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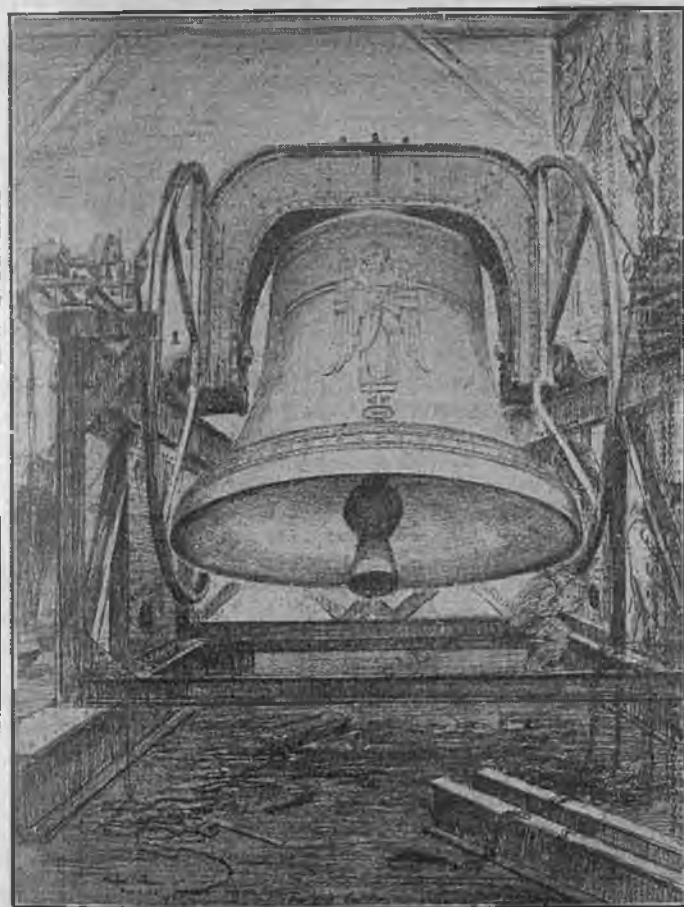
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And what a lesson the year's work at Felkirk is, in many ways, to some of the rest of the Exercise. Not only is it a great example of what can be done in method ringing, but it is a remarkable illustration of team work; of steady perseverance; of genuine loyalty to an ideal and a sacrifice of personal ends to a collective purpose. Of the eight local ringers who took part, four rang in over two hundred of these extents (the conductor, Mr. J. T. White, ringing in and conducting 247 of them), two others rang in over 190 each and another in nearly 150! There is complete harmony in a company such as this—the result could not be achieved without it—there was keenness and enthusiasm—that goes without saying—and there must have been regularity and punctuality, as well as ability and skill. It may not be given to all ringers to learn and ring methods at the same rate as the men of Felkirk, but if, on the one hand, this is an extraordinary example of what can be done, it goes also to emphasise on the other how little some companies endeavour to expand in their method ringing. The Felkirk ringers did not accomplish what they have done at a bound. Their achievement was the outcome of assiduous practice in other years, until they got the knack of assimilating fresh methods with comparative ease. And the same kind of success is open to scores of other bands if only they will put into their ringing the same qualities which have been exhibited by the talented Yorkshiremen.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Six Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 9261 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS PRICE ... .. Treble | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7       |
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2    | WILLIAM STAITE ... .. 8     |
| WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3   | ALFRED HANNIS ... .. 9      |
| ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 4     | GEORGE HARRIS ... .. 10     |
| LESLIE BARRY ... .. 5      | JOHN F. BALLINGER ... .. 11 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6     | HARRY BOSWELL ... .. Tenor  |

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

*On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 41 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Treble | MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. 7 |
| RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 2   | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... .. 8 |
| WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... .. 3   | THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 9       |
| ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 4       | JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 10       |
| HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5      | GEOFFREY C. RICE ... .. 11    |
| JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 6    | ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.]

