HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE HOLLOWAY Treble	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 5
JOHN BOWER 2	HARRY W. SMITH 6
JAMES ABERY 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 4	EDWARD G. FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for peal. First peal on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
ALAN R. PINK 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
*MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	NELSON ELLIOTT Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and a 720 each of Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN HAIRE Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 4
HARRY CARTER 2	CHARLES CLAYDON 5
JOHN WALDEN 3	MOSES BILLINGS Tenor

Conducted by M. BILLINGS.

* First peal at first attempt. First attempt as conductor.

WHADDON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK HOBBS Treble	*HARRY CARTER 4
WILLIAM H. JONES 2	†HENRY JORDAN 5
HERBERT F. JUSTIN 3	ERNEST G. WILLETT Tenor

Conducted by W. H. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Monday, January 27, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

*ARTHUR S. PYKE Treble	*HARRY CHURCHILL 4
FRED SPARKES 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG 5
ARTHUR H. REED 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine, 1,440 of Oxford and 1,440 of Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Bob, 720 Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt.

MISS ROSE BEARD Treble	NOEL WILKS 4
HAROLD G. BEARD 2	ALFRED EVEREST 5
ERNEST FREEMAN 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

Being with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Lack, of Kempston, and also for Herbert Cockings, of Stagsden, and Mrs. E. J. Hobbs, of Husbome Crawley.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 480 St. Simon, 960 Old Doubles, 1,440 Plain Bob, 2,160 Grand-sire.

*F. CARTER Treble	T. M. GRIFFEN 4
E. BRADFIELD 2	G. F. GRIFFEN 5
E. PAIN 3	*F. GARRETT Tenor

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung and augmented to six by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

TRAGIC DEATH OF A BEDFORDSHIRE RINGER.

While cycling home on Wednesday evening, January 22nd, Mr. H. Cockings, of Stagsden, Beds, was knocked off his machine by a trailer attached to a motor lorry and died as the result of his injuries.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, and York Surprise, Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES...	...Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ...	... 4
FRANK LAWRENCE ...	... 2	CYRIL TANSELL ...	... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ...	... 3	CHARLES CAMM ...	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

BICKLEIGH, NEAR TIVERTON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MRS. E. S. POWELL ...	...Treble	ARTHUR G. SELLEY ...	... 4
FRANK J. DAVEY ...	... 2	HARRY POOK ...	... 5
*ROBERT HARRIS...	... 3	REV. E. S. POWELL ...	...Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently, each ending with rounds.

ARTHUR SMITHSON ...	...Treble	BERNARD BAILEY ...	... 4
FREDERICK W. KNOWLES ...	... 2	T. ERNEST MALLENDER ...	... 5
ERNEST A. WILSON ...	... 3	WILLIAM SWAIN ...	...Tenor

Conducted by F. W. KNOWLES.

The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. J. W. Scott for obtaining permission for this peal to be rung.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

*HENRY WILKINS ...	...Treble	BERTIE O. SODEN ...	... 4
HARRY MARLOW ...	... 2	†HARRY ENGLAND ...	... 5
GEORGE PARKER ...	... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ...	...Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Minor on a bob bell.

BURTON-IN-KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob.

JIM TEBAY ...	...Treble	*GERALD SUTTON...	... 4
EDWIN JENNINGS ...	... 2	THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ...	... 5
*HUBERT RICHARDSON ...	... 3	FRANK WILSON ...	...Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor.

MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Single Court. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN LUNN ...	...Treble	JOHN G. AMES ...	... 4
JOHN J. JUTSON ...	... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ...	... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ...	... 3	HORACE M. DAY ...	...Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Quickest peal on the bells. Ringers outside commented on the good striking of the peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ...	... 3-4	HAROLD JACKSON ...	... 7-8
WILLIAM JACKSON ...	... 9-10		

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held in the belfry of St. Martin's Church, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Presiding Ringing Master, being in the chair.

Before proceeding with the ordinary business, the Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Charles Stanbridge, one of its oldest members, and he asked those present to stand for a moment as a last mark of respect.

On the proposition of the chairman, the president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

The Secretary, in proposing that Mr. Alderman Pritchett be re-elected Presiding Ringing Master, congratulated him, on behalf of the Guild, on having attained his 75th birthday, and on enjoying such good health and strength.—This was seconded by Mr. James George and carried unanimously.

Mr. Pritchett thanked the members for their renewal of confidence and their good wishes. Although he was 75 years of age, he was thankful to say that he was still actively engaged in all his public and Masonic work, which took up quite a lot of his time. He thanked Mr. Albert Walker for acting as his deputy during the past year, and proposed his re-election for the ensuing year.—This was seconded by Mr. Perrens and carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker, in accepting the office for another year, stated how increasingly difficult it was becoming, owing to business pressure, for him to attend the weekly practices regularly, and that ere long they would have to consider appointing someone else in his stead.

Mr. T. H. Reeves suggested that he should now relinquish the office of trustee, and proposed that as Mr. Paddon Smith had carefully looked after the funds of the Guild during his 20 years as secretary, he should now become a trustee together with Mr. Vice-President Tom Russam.—This was seconded by Mr. Walker and carried unanimously.

The remaining officers were all re-elected, as follows: Auditors, Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

The balance sheet was presented by the secretary and this was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. George.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on Saturday, March 1st, at the Imperial Hotel, and, on the proposition of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Neal, to ask the Rector of Birmingham to take the chair. The other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the officers.

Several new members were elected, and the next quarterly meeting was fixed for Saturday, April 5th, at Northfield.

Owing to the Saturday activities in the Market Place, only a small amount of ringing could be done. This, however, enabled the members to spend a convivial hour or so together in another place.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS.

On Saturday, January 18th, at the Church of St. Columba, St. Columb Minor, Cornwall, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings) in 44 mins.: F. W. Marshall 1, R. Dibbs 2, A. S. Roberts 3, F. G. Viles 4, W. H. Southard (conductor) 5, Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella 6. Rung after a peal attempt had failed. The first quarter-peal on the bells, which were hung in 1883 by J. Taylor and Co.

RINGER'S SERVICES RECOGNISED.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Fuller, of the Cedars, Bagshot, Surrey, the Bagshot ringers were entertained to a supper on Friday week. The Vicar, Canon R. W. Stuart, presided.

During the evening Mr. F. Nye, who has been foreman and steeple-keeper for a great number of years, was presented with a case of pipes from the Vicar and the local band to show their appreciation for his help in teaching young ringers and the assistance he has given to the band.