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. S. E. Andrews, R. T. Hibbert, H. R. Newton and A. B. Peck.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 6     |
| JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2           | *LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 3         | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 8         |
| TOM WILDE ... .. 4             | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 9       |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 5     | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise in the City of Bradford.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 6   |
| *HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 2    | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7        |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3     | RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 8  |
| PETER LAFLIN ... .. 4       | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 9     |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 5   | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ARTHUR BASHFORD ... .. Treble  | *HARRY K. HOOPER ... .. 6   |
| ARTHUR HOLMAN ... .. 2         | GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 7     |
| *MADRICE A. NORTHOVER ... .. 3 | †ARTHUR WILLETT ... .. 8    |
| *ROBERT SWIFT ... .. 4         | ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 9     |
| *KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 5     | WALTER CLAYDON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal.

## STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  
On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN PERRY ... .. Treble   | ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... .. 6  |
| *WILLIAM H. JONES ... .. 2 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7 |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3    | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 8 |
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 4  | SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 9      |
| EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5   | THOMAS PERRY ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Caters. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. H. Maydew as Sub-Rector of St. Mary's.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH  
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY, N.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... Treble | ALBERT TURNER ... .. 5      |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2      | RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3      | LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... .. 7  |
| JACK WAUGH ... .. 4            | *HARRY YARDLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble | GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 5      |
| *JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2       | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE WHITING ... .. 3       | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7  |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 4         | T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

\* First peal in the method.

## CHELMSFORD.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. Treble | PERCY GREEN ... .. 5      |
| ARTHUR O. HOME ... .. 2       | HERBERT DAVENISH ... .. 6 |
| LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 3      | GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7     |
| HENRY WAIN ... .. 4           | ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, February 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Treble | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5      |
| JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2         | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 6    |
| JOHN H. CHERSMAN ... .. 3     | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7  |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 4      | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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## NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Wednesday, February 12, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED DOUBLE NORWICH, DOUBLE OXFORD, DOUBLE BOB, PLAIN BOB AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... Treble | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 5   |
| JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2          | WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 6 |
| ROBERT T. ANDERSON ... 3        | HENRY B. TAYLOR ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 4      | ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor       |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition contains 1,344 each of Double Norwich and Double Oxford, 1,008 of Double Bob, 672 of Plain Bob, and 632 of Little Bob.

## DISS, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble | GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5     |
| JOHN SOUTER ... .. 2       | CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 3 | WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 7  |
| GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 4     | GEORGE ARCHER ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First attempt to call a peal of Surprise. The composition contains the extent of 4 and 6 in 5-6 without the 2nd or 3rd in sixth's, and is rung for the first time.

## ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BALDERSTONE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. Treble | MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 5  |
| GEORGE STAFF ... .. 2          | FRANK FIELDEN ... .. 6      |
| WALTER STAFF ... .. 3          | WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 7      |
| JOHN NASH ... .. 4             | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor |

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Mitton, of Todmorden.

## MELKSHAM, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Treble | LOUIS A. WILSON ... .. 5    |
| SIDNEY J. WILTSHIRE ... 2      | SIDNEY HILLIER ... .. 6     |
| ERNEST TRUEMAN ... .. 3        | FRED LAMBETH ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 4       | GEORGE H. ARCHARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRED LAMBETH.

It was intended to ring Double Norwich and to give Mr. W. C. West an opportunity of completing the circle, but his old friend was unable to be present, and Mr. G. H. Archard once again kindly stood in at a short notice and rang his first peal of Stedman.