Mr. Nye has been one of those persistent and long-suffering 'spade workers' whose discouragements usually outweigh the permanent gains achieved, but who nevertheless continue to give their time and energies to teaching others in the hope that eventually some young ringer will be added to the ranks of the Exercise. Always cheery and enthusiastic, Mr. Nye is a valued member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, as he previously was of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

In delightful weather, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Scarborough on Saturday, January 25th. By the courtesy of the Vicar of Scarborough (Rev. J. W. Capron) and the churchwardens, the peal of eight (tenor 20 cwt.) were available for ringing throughout the day. The day's activities commenced with the audit, which was conducted in the morning at the Church Schools by Messrs. G. B. Bourne and J. R. Fryer. Tea was served in the Arcadian Pavilion at 5 p.m., and was followed immediately by the general meeting. The president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupied the chair, supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. J. Cotterell) and hon. secretary (Mr. J. Johnson).

The President presented the annual report of the committee. In reviewing the report, he drew attention to a regrettable misstatement in the report, which stated that only three new members had been elected in the Western Division in the course of the year. This was quite wrong, as more than thirty new members had joined in that division during the year, and the statement was the result of an error by the district secretary. In presenting the annual peal list of 75 peals, the Sheffield band were congratulated on contributing once more a twelve-bell peal, and the excellent tabulated work by the peal secretary, Mr. W. Barton, was highly commended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. G. Halksworth, seconded by Mr. G. B. Bourne.

ANOTHER BEDFORDSHIRE SIX-BELL TOWER.



TILSWORTH CHURCH, BEDS,
where the bells have just been recast and augmented to six.

The balance sheet, which showed a gain of £17 16s. 3d., was passed as read, on the motion of Mr. G. B. Bourne, seconded by Mr. J. R. Fryer. A vote of thanks to the auditors was moved by Mr. J. Cotterell, seconded by Mr. W. Idle, and carried with acclamation.

No other nominations having been received for the office of president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall was declared re-elected. In thanking the members for their appreciation of his work, Mr. Marshall announced that this was his seventeenth year of office, and trusted that he would have the continued support of the members in his efforts for the welfare of the association.

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens of Scarborough for kindly granting the use of the bells and the Church Schools, was moved by the president and supported by Mr. J. H. Blakiston. A special vote of thanks to the local company was moved by the general secretary, who paid a tribute to the efforts of Mr. G. B. Bourne for the comfort of the visitors, and expressed deep regret that so small a gathering had assembled there that day.—This was seconded by Mr. A. Haigh and carried, Mr. G. B. Bourne responding on behalf of the local band.

A prolonged discussion took place as to the most suitable date to hold the Snowdon Dinner, it eventually being decided to hold the dinner this year at York on the second Saturday in October.

The Vicar of Huntingdon (the Rev. R. M. Kelly) was elected as an honorary life member of the association.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president, proposed by the general secretary and seconded by Mr. A. C. Fearnley, brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH RECORD MEETING.

On Saturday, January 25th, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Owen), a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Higham Ferrers, a thoroughly representative body of ringers being present from Finedon, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Wollaston, Borzeat, Earls Barton, Easton Maudit, Yardley Hastings, Mears Ashby, Wilby, Burton Latimer, Cranford, Geddington, Thrapston, Raunds, Titchmarsh, Bedford, and the local company. The fine peal of eight bells were raised about 2.30, and were in great demand during the afternoon and evening. Many methods were rung, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, and London Surprise Major.

The Guild service was held in the beautiful Church of St. Mary, conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a most appreciative and encouraging address, in which he pointed out that the work of ringers had not always been recognised as it was to-day, and that he looked upon them as a fine body of churchworkers. The address, the music led by the fine organ, and the hearty singing, made the service an inspiration to all.

The party afterwards adjourned to the Old Grammar School close by, where an excellent tea, which had been kindly prepared by the local ringers and their wives, awaited them. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. Webb, churchwarden. Mr. A. E. Wright, organist, and a record attendance of 70 members.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar being in the chair. Wollaston was suggested as the next place of meeting. Mr. W. Webb and Mr. A. E. Wright were elected hon. members, and four ringing members were also elected.

The secretary then presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, which were passed as highly satisfactory, and on the proposition of the Vicar hearty thanks were accorded him for his work.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist, the local ringers, and the ladies who had helped with the tea, was proposed by Mr. T. R. Hensher, and carried with acclamation.

On returning to the tower, a pleasing feature of the gathering was the ringing of a well-struck course of Superlative Surprise Major by eight old veterans who had rung together at Higham Ferrers more than thirty years ago, the band being as follows: H. Chapman 1, A. Perkins 2, J. Garratt 3, A. H. Martin 4, J. J. Mawby 5, C. W. Clarke 6, T. R. Hensher 7, A. Y. Tyler 8. It was generally agreed that the honours of the day rested with these veterans. After the lowering of the bells, about eight o'clock, a well-attended social was held in the clubroom of the Green Dragon Hotel, touches and selections being given on handbells by the Finedon and Irthlingborough ringers, and songs rendered by various members of the company, Mr. A. Perkins being at the piano.

Amongst those present were Mr. R. G. Black (general secretary), Miss Thursfield (secretary of the local branch of the Ladies' Guild), Miss E. Steele, Mr. H. Tysoe and Mr. H. J. Sharp, of Bedford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
A SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

A meeting was held at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, January 25th, which was pleasing both to the promoters and the visitors. Besides those representing towers in the Archdeaconry, others attended from Birmingham, Bromsgrove, Coventry, Crewe, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury, Smethwick, etc.

A short service was held at 4.45, conducted by the Rev. R. L. Hodson, Rector, who also delivered an interesting address. A move was then made to Lyons' restaurant, where a capital tea was laid, upwards of one hundred taking advantage thereof, including the Revs. R. L. Hodson, L. H. Morgan, F. O. Urwin and C. H. Barker. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. C. H. Clapham, Rector's warden, and Mr. S. H. Tonks, people's warden, both owing to prior engagements; also Mr. Ben Gough, through a serious illness.

A vote of thanks was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker, viz., to the Rector for his address, use of bells, etc.; to the organist for his kindly assistance; and to the St. Peter's band for providing the splendid tea, which was carried with acclamation. This was briefly acknowledged. Then followed a touch of Stedman Caters on handbells by: E. W. Perrens (conductor), H. Knight, G. F. Swann, J. Perry and R. Pickering. The ringing on the tower bells during the afternoon and evening was varied, and included a well-struck course of Cambridge Royal and a bold attempt at Cambridge Maximus, which, however, did not mature.

SUFFOLK GUILD FINANCES

A well-attended meeting was held at Framlingham on January 11th. Discussion about the forthcoming report showed that the expenditure of the Guild was still more than £6 above the income. It was decided to attempt to get more honorary members, and to ask ringing members to subscribe more than the minimum subscription. Meetings were arranged for February 15th at Hadleigh, for March 15th at Hadleigh, and April 21st at Bury St. Edmunds. There was ringing in all the usual methods, both in the tower and on handbells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—I shall be glad if you will allow me, through your 'Ringing World,' to draw the attention of the members of the London County Association to the incorrectness of the last part of the title.

There is no North Southwark Diocese.

If the members wish to mean the northern area of the Southwark Diocese, why not be correct and alter the title to read 'and the Southwark Archdeaconry Guild'?

I think this is the only one of our societies with an incorrect title.

—Yours sincerely,

F. W. RICHARDSON.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ROCHESTER DISTRICT GROWTH.**

A very successful meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday at Swanscombe, and in spite of the very wet weather upwards of sixty ringers attended, the following towers being represented: Rochester Cathedral, Frindsbury, Higham, Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Chatham, Gillingham, Upchurch, Tunstall, Queenborough, together with the local band, and also visitors from Sevenoaks. Some very useful practice was accomplished, especially by the less experienced ringers, during the afternoon. A service was held in the church, attended by the whole of the ringers, and conducted by the Rector, after which tea was served in the Church Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, who expressed his pleasure in once again meeting the bellringers. The Rector said that he considered the bellringers were amongst the most loyal and devoted of his churchworkers.

It was very gratifying to see the increase in membership of the association, a total of twenty-two practising members being elected at the meeting. Included in this was the whole of the band from Minster, Isle of Sheppey, where Mr. Exeter has been fighting an uphill task in forming a new band in a very creditable manner. The Vicar of Minster, the Rev. Brazier, was also elected as an honorary member. If Minster proves as loyal to the association as Queenborough, another Sheppey tower, the district will indeed have a very useful extreme wing.

At the conclusion of the meeting a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Campbell Ward for so generously entertaining the ringers, also to the Rector's sister for playing the organ, and the ladies who waited upon the ringers at such a splendid tea.

PRESENTATION TO MR. ARTHUR SYMONDS.**RECOGNITION OF LONG LEADERSHIP.**

A goodly number of the SS. Peter and Paul's band, Lavenham, met at the tower on Thursday, January 23rd, to greet their much esteemed leader and instructor on his 72nd birthday. Mr. Arthur Symonds, the 'G.O.M.' of West Suffolk. Owing to serious illness near the church, the tower bells were silent, but a varied programme was accomplished on the handbells, including Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman Caters.

Mr. W. R. J. Poulson, deputy conductor, in making the presentation on behalf of the Lavenham Society, asked Mr. Symonds to accept their sincere wishes that he might be spared many more years as their leader, and Mr. Symonds suitably responded. The present—a silver bell pendant—takes the form of a badge of office, and is inscribed: 'Instructor of the Lavenham Society of Bellringers,' and on the reverse side: 'Presented to Arthur Symonds on his 72nd birthday by the L.S.B.R., January 23rd, 1930.'

Much could be written on what Mr. Symonds has done in 'spade work' in and around Lavenham. Suffice it to say that upwards of 70 ringers have passed under his guidance, and three other pupils are now under his tuition.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the St. Albans District was held at Luton, on January 22nd, about 25 ringers attending. The methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

It was decided that the next meeting should be held at St. Albans at the two six-bell towers of St. Michael's and St. Stephen's.

The thanks of the ringers were accorded to the Vicar for allowing the meeting to be held, and to the local band for their help in making the meeting a success.

BELL BALLADS.

An elegantly got up brochure has been printed containing the bell ballads by 'Cascable' (Major F. A. Yorke). Ringers will have read some of the verse by this author in 'The Ringing World' from time to time, and the ballads are now brought together in a charmingly got up booklet, dedicated to the Exercise in general and the College Youths in particular. 'Bell Ballads' can be obtained post free for 2s. from the printers, Messrs. William Barlow and Sons, Park Road, West Hartlepool.

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PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, now temporarily silent, were opened on February 7th, 1783, when three peals were rung by three different bands—two of Oxford Treble Bob by the College Youths, with a peal of Grandsire Triples sandwiched in between by the Cumberlands.

The first peal of Forward Major was rung on February 8th, 1889, at Deritend, composed and conducted by John Carter.

Eighty years ago, next Sunday, the St. James' Society rang a peal of Superlative Surprise at Bethnal Green—the first Surprise peal in the Metropolis.

Next Tuesday is the 120th anniversary of the collapse of the spire of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, which fell with disastrous results.

A peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 7 hrs. 26 mins. at Oldham on February 12th, 1821.

Mr. Ferris J. Shepherd, of Herisham, Surrey, who has had to forego ringing for some long time, under medical orders, hopes that he may eventually be allowed by the doctor to resume and to meet his old friends again in the belfry.

CHANGE RINGING BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have sometimes wondered whether in the broadcasting of change ringing the best use is made of a great opportunity. Apart from the immediate purpose with which such ringing is associated, it might be also a means of rousing a greater interest in campanology, or, if need be, instilling a kindlier feeling towards it on the part of those who are not ringers themselves, or of those who have not got beyond round ringing. The question has recently been forced upon me by the remarks of a friend who is not a ringer but who does not dislike bells.

Is it wise to broadcast twelve-bell ringing? Maximus or Cinques may appeal to a ringer, but I cannot help thinking that anything above Triples or Major is rather beyond the general public. They could comprehend an octave, provided the leads were kept well open, but the higher numbers are too much for them. Would it not be better if broadcasts were limited to Major or (perhaps better still) to Triples? This, I may add, is not written in criticism of the excellent ringing of Cinques which we hear on the wireless from time to time. My point is that twelve-bell ringing will never appeal to the public, or help to any appreciation of campanology, to the extent that Major or even Doubles will.

Some time ago the Rev. L. Edwards gave a talk on bell ringing which was, so we were told, greatly appreciated. In his illustrations he used, if I remember rightly, Triples or Minor methods. That was wisdom. I venture to think that if he had used the higher numbers the good results of his talk would have been nullified. An octave of bells can be grasped. Any higher number is, at any rate for non-ringers, too big a proposition.—Yours faithfully,

E. H. WHITFORD.

Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. CIRENCESTER BRANCH AND CENTRAL COUNCIL AFFILIATION.

The annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 25th, the following towers being represented: Cirencester, Fairford, Lechlade, Tetbury and South Cerney. Visitors were present from Swindon and Burford. Watermoor bells were rung during the afternoon to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. Tea at Messrs. Viners' Restaurant was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar (Rev. Canon Westmacott) taking the chair.

The treasurer's report was considered satisfactory and adopted. One honorary and 12 new performing members were elected.

Cole St. Aldwyn was chosen for the next meeting.