## KIRBY, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MAURICE J. LING ... .. Treble | GEORGE ANDREWS ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE MOSS ... .. 2          | WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6   |
| FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3      | WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 4       | GEORGE GREEN ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 74th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who at the conclusion of the peal kindly entertained the band to an excellent repast. They wish to express their sincere thanks to Mr. Nevard for his hospitality. The band represented eight parishes—Kirby, Mistley, Earls Colne, Feering, Thorington, Edmonton, Great Bentley, Great Baddow.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 3024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... .. Treble | ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 5  |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE ... .. 2  | CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. 6 |
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3       | ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7    |
| GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4       | ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

## A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| C. HENRY WEBB ... .. Treble   | ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 5       |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 2 | FRED COTTON ... .. 6          |
| T. KELHAM DEACON ... .. 3     | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7        |
| A. PERCIVAL ALDHAM ... .. 4   | GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.  
A birthday compliment to T. K. Deacon. First peal in this variation on these bells. The composition, now rung for the first time, has the 2nd 57 times in 'slow' and 7-8 never there.

## TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEORGE ARTHUR BAKER ... Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5 |
| HERBERT E. BOOTH ... .. 2      | FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6 |
| CHAS. WILLIAM COOPER ... 3     | ALFRED FALLON ... .. 7   |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 4     | JAMES SHAW ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Treble | HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5         |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 2     | JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6           |
| ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3      | RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 7       |
| HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4         | FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN.

## SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| THOMAS W. BOND ... .. Treble | JOHN NOBES ... .. 5       |
| JOHN MONK ... .. 2           | ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 6   |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3    | GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 7  |
| FREDERICK MESSENGER ... 4    | RICHARD KEEN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *SYDNEY TAYLOR ... Treble | WILLIAM G. COLLETT ... 5    |
| FREDERICK NEALE ... .. 2  | WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... 6      |
| FREDERICK SHARPE ... 3    | WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7    |
| †JOHN B. HOWES ... .. 4   | GEORGE HORWOOD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

## WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble | ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5       |
| FRED BIGGS ... .. 2          | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3       | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7     |
| JAMES W. WILKINS ... .. 4    | GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in the method by the Guild, on the bells, and by all of the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Fletcher (mother of the Misses Fletcher, and wife of Mr. Fletcher, three much respected members of the Beaconsfield band).

## TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *HERBERT W. STRICKLAND Treble | GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5   |
| HENRY A. BARNETT ... .. 2     | JOHN G. NASH ... .. 6    |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3     | JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7   |
| *WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... .. 4    | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal of Major.

## BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| *GERALD SUTTON ... Treble | *WILLIAM PICTHALL ... 5    |
| EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. 2   | *JAMES E. BURLES ... .. 6  |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 3    | *THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 7 |
| *JIM TEBAY ... .. 4       | *FRANK WILSON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob Major as conductor; also the first in the method, on the bells and by the branch.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| RICHARD W. HILL ... Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5       |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2  | CHARLES SMITH ... .. 6        |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3     | E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 7    |
| ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... .. 4  | ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

R. W. Hill was elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting. This was his first peal and first attempt. He is only 14 years of age.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM BRANTS ... Treble | *WALTER PECK ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM SHORTER ... .. 2  | ERNEST J. GOATER ... .. 6   |
| JOHN PHILIPS ... .. 3     | WILLIAM E. BUTLER ... .. 7  |
| WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4  | †WILLIAM HOWES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* Proposed a member before starting. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., donor of the above church and bells.

We regret that, owing to pressure on our space, we have had to hold over the reports of several peals.



**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

STALYBRIDGE, CHESHIRE.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

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

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, CASTLE HALL.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven different 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JACK SMITH ... .. Treble | JOHN E. FIELDING ... .. 4   |
| HARRY NUTT ... .. 2      | HAROLD SHAW ... .. 5        |
| CYRIL R. PARKIN ... .. 3 | JOSEPH BURGESS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JACK SMITH.