Arising from the circular letter sent out by the executive committee of the association, with regard to re-affiliation with the Central Council, and on the question of providing in the association's rules for a quorum at the annual general meeting, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

'That this branch, while having no objection to the suggested alterations of the Central Council rules, is of the opinion that re-affiliation with the Central Council is desirable, without any proviso whatever.'

'That this branch is in favour of 8 per cent. of the performing members forming a quorum at the annual general meeting or any specially called general meeting, but suggest that the quorum should not apply to the routine business, viz.: Election of officials, committees, place of next meeting, etc., at the annual general meeting, but should apply to alterations of rules or similar important changes.'

The following branch officers were elected for 1930: Chairman, Mr. F. Edwards; secretary, F. J. Lewis; member on Management Committee, Mr. J. Hope.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for granting permission to hold the meeting and for taking the service.

The service was held at the Parish Church. The organist, Mr. A. H. Gibbons, very kindly accompanied the singing. The Parish Church bells were then open, and a good practice was had in Grandsire Caters and Cinques and Stedman Caters.

STROUD BRANCH APPROVES.

The Stroud Branch, at a meeting held at Painswick on Saturday week, gave unanimous approval to the recommendation of the Executive Committee with regard to representation on the Central Council, after the Master (Rev. E. S. Saleby) had given a full explanation.

On the question of a rule to fix a quorum for the annual general meeting, no proposal was made, and it was felt that a majority vote at the meeting was sufficient.

Twenty-nine members attended the meeting, and ringing in various methods took place from 3 to 5 p.m., when service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. M. Coode.

After tea at the Golden Heart, the Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which the branch officers were re-elected, and thanked for their services.

VIEWS OF THE FOREST BRANCH.

At the annual meeting of the Forest Branch, held at Lydney, consideration of the Executive Committee's recommendation as to re-affiliation with the Central Council resulted in a resolution being passed, expressing appreciation of the effort made with this end in view, but suggesting that the last sentence should read: 'They, the Executive, recommend that the association expresses its willingness to be re-affiliated, hoping that the Central Council may see its way to placing the suggested alterations upon their agenda at the next meeting.'

On the question of fixing a quorum for annual meetings, the opinion was expressed that such a decision would have a tendency to retard progress.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Central Council in London at Whitsun is the first of a new Council, and the period for which the officers and members of the Standing and other committees are elected will expire. Nominations, signed by two members, for the offices of president and hon. secretary and treasurer must be in the hands of the hon. secretary before May 1st next. The present holders are eligible for re-election.

CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.

This annual event will take place at Nottingham on Saturday week, and arrangements have been made for a tour of inspection of Nottingham's new Council House on Saturday, February 15th. Will intending visitors who wish to take advantage of this privilege advise Mr. F. Blood by Thursday, February 13th? The party will meet at front entrance at 4.30 p.m. sharp. A notice with regard to the dinner appears in another column.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS IN NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

Although dismal weather prevailed, it was not bad enough to damp the ardour of members of the above association, some seventy of whom attended the annual meeting of the North and East District at Southgate on Saturday last. The meeting was, however, held under a cloud, and it was with deep regret that members heard of the serious illness of their beloved president (Mr. F. A. Milne). Resolutions of sympathy with Mr. Milne and his relatives were passed, which the hon. secretary promised to send on to them.

No time was wasted during the afternoon, and much use was made of the bells between three and five o'clock, when the service was held. At this the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Poploe) officiated, and gave members a very stirring sermon on the lessons to be obtained from the story of the conversion of St. Paul.

After service, tea was served at the Cherry Tree, and this was followed by the business meeting. After reference had been made to the illness of the president, as stated above, routine business was disposed of. The balance sheet, showing a credit on the year's working of £2 9s. 11d., and assets to the value of £99 1s. 2d., was adopted.

Twenty-nine new members were elected, including nine of the St. James', Clerkenwell, band, and a similar number of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill. It was pointed out that the ringers at Clerkenwell are being looked after by a prominent member of the association, and are making good progress.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that he had been notified by the Master, Mr. N. A. Tomlinson, of his inability to attend most of the meetings, and he therefore regretfully handed in his resignation. Mr. Kilby proposed, and Mr. Lucas seconded, that Mr. A. W. Coles be elected District Master for the ensuing year. This was strongly supported by Mr. G. R. Goodship, and carried with great enthusiasm. Mr. Coles promised members he would do his best for the association.

Mr. F. A. Milne and Mr. C. T. Coles were re-elected hon. treasurer and hon. secretary respectively, whilst Mr. G. R. Goodship was elected assistant hon. secretary, promising his loyal support to the secretary in anything he was asked to do.

Messrs. G. B. Lucas, R. E. Geare and W. H. Oram were re-elected as representatives on the Central Committee, and Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth were chosen as auditors.

The Chairman (Mr. Pickworth) proposed a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Tomlinson, who had served them so well as District Master, in spite of increasingly heavy duties, during the past five years. This was seconded by the hon. secretary, who also congratulated Mr. Tomlinson on his recent marriage, and carried unanimously. Mr. Tomlinson briefly replied, and stated he regretted having to give up his work, but his interest in the society remained.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Hornsey on May 22nd, whilst St. Giles-in-the-Fields was chosen for the next annual meeting. Mr. C. H. Martin proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Poploe) for his very fine address and for the use of the bells, and to the organist (Mr. Conisbee).—This was carried with acclamation.

The Hon. Secretary expressed the thanks of the members to the Southgate ringers for their kindness in assisting financially towards the cost of the tea, which was much appreciated by all present.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Pye and carried. After Mr. Pickworth had briefly acknowledged the thanks of the members, the meeting terminated.

Whilst a few ringers stayed behind to ring touches on handbells, most of the company returned to the tower to support the new Ringing Master, who saw to it that all who wished to ring did so, whether it was rounds or Cambridge Royal. It was gratifying to note the several young enthusiasts who took full advantage of a good opportunity of some ten-bell practice. This was one of the most hopeful signs in a hopeful meeting, which gives great encouragement to officers of the association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A successful meeting was held at Broomfield on Saturday, when thirty-eight members, including five ladies, were present from Braintree, Chelmsford, Galleywood, Great Baddow, Boreham, Writtle, Fryerning, and the local band.

Ringing commenced at 2.30. A service was held in the church conducted by Rev. F. A. Roughton (Vicar of Galleywood). The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), and the address given by the Rev. G. A. Bunbury (Vicar of Broomfield). This was followed by tea in the Parish Hall, Rev. G. A. Bunbury presiding, supported by Rev. F. A. Roughton and Mr. C. H. Howard. Mr. G. Green (District Master) presided over the business meeting, when ten new members were elected, and Springfield was chosen for a by-meeting in March.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the organist and all those who helped with the tea.