First peal by all the band. \*First peal of Minor on the bells since they were rehung in 1924. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Christ Church, Friezland, Yorkshire.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, February 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven different extents, three 720's of Plain, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... .. Treble | DAVID WHITING ... .. 4           |
| GEORGE BROWN ... .. 2           | ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 5         |
| KEITH WHITTLE ... .. 3          | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

NEMPNETT THRUWELL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN HODSE ... .. Treble | JEFFREY TOSSELL ... .. 4    |
| CHARLES FIELD ... .. 2   | HAROLD E. BLACKER ... .. 5  |
| *FRANK FILER ... .. 3    | ERNEST TOSSELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

\* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

With ten different callings.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| *W. CROWDER ... .. Treble | J. HAYNES ... .. 3   |
| R. ROCKALL ... .. 2       | F. BROWNING ... .. 4 |
| W. LUFF ... .. 3          | ... .. Tenor         |

Conducted by J. HAYNES.

\* First peal and first attempt.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| OSWALD PROUT ... .. Treble | EDWIN SIMMS ... .. 4        |
| PHILIP POCKET ... .. 2     | WILLIAM JONES ... .. 5      |
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 3     | HERBERT SELWYN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *FREDERICK MATTHEWS ... Treble | REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 4 |
| ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2       | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 5     |
| *JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 3       | EDWARD BARKER ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

\* First peal. First peal rung on these bells since 1825. Ringers and parishioners commented on the good striking of the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Buckenham, ringer of the third.

BASSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
The Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HAROLD MARCON ... .. Treble | JOHN WALDEN ... .. 4          |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2    | HAROLD WALKER ... .. 5        |
| H. LESLIE PASK ... .. 3     | FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all. All the band have now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus inclusive.

MARSTON BIGGOTT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| LEONARD C. WILMOTT ... Treble | WALTER J. TILLEY ... .. 4     |
| *GEORGE BUNCE ... .. 2        | WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5     |
| EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... 3     | WILLIAM H. MILLS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal away from treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter J. Tiley and Cecil Bunce, brother of the 2nd ringer.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 20 six-scores, and five 240's of Morris' and six of Pitman's. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| OWEN DAVIES ... .. Treble | BARNESLEY W. CADMAN ... 4  |
| *ERIC R. WEBB ... .. 2    | G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 5 |
| JAMES RANDLE ... .. 3     | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5    |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal inside. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Harry Male, a member of the local band for nearly 40 years. First half-muffled peal on the bells.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising ten extents each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob and twenty-two of Grandsire, with 8, 10 and 10 different callings respectively. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.) in A flat.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALBERT G. HARRISON ... Treble | ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 3   |
| NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 2         | ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... .. 4 |
| WILLIAM MUSK ... .. 3         | ... .. Tenor               |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal on the bells.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK MATTHEWS ... Treble | REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 4 |
| ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2      | EDWARD BARKER ... .. 5      |
| JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 3       | WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD BARKER.

The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. The Vicar and Mrs. Price entertained the ringers to refreshments after the peal, and their kindness was very much appreciated.

CADOXTON.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *JOHN L. BLOXHAM ... .. Treble | JOHN E. BLOXHAM ... .. 4     |
| HARRY BOYCE ... .. 2           | GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 5       |
| DAVID REES ... .. 3            | EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal of Minor.

### FELKIRK RINGERS' GREAT ACHIEVEMENT. 253 METHODS IN A YEAR.

The ringers at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk, Yorks, put up a wonderful performance during 1929, when they rang 253 extents of Minor in as many methods. All the ringing was done at St. Peter's Church, Felkirk, and the eight members of the company were joined by seven visitors (who took part in eleven methods).

Of these 253 extents, 119 were rung for Sunday service and 134 for special services and practice and peal attempts. The methods rung were 70 Surprise methods, 142 Delight methods, 40 Treble Bob methods and 1 Plain Bob.

There were 113 methods from Central Council Collection, also the following methods, namely: Tanner's Pleasure, Lancashire, Royal Bob, Luton, Northorpe, Billingsly, Houghton, Nostel, Hadfield, Bocking, Morning Star, Rhyl, Linden, Ripley Paddock, Notton, Thorne, Penistone, York Minster, Ecclesfield, Barnsley, Nelson's Victory, Bolton Abbey, Royston Delight, Walsh Delight, Felkirk, South Kirkby, Chichester, Worcester, Ranskill, Strathmoor, Rawmarsh, Havercroft Delight, March, Selby, South Hindley, Brierley, Staveley, Repton, Stocksbridge, Dove Delight, Dinting, Darfield Pleasure, Darfield Exercise, Snowdrop, Slaithwaite, Strimes, Thurtone, Hasky, Lichfield, Bristol, Plevnor, Arnold's Victory, Luda, Royal Sovereign, Minehead, Dionfield, Campanula, Gladstone, Appleby, Brampton, Woodside, Langsett, Marsden, Sleaford, Middlewood, Dearne Valley, Spalding, Goldthorpe, Melton, Beighton, Bangor, Midthorpe, Fulstone, Grantham, Chester-le-Street, King Edward, Relford, Ringers' Surprise, Paston, Stretton, Kimberworth, Berrybrow, Eastwood, York Delight, Kirkburton, Wortley, Netherwood, Lindley, Darfield Surprise, Paston, Stretton, Kimberworth, Berrybrow, Eastwood, Scholes, Hadfield, Redcar, Langland, Deepcar, Kirkheaton, Cuckney, Evesham, Glossop, Burnby Surprise, Thorobill, Coverleigh, Ackworth, Thurnscoe, Monsal, Cawthorne, Blythe, Lockwood, Belper, Bawtry, Ardsley, Boston, Sandiacre Pleasure, Dunaton and Nelson's Delight.

The following ringers took part: J. T. White, 247 (conducted 247); H. Chant, 240 (conducted 2); D. Smith, 192 (conducted 3); M. Perry, 207; A. Kelsall, 191; F. Priestley, 148; A. Cole, 239; H. Cooper, 23. Visitors: A. Gill, 5; A. Panther, 1; C. Normington, 1; Bell, 1; Bell, jun., 1; Lank, 1; C. D. Potter, 1.

### EIGHTY-THREE EXTENTS AT WATH.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, 83 720's were rung during the year 1929, 69 of them for Sunday services, 15 on practice nights. The methods were College Exercise, Superlative, Rishton, College Pleasure, Whiston, Wath Delight, Felkirk, Sheffield, Darfield, Warwick, York Minster, Duke of Norfolk, York Delight, Neasden, Campanula, Barnsley, Sandal Exercise, Snowdrop, London Scholars' Pleasure, Old Oxford Modernised, Leasowe, March Delight, Bogedone, Appleby, Minehead, Royston Delight, Fotheringay, Rhyl, Royal Sovereign, Nelson's Delight, Grantham, Barnby, Duke of Clarence, Duke of Leeds, Boston Delight, Queen Victoria, Bakewell, Bawtry, Beighton, Wilmslow, Tanner's Pleasure, Oxford (twice), Killmarsh, Arnold's Victory, Paston, Ludlow, Castleton, College Bob V., Morning Pleasure, Bangor, Cumbermere, Oystermouth, Chadkirk, Woodside, Langland, Swansea, Gladstone Delight, Queen Bess, Vale Royal, St. Albans, College Bob IV., South Kirkby, Burton, Ecclesfield, Rochester, College Bob I., Kingstone, Wragby, Norbury, Royal Bob, Ringers' Surprise, King Edward, Surfleet, Beverley, Bourne, London, York, Canterbury, Lancashire, Wells, Newcastle, and Durham. The following ringers took part, and except the two last-named belong to the local company: W. Bramham 62, W. Green 64, J. W. Champion 32, G. Lord 12, A. Gill 75 (conducted 6), A. Panther 69 (conducted 59), W. Ashworth 34, H. Chamberlin 47 (conducted 7), R. J. Ricketts 39, C. Walsh 46 (conducted 7), A. Nash 12 (conducted 4), C. Bell, sen., 5, C. Bell, jun., 1.

### ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO 720's AT FRYERNING.

The following 122 720's were rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Fryerning, Essex, during 1929: Surprise methods: London 6, Cambridge 8, Canterbury 2, Ipswich 8, Beverley 5, Norwich 8, Southwell 5, Carlisle 3, Wells 4, York 6, Annable's London 3, Chester 2; total 60. Treble Bob methods: Duke of York 2, Woodbine 8, College Exercise 2, London Scholars' Pleasure 4, Kent 6, Oxford 6, College Bob IV. 2, Kingston 3, New London Pleasure 6, Braintree Delight 2, St. Albans Delight 1; total 42. Plain methods: Double Court 4, Double Oxford 2, St. Clement's 2, Double Bob 1, College Single 1, Plain Bob 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Grandsire Doubles 5, Bob Doubles 3; total 20.

The number of 720's rung during the year 1929 at Little Munden, Herts, was 90, in 17 methods.

### LOUGHTON BELLS REHUNG.

The bells of St. John's Church, Loughton, Essex, have been rehung on bull bearings, with new headstocks, etc., by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' of them is perfect. On February 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Clark, who was 73 on the 10th inst.: A. White (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, P. S. J. Thorpe (first quarter-peal inside) 6, G. Carter 7, W. Clark 8.

### REDEDICATION OF HEYTESBURY BELLS.

#### A MEDIAEVAL TENOR.

The rededication of the bells of the Parish Church, Heytesbury, Wilts, after rehanging in a new oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, took place on Saturday afternoon, February 8th, the ceremony being performed by the Ven. H. W. Carpenter, M.A., Archdeacon of Sarum. The Archdeacon, with the Vicar and surpliced choir, with crossbearer, walked up the central aisle, singing the 122nd Psalm. The Archdeacon took his position under the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were said. The Heytesbury ringers rang the bells for a few minutes, and the Archdeacon then gave a helpful address, taking as his text, 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.' He first congratulated the people of Heytesbury on the work that had been done, and then drew some lessons from the composition of the metals used in the making of a bell, and then on the words of the text as to the use of bells in times of rejoicing and sorrow in the family, parish and nation. The preacher then applied the lesson of the harmony and notes of a ring of bells to the work of a parish.

A collection was taken towards the fund for the rehanging of the bells, and the service closed with the blessing pronounced by the Archdeacon. The local ringers rang the bells for a short time after the service, and the tower was open for visiting ringers. Among those present were Mr. B. Cook, vice-chairman of the Devizes Branch, Mr. F. Green, secretary of the Devizes Branch, Mr. J. Francis, assistant Ringing Master, Messrs. White and Fletcher and other members from the Minster Church, Warminster, Trowbridge and Mere. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, the chairman of the Devizes Branch, was unavoidably absent owing to attending a meeting of the Marlborough Branch.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening, the bells being kept going till after 7 p.m. All were satisfied with the 'go' of the bells.

The work has cost about £450, some portion of which has still to be raised.

Heytesbury has a beautiful church, dedicated to SS Peter and Paul. The tower contains six bells, inscribed:—

- 1st.—Wm. Cockey, Bell Founder, 1739.
- 2nd.—Richard Markes, Edward Brice, C.W., I.L., 1668.
- 3rd.—Mr. Wm. Childs and Mr. Richd. Young, Gh. Wardens + Jas. Burroughs in Devizes, Founder. Fecit 1755.
- 4th.—ANNO-DO-MI-NI, 1619, R. (bell) P.
- 5th.—Thomas Mears, Founder, London, 1843.
- 6th.—(On shoulder, large shield with coat of arms of Knollys.)  
+ Intonat. E. Celis Vox. Campana Michaelis.