Ringing continued during the evening, the methods including New London, Cambridge, Treble Bob and Grandsire.

RESTORATION OF GOOLE BELLS. HOW THE YORKSHIRE TOWN RESPONDED TO THE APPEAL.

The bells at Goole Parish Church, Yorks, after being renovated and rehung, were, with the clock, which has been rebuilt and Westminster chimes added, rededicated at an impressive service on Thursday evening, January 23rd. Every sphere of life in the town was represented in the large congregation of nearly a thousand people, and there was further proof that the restoration of the bells has been regarded as an affair affecting the whole town. The dedication was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. H. E. Wall, M.A., the new chimes of the clock were set in motion by Sir John Eaglesome, K.C.M.G., head of the Aire and Calder Navigation, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon E. Arthur Berry, M.A., Vicar of Drypool, Hull.

The processional hymn was 'Great God, to Thee our hearts we raise.' Psalm c. followed, and Canon Berry then gave his address. Preaching from the text, 'The Lord reigneth: let the multitudes of the isles be glad thereof' (Psalm xcvi.), he said the psalmist gave a great challenge and call to everything animate and inanimate to take part in thanksgiving. He prayed that those bells would send out a new message over the Humber and out to sea to welcome men on their return to safety, or bid farewell as they went forth. Their call would go over the waters of the canals into the great West Riding towns.

The hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was then sung, and the Vicar pronounced the dedicatory prayer. A cord attached to the pendulum of the clock and fastened with white and red silk ribbons, the colours of the church, hung down through the belfry floor to the nave. Sir John pulled on the cord at two minutes to eight o'clock, and immediately the sweet tones of the chimes came floating into the hushed church, followed by the strokes of the hour. The hymns, 'The sacred bells of England' and 'The church bells ringing from the height,' concluded the service.

The National Schools were crowded after the service, when the Vicar, who presided, said they could not allow Sir John to go away without having expressed their thanks to him for helping them and identifying himself with the work of the church. The service had been a moment of great history, rejoicing and gratification for the Parish Church. Those who had taken part would not forget it. They were also extremely grateful to Canon Berry for his fine address.

Sir John spoke of the great interest the Aire and Calder Navigation had in the Parish Church. He was extremely gratified at the evidence that evening of the wonderful hold the Church of England had in Goole. They could not stand still, but must go ahead or go back. That could not be better illustrated than by the bells, and the manner in which they had got the best.

When Goole was asked to subscribe for the bells it promptly got together £400. At a specially convened town's meeting it was decided to make an appeal to the town generally for £300. There was a house to house collection by envelopes, and an appeal made through the local press, and in a remarkably short space of time it was not only met but the fund was over-subscribed to the amount of £100, the actual result of the appeal being £400 5s. 4d.

The restoration and retuning of the bells was entrusted to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who carried out the work to the satisfaction of the clergy, ringers and all concerned, the tone and 'go' of the bells now being all that was desired. The bells are not a very old ring. The tenor (16 cwt. 2 qr.), in F sharp, is by Taylors, 1869, the other seven bells by Taylors, 1889. It was decided to lower the tone of the bells by half a note, and this has effected a great improvement to the music of the bells. The efforts of the bell-hangers, both in taking out and putting back the bells to the time specified, ready for ringing for the service on Christmas morning, was greatly appreciated in Goole. The men worked from early morning to late at night in order to keep the promise made. The restoration of the clock and installation of Westminster chimes was carried out by Messrs. Potts and Sons, Ltd., Leeds, and their work has not only given every satisfaction, but it is a most useful and valuable addition to the church and town in general. M. T.

YOUNG LADY RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the loss to St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and the band at St. Margaret's, Great Barr, of Miss Blanche Pollington, who passed away after a short illness on January 19th.

Miss Pollington was a keen young ringer, and attended very regularly at both service ringing and practice. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

She was laid to rest in the parish churchyard on Thursday, January 23rd, four of the local ringers being the bearers.

The heartfelt sympathy of all is accorded to the parents and members of the family, and to Mr. J. R. Terry, the deceased's fiancé, who is also a member of the band.

As a last tribute, 720 Bob Minor with bells half-muffled was rung on Sunday, January 28th: G. Merriman 1, Miss E. M. Ludlow 2, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 3, E. Terry 4, J. R. Terry 5, W. Terry 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

REPRESENTATION WANTED ON DIOCESAN ADVISORY BOARD.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 25th, when members attended from Bigby, Elsham, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, Barton-on-Humber, Goxhill, Ulceby and Waltham, with the Rev. J. Barber, Rector of Great Coates, and the local ringers of St. James' and St. Andrew's. The fine ring of eight were kept going during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rev. Lindars, Mr. H. Rushby presiding at the organ. Thirty-one members afterwards sat down to an excellent tea in the Church House.

At the business meeting which followed, the president, the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby, presided. The district officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Rev. H. T. Parry; Mr. H. T. Mingay, secretary; Mr. C. W. Taylor, general committee representative; Mr. J. Bray, Ringing Master; Mr. G. Blanchard, Deputy Ringing Master.

Representatives of towers were asked to forward the names of the members elected for the district committee.

Two new members were elected, viz., P.C. Arthur Pashley, of Grimsby, late of Handsworth, Sheffield; and W. Fisher, of Grimsby. Places and dates of meetings in the district were chosen as follows: Thornton Curtis, May 10th; Mablethorpe (Whit Monday), June 9th; Elsham, June 21st; Bigby, July 5th; Claxby (Thursday afternoon), July 17th; Winterton, August 16th; Barrow-on-Humber, September 6th; Scunthorpe, October 18th. Owing to the bad going of Goxhill bells after their rebanging, a resolution was passed, which is to be sent to the annual Guild meeting, that the Guild ask for representation by a competent ringer on the advisory committee, as suggested by the Central Council.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. H. Heyhoe to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Lindars for conducting the service, to the caterers for providing the tea, to Mr. Rushby for playing the organ, and to the chairman for presiding.

Members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MANCHESTER BRANCH AND ITS FUTURE MEETINGS.

A well-attended meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at the Cathedral on Jan. 18th. Ringing commenced at five o'clock, and continued till 7.10, when the business meeting was held. Canon Elsee, president of the association, was in the chair.

A discussion took place on the best way to create interest in monthly meetings, and after a lengthy discussion, in which various opinions were expressed, it was proposed by Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, seconded by Mr. J. Shaw, that the following meetings be arranged for the branch: St. John's, Miles Platting, February 15th, tower to be open at 6 p.m.; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Page; March 15th, Christ Church, West Didsbury, tower open 6 p.m.; Ringing Master, Mr. B. Davies; quarterly meeting April 12th, or the first Saturday in May, whichever is most convenient, to be held at Worsley, tower open three o'clock, to be followed by a short service, tea at a reasonable charge, and the business meeting to be held after. It is hoped that members will turn up at these meetings and support the officials in trying to arouse greater interest in the branch.