The tenor is a fine mediæval bell, weighing 20 cwt., by Kebyll, of London, about 1460. William Cockey and I.L. (which stand for John Lott) were bell founders of Warminster. In 1553, Heytesbury had iiiij bells.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

Those who are seeking to promote change ringing in the Chertsey District are having an uphill fight, but they are to be congratulated upon the determination with which they persevere in the face of difficulties. At the annual meeting of the district on Saturday week, at Chertsey, there was a small attendance, only some 16 members being present. A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. H. W. Leachman), and Admiral T. P. Walker presided over the subsequent business meeting, when the Vicar and organist were thanked for their service.

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey), in his report, said the meetings had been badly attended by district members, although most of them had been successful from the help received from visiting members. He especially thanked Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, for assistance he had given in the district. He hoped in the future that more members in the district would attend the meetings, which were arranged for their benefit.

The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £6 2s., of which one-half was remitted to the Guild treasurer, and, after paying expenses, last year's balance of £1 6s. 9d. had been increased to £3 3s. The Secretary reported 54 ringing members and 3 hon. members in the district.

Mr. H. J. Chaffey was re-elected District Ringing Master, and Mr. H. Hancock hon. secretary. After a ballot, Mr. F. Hawthorne and Mrs. Beeson were re-elected on the Executive Committee. The Rev. E. H. W. Leachman was elected as the hon. members' representative.

The following were nominated for election as representatives of the Guild on the Central Council: Messrs. Edwards, A. H. Pulling, F. Hawthorne and C. Hazelden.

The places for meetings during the ensuing year were selected as follows: Hershaw, Thames Ditton, Ottershaw, Weybridge, Chobham and Egham (annual).

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

The standard methods were practised during the afternoon and evening, and at 8 p.m. the curfew, which is heard daily from this tower, was rung on the bell which is over 600 years old.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division took place at Shipley on Saturday. Although this village is rather out of the way, about a score of good ringers came to ring on this handy little peal of six. Visitors are always sure of a hearty welcome and good ringing. The following towers were represented: Billingshurst, Heene, Lindfield, Brighton, Kirdford, Warnham, West Grinstead and Shipley.

Tea was partaken of at the Village Room, and at the business meeting, with Mr. Walter Charman presiding, the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: A. W. Groves, hon. district secretary; Messrs. T. Adams, G. Norriss and W. Charman, committee; Messrs. J. Burdfield, E. Lindup and H. Turrell, committee of advice. Only one new member was elected, viz., Mr. R. P. Wood, of Billingshurst.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, Rev. C. J. Radford, for granting the use of the bells, also to Mr. Charman for presiding, was carried, and another visit to the belfry brought this very enjoyable meeting to a close.

**DEATH OF MR. W. W. BONHAM, OF WOLVERTON.**

The Oxford Diocesan Guild sustained a sad loss on January 19th, when the death took place of Walter William Bonham, of Stony Stratford, who was 65 years of age, and had been regularly, for the past 36 years, a Sunday service ringer at St. Giles' Church, where he will be sadly missed, and his place difficult to fill. He had rung 55 peals in a variety of methods.

Deceased was taken suddenly ill about a fortnight earlier, and had not regained consciousness once during that time. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Deceased retired from his employment (as a traverse driver for the L.M. and S. Railway Company at their Wolverton Carriage Works, where he was employed for about 38 years) only seven months ago, and was respected by all with whom he came in contact.