Votes of thanks to church officials and the local ringers were passed, and further ringing took place in various methods.

FYLDE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, when sixteen members attended, seven of them being from St. John's, Blackpool. The bells were raised in peal shortly after 3 p.m., and a touch of Grandsire Triples brought round with several new members taking part. Courses of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major followed with more new members standing in and trying their hand for the first time on eight bells, at which they acquitted themselves very creditably. A few of the local men tried Double Norwich, a course being brought round with an effort. Stedman Triples and Little Bob concluded the programme of the afternoon's proceedings. Cambridge Surprise Major was left in abeyance owing to one of the 'capables' by mistake going to St. Annes-on-Sea Parish Church instead of Lytham.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bispham.

A VISIT TO LEIGH COURT.

On Saturday, January 18th, a pleasant afternoon's ringing took place at the Parish Church of Leigh Court (Worces), during which 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung: J. Woodyatt 1, T. W. Lewis 2, J. Worman 3, D. R. Morris 4, C. Tansill 5, W. Lewis (conductor) 6. Other touches, which included Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, were also brought round. The band, who included ringers from Bredwardine, Bredonbury, Whitbourne and Bromyard, wish to thank Messrs. J. Worman, T. and J. Weaver for their hospitality afterwards. Touches on handbells were also rung by T. W. Lewis, C. Tansill and D. Morris.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**FARNHAM DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Farnham District was held at Farnham on Saturday, January 25th, when about 60 members and friends attended from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Chertsey, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Seale, Woking and Yorktown.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling), and tea, served in the Church House, was followed by the business meeting, at which Canon Girling took the chair, supported by the District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Guild treasurer), Mr. A. H. Pullen, Major H. M. Gale, and Mr. C. Hazelden.

The hon. secretary's report referred to the successful district meetings held during the year, at which the average attendance had been 37. No organised combined practices had been held, but frequent visits had been exchanged between neighbouring towers on regular practice nights. It was regretted that visits could not be made more often to towers where change ringing was not regularly practised. The number of ringing members in the district was 109, against 104 in 1928, and of hon. members 15, against 16. One tower (Bentley) was still unaffiliated.

The report was adopted and the officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. E. J. Bragg as hon. auditor. The balance sheet was presented, and showed a very satisfactory balance in hand of £8 15s. 7d. It was agreed to hold district meetings at Ash, Frensham, Yorktown, Bentley and Farnborough, suitable dates to be fixed by the secretary.

Eleven new members were elected, viz., 6 ringing and 5 honorary.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Farnham on January 24th, 1931.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and all who had helped to make the meeting so successful, on the proposition of Admiral T. P. Walker, seconded by Major Gale.

The Rector, in reply, said that one of their members, Mr. Clapshaw, would celebrate his 85th birthday on Sunday, and for 64 of the 85 years he had been a ringer at Farnham Parish Church. The members enthusiastically congratulated Mr. Clapshaw.

Major Gale proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the district for their work during the past year.

The belfry was then revisited, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m., methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Double Norwich.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held at Southampton on Saturday, January 18th. St. Mary's and St. Michael's bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, and a service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Rector (Rev. R. B. Jolly), who also gave an excellent address.

Tea and business meeting took place in the Chantry Hall, the Rector being in the chair, supported by the Rev. R. A. R. Spread (Vicar of St. Michael's), Rev. Evan Jones (Vicar of Hedge End), hon. treasurer, Rev. G. T. Tritton (Rector of Dibden), district chairman, Mr. G. Williams, vice-president, and Mr. F. W. Rogers, district secretary, Portsmouth. The secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts £9 7s. 11d., expenditure £4 0s. 7d., balance paid to treasurer £5, leaving in hand 7s. 4d.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Chairman, Rev. G. T. Tritton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams; secretary, W. T. Tucker; auditor, Mr. F. W. Summerfield; representative on Central Committee, Mr. J. W. Faithfull.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on Saturday, January 17th, 1931, and quarterly meetings at Romsey in April, Sherfield English in July, and Bishopstoke in October, on the first Saturday of the month in each case.

The Rev. R. B. Jolly and the Rev. Evan Jones were elected hon. members, and Upham band, ten in number, were elected members of the Guild.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. Pullinger, general secretary, the Rev. W. Henty Summers, Vicar of Netley, the district auditor, and Mr. J. W. Faithfull.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's and the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and to Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., for presiding at the organ.

The towers represented were North Stoneham, Dibden, Twyford, Titchfield, Portsea, Romsey, Salisbury, King's Somborne, Ringwood, Petersfield, Fareham and St. Mary's, Southampton, and the methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples up to and including London and Bristol Surprise Major.

FIRST 720 AT 13.

At Ash Priors, Taunton, on Sunday, January 19th, 720 Bob Minor for evensong: C. Thomas 1, Edwin Branchflower 2, Frank Branchflower 3, A. Tout 4, H. Sealy 5, B. T. Jeanes (conductor) 6. First 720 by F. Branchflower, aged 13 years. Also a short touch of Grandsire Doubles, in which George Branchflower rang the tenor, being the father of Edwin and grandfather to Frank.

THE OLDEST ACTIVE RINGER.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the 'Belfry Gossip' column recently there appeared a paragraph about Mr. Tom Lewis, aged 85, of Eastbourne Parish Church.

As I was 87 on Monday, January 27th, and am still going strong, I feel compelled to reply to his claim.

Since commencing at Whitechapel in 1859, I can claim 150 completed peals in various methods. The first was a muffled peal for the Prince Consort in 1861, and the latest a peal of 'Kent Treble Bob' with the St. Nicholas' ringers at Liverpool in 1926.

I had the honour of ringing a peal at Christ Church, Blackfriars, in 1870, to celebrate the opening by Queen Victoria, of Blackfriars Bridge and Holborn Viaduct, and also being in the band which rang the only peal on the day of King Edward's funeral.

In addition, I have rung on every Royal occasion since 1860.

At the age of 87 I am still a member of twenty different associations, and a regular reader of 'The Ringing World.'—Yours fraternally,

J. WAGHORN, SENIOR.

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NEW OCTAVE AT WORCESTER.

The bells at St. John's-in-Bedwardine, having been thoroughly restored and rebung with all new fittings of the latest type, and two new bells added to make an octave by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be reopened and the new bells dedicated at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, February 13th. General ringing will take place after the service.

On Saturday, February 15th, the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association will hold a quarterly meeting here, at which all ringing friends who are interested in the augmented bells will be welcome. Tea will be provided, and all intending visitors will appreciate the wisdom of sending in their names not later than February 12th.

One of the new bells has been given, and Mr. W. Page, who has taken up ringing again after a few years' absence from the Exercise, collected the money to provide the other. The tenor is about 16 cwt.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH AT BRADFORD-ON-AVON.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, Christ Church bells being also available during the afternoon. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Clarke, B.D.), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham). Tea followed in the Church House, to which 34 sat down.

A short business meeting followed. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presided, and welcomed the visitors. He also referred to the enjoyable time he had spent at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner. Several questions of interest were discussed, which it was decided to place before the Guild Committee, to be brought forward at the annual meeting of the Guild.

Visitors present included Miss N. G. Williams (Weston, Bath), Mr. W. J. Prescott (Bath), Messrs. W. H. Crocker and H. Ellis (Weston, Bath), Mr. C. Hussey (secretary of the Marlborough Branch), Mr. L. Wilson (secretary of the Caine Branch), and Messrs. E. J. Woodroffe and N. Alnutt (Swindon). Ringers, in addition to those mentioned, were present from Aldbourne, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Bratton, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, St. James', Southbroom, Rowde Holt, Melksham, Trowbridge, Westbury and Warmistone.

Mr. H. Ellis was elected a life member, Mr. H. Ewence an untached member, and fourteen new ringing members were elected.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Market Lavington was proposed for the March meeting, and Melksham for the quarterly meeting in April, if the bells are available.

Among the interesting things in the ringing chamber at Holy Trinity Church is the old peal board (which is mentioned by the Rev. W. C. Lukis in his book on 'Church Bells'), which is inscribed as follows: 'On Thursday, the 12th day of September, 1799, was rung in this tower by the celebrated Youths of this Town, that noble Peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples, with two singles, consisting of 5,040 changes, completed in 3 hours and 25 minutes by Mr. David Taylor, who conducted the Peal, 1st, James Batchelor 2nd (or Batchelor), Uriah Jelly 3rd, Robert Collier 4th, John Martin 5th, John Milson 6th, William Gibbs 7th, John Davis and John Mulgrove 8th. Mr. John Renison and Mr. John Saunders, Churchwardens. Clement, Earl Stoke, Fecit.'

Another board records a peal rung in May, 1890, conducted by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, on the completion of the work of re-hanging the bells. Another board records a peal rung in 1900 in commemoration of the centenary of the first peal, in which the respected Ringing Master of the branch, Mr. S. Hillier, took part. There are also other peal boards relating to post-war performances.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

The third quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday week at Bolsover, and, as might be expected, that centre of good ringing, possessing a fine ring of eight bells, attracted quite a host of ringers, who came from Burton, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield and elsewhere. Good use was made of the bells, and various methods meted out, some being successful and others not!

The committee met in the Church Hall, and in the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin), owing to the illness of his wife, the Rev. W. Peter Wright, of Eyam, presided. Various routine work was carried out, and suggestions made on several matters to be put before the general meeting which followed tea. In the interim, the Vicar of Bolsover, the Rev. Canon J. E. Paget, dedicated a large and beautifully executed peal tablet, which suitably records the first peals on these bells of Cambridge, New Cambridge, Bristol, London, Superlative, Pudsey, Peterborough, Yorkshire and Norfolk Surprise.

Subsequently, tea was served in the Church Hall, and over 50 members and friends sat down. The meeting followed immediately, and Mr. W. E. White first stated how glad all were to have the Vicar of Bolsover with them, to which Canon Paget suitably replied, giving the members a hearty welcome to Bolsover, and expressing delight at such a goodly number accepting the invitation.

The Rev. W. Peter Wright was then voted to the chair in the absence of Mr. J. Griffin. Arising out of the minutes was the question of the suggested memorial to the late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. The Chairman stated that in committee there had been a long discussion on the matter, and the first proposal to augment the ring of bells at Peatling Magna, Leicester, where the late president had certain property, was felt to be too big an undertaking. Not only would this mean providing a bell or bells, but reconstruction of frames, etc. Another suggestion put forward was the erection of a suitable tablet in a church, and that Mrs. Chambers be asked to decide which she would wish, either St. Peter's, Derby, where Alderman Chambers was churchwarden for over 20 years, or Littleover, where he attended in the latter years of his life, and to which it is understood, he left a certain sum of money for a tower and bells when that project was developed.

The scheme for a tablet receiving the support of all present, it was decided that a committee, consisting of the eight local secretaries and the general hon. secretary, with the hon. treasurer, be appointed to carry out the proposal.

The committee's suggestions for the printing of the annual report, and of the charge of sixpence per copy, was agreed to, and the Chairman urged all members to purchase a copy, as they were receiving three times the value of purchase price. It was a great pity that a surplus of such valuable history was left over, making an extra loss to the association.

New members elected since the last meeting were duly confirmed, viz., 26 ringing, 4 hon., 1 life. It was pleasing to note among the former eight from the new Peak District—the Hathersage ringers.

Two auditors, Messrs. W. E. White and A. H. Ward, were duly elected to audit the 1929 accounts.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that several nominations for general officers and also representatives for the Central Council had been received, but any others put forward must be in his hands one month prior to the annual meeting on Easter Monday, no one to be nominated unless willing to stand for the office.

Other proposals, for the addition to the association's title and certain rule amendments, were read, but as these matters are to be dealt with at the annual meeting, members were asked to discuss them locally prior to that meeting.

Hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar for use of bells, the local committee for arrangements and catering, closed a very successful meeting. Further ringing, both on hand and tower bells, terminated a very happy afternoon's gathering.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: G. Chappel 1, W. Williams 2, W. Norton 3, A. J. Pitman 4, C. Mathers 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stitch (conductor) 7, J. Weathersby 8.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for morning service, by the junior section of the SS. Peter and Paul's Society, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 49 mins.: F. L. Leeks 1, W. Andrews 2, R. Dent 3, W. Jarvis 4, L. Pryke 5, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, F. A. Turner 8. A birthday compliment to the Rev. G. Lennox Conyngham, Rector.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, before matins, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure and 720 Double Court. Before evensong, 720 Southwell Surprise and 720 Double Oxford. The ringers were L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Stitch, A. Bradley (conductor).

STANMORE.—For evensong, on Sunday, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 43 mins.: E. Leversuch 1, Mrs. P. M. Mayne 2, C. C. Mayne 3, R. Wilkinson 4, G. Hughes 5, F. W. Alleyway (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, C. Dyke 7, G. A. Hughes 8.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) in 52 mins.: D. C. Mears 1, E. W. Day 2, H. W. Else 3, G. T. Croft (conductor) 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, L. Fidler 7, H. E. Day 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Dudley Hiam, senior curate of the Parish Church, who is leaving to take up duties as Vicar of Heath and Reach.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob One-part) in 41 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, H. Langdon (conductor) 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, A. A. Hughes 6, E. Harris 7, F. S. Palmer, sen., 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Colliver.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On February 2nd, for morning service, 720 Duke of York: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, A. Woolston 6. For evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, J. Williams 2, S. Head 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, A. Phillips 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—At St. Stephen's, Hampstead, on Sunday, February 2nd, for evensong, 1,237 Stedman Caters: Horace Belcher 1, C. W. Roberts 2, E. F. Pike 3, T. Bevan 4, R. F. Deal 5, G. Cole 6, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 7, W. Williams 8, H. Folkard 9, C. Pryor 10.

HORMSDEN.—On Sunday, February 2nd, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: E. Bromley 1, T. W. Card 2, R. T. Lambert (conductor) 3, A. Bromley 4, G. Burb 5, R. E. Lambert 6. First 720 in the method by all the hand on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: R. T. Evans (conductor) 1, H. Wright 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, R. Edwards 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. William Kynaston, father of the ringers of 4th, 5th and 7th.

FULHAM.—At All Saints', on Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, 1,263 changes of Stedman Caters in 52 mins.: W. H. Hollier 1, C. F. Winney 2, A. Cutmor 3, A. Waddington 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Cook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8, A. Harding 9, H. Page 10.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, February 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, Mrs. N. Tomlinson 2, H. A. Barnett 3, W. Dickinson 4, H. Ellis 5, E. A. Hull 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8. This is the first quarter-peal for Mr. and Mrs. N. Tomlinson since their marriage in December.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, January 26th, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Ansell 1, F. Springham (conductor) 2, V. Matthews 3, H. A. Wacey 4, F. Bird 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

ZEALS, WILTS.—On Sunday evening, January 26th, at St. Martin's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings) in 44 mins.: J. J. Parsons 1, F. Bell 2, E. G. Coward 3, E. J. Rowe 4, L. Perrett (conductor) 5, A. Baverstock 6.

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, for matins, on Sunday, January 26th, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: D. Adams 1, H. Robinson 2, W. Bavin 3, R. Thoday 4, C. Robinson 5, F. Warrington 6. For evensong, 720 London Surprise: C. Robinson 1, A. W. T. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 26th, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. W. Green 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, H. C. Alford 4, C. J. Choct 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, T. Joyce 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Joyce.

SPONDON.—At St. Werburgh's Church, for matins, on January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings) in 43 mins.: J. Cope 1, W. Slater, jun., 2, L. W. Bamford 3, F. Coxon (conductor) 4, C. M. Coxon 5, W. Slater 6. First quarter-peal ever rung by a local band on these bells.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance should be paid immediately. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th (7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting at Chertsey, Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock at the 'Ideal' Tea Rooms, Guildford Street.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The meeting of the above branch, at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, will be held on February 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Alton on February 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Lawrence's Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Room, Normandy Street. Business meeting follows.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 8th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, and St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, available for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at St. Clement Danes' at 4.30 p.m. Tea at A.B.C., opposite church, after service. Meeting at St. Clement Danes' Parish Hall at 5.30 p.m. Please come and make a record meeting.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 (at which the Archdeacon of Tonbridge has kindly consented to give the address). Tea after service (free), followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—All ringers are heartily invited to attend a meeting at Kenninghall (8) on Saturday, February 8th, at 2.30. Business at 4.30 in the Institute. — Nolan Golden, Dis. Sec., 13, Sunnyside, Diss.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, February 8th. The bells (8) will be available at 2.45 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

A JOINT MEETING of the Ely Diocesan Association and Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Wisbech and Peterborough branches) will be held at March on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March; W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benington, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. All ringers cordially invited. Buses leave Boston Post Office every half-hour.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne, on Saturday, February 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, in Church House, 1s. 6d. each.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 15, Coronation Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at Milton Silbourne. Easy distance from Pewsey. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.30. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at Southill. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) ready from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Gerty. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meetings; all ringers being cordially welcome.—A. C. Kay, Sec., K.C.A.; A. J. Battin, R.M. & D.G., 6, Sturges Rd., Ashford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Miles Platting, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready 6 o'clock. No business. As this is the first meeting under the new arrangement, will members turn up in large numbers?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elton on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Urry's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Feb. 11th.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

W. D. CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The 8th annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained from the Master, Mr. A. Coppock, Hon. Treas., Miss I. B. Thompson, and the Hon. Sec. All visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, February 15th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at The Grange at 5 p.m. Tower Secretaries please note that this is the last quarterly meeting of the year, and I should like all subscriptions as soon as possible. Please come, and make the meeting a success.—Donald C. Mears, Officey, Hitchin, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, February 15th, and not the 8th, as previously arranged. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION & SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6 and 8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Please notify for tea to Mr. L. Moon, Ramleh, Newmarket, by 13th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., E.A.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.40. Members entertained to tea by the Vicar and wardens. Those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, the 12th.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Schoolroom, 1s. each. Midland 'Red' buses from Nuneaton (Bond Gate) 2.20 and every 30 minutes; from Coventry (Greyfriars Green) 2.15 and every 30 minutes.—D. E. Lewis, Hon. Gen. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Arnesby on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Shoulder of Mutton Inn at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, 12th?—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Birkenhead St. Mary's (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. As this is the first meeting since the bells were rededicated, will those intending to be present please let the hon. secretary know?—H. S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly let me know by Feb. 12th?—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available afternoon. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock. Will those who intend being present kindly let me know by Feb. 12th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting of the above will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. A peal board will be dedicated at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock, for those only who notify Mr. W. Allen, 36, Church Street, Sutton, by Thursday, Feb. 13th. All ringers cordially invited.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Feb. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2. Tea (9d.) 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bourton (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Mere (8), Bourton (6), Zeals (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Please inform me how many will attend by Feb. 7th at the latest.—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. P. Jervis, 26, Stead Street, Eckington?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform me by Thursday, February 13th.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Old Woking, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 18th?—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury, on Saturday, February 22nd. Cathedral and St. Alphege bells, etc., available. Service will be held at St. Alphege's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Foresters' Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a business meeting. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is necessary that those members intending to be present should notify me on or before Wednesday, February 19th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford Memorial Meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Tower available

2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Other local towers if needed.—T. H. Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — A meeting and social will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. All Souls' bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Social in the Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street, from 7 p.m. Names please not later than Feb. 19th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 42nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon 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. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—March 1st, Watford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The weekly practices at Gravesend will in future be as follows:—First Friday in each month. Then once a week alternately on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the month. Will ringers in the neighbourhood please note?

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

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