The interment took place on Wednesday, January 22nd, and among the many floral tributes sent were wreaths from the Oxford Diocesan Guild and from his fellow-ringers at St. Giles'. Four of his ringing colleagues bore the mortal remains to their last resting place. After the funeral 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with muffled bells by E. Yates 1, W. G. Clarke 2, T. C. Tompkins 3, H. E. Tompkins 4, William Neale 5, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 6, H. C. Edwards 7, T. Trasler 8.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

A special meeting of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was held on Saturday at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, which possesses a beautiful ring of six bells, tenor 15½ cwt. The bells were raised about three o'clock, and a goodly number of visitors kept them going to the various standard methods for an hour, when a short service was held in the tower, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. R. P. Tinsley, M.A.). During the service the Vicar dedicated a peal board, the gift of a local ringer, Mr. C. M. Heathcote, which was unveiled by Mrs. Aked. The board was neatly executed in gold lettering on a black surface, and recorded two peals. The first was a peal of Bob Minor (5,040 changes) rung on September 8th, 1923, the first peal on the bells, in which local ringers took part. The second was a peal of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles, rung on October 21st, 1929, and was the first peal of Doubles on the bells.

Immediately after the ceremony, the band which took part in the last peal rang a short touch, and then the company adjourned to the Parish Room at the Vicarage, where a sumptuous tea was provided, 35 persons sitting down.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of bells and the room for tea, also for his kind remarks with reference to the ringers, etc., during the service, on the motion of Mr. J. W. England, seconded by Mr. Joseph Lord. The Vicar suitably replied, giving the ringers a hearty welcome to Sutton-in-Ashfield. Mr. T. Bettison voiced the thanks of the association for the good tea provided by Mr. C. M. Heathcote, which was seconded by Mr. J. Bleby.

Mr. Heathcote responded, and Mrs. Tinsley, the wife of the Vicar, made a happy little speech, reminding the listeners that the sound of the bells reached much further than the tower itself, and brought happiness to numberless people, who, for various reasons, were unable to attend church.

After the good ladies who had prepared the tea had been thanked, the ringers returned to the tower, and good use was made of the bells until eight o'clock, when they were lowered in peal, and this brought to a close an enjoyable gathering. The methods rung varied from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor, and some very good striking was heard. Ringers attended from Blackwell, Grich, Derby (St. Peter's), Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Nottingham (St. Peter's), Ripley, South Normanton, Tibshelf, Worthington, and the local band.

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**PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR  
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 post-cards, 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.

We regret that we are compelled, by pressure on our space, to hold over several letters to the Editor.

The Bishop of Birmingham has promised to attend the Henry Johnson Dinner at Birmingham on March 1st. Early application should be made for tickets in order to avoid disappointment.

The first peal rung at Shelfanger, Norfolk, was scored last week. In this small tower there is a clock case of such liberal proportions that the third and fourth ringers do not see each other during the ringing.

Mr. John Souter, of Diss, in his eightieth year rang a peal of Superlative last Saturday, and received the congratulations of the company on the characteristic excellence of his striking throughout. Mr. Souter rang the tenor at St. Peter Mancroft to Superlative on February 13th, 1902, the heaviest ring of bells on which a peal of Surprise Major had then been rung. A couple of years later, on February 27th, 1904, Mr. H. R. Newton rang the tenor at Southwark Cathedral to a peal in this method.

Another peal rung last week celebrated the 80th birthday of Mr. F. Fraser, who has been a ringer and steeplekeeper at Eltham, Kent, for the long period of 62 years. Despite his years, Mr. Fraser rang the 2nd to the peal of Kent Treble Bob.

In perusing our peal columns, our readers will notice that one of the Painswick 'Youths' who took part in the attempt for the twelve-bell record length, which ended in a peal of 9,000 odd on Saturday, was the gentleman who refuses to grow old—Mr. James George. Fancy a man at 78 years of age having the audacity to stand up to a 16,000 peal attempt! But there, he would be just as ready to make one for 80,000 if it were on.

Mr. Harold Walker, who has recently been stationed at Lincoln, has been transferred to the Carriage and Wagon Department of the L.N.E.R. at Colwick, Notts.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Oldham in 1821.

Cambridge Surprise, now so popular a method, was first rung to a 'peal' on February 23rd, 1783, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London—the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistean Art.

The record length of Minor, which has stood for well over a hundred years, was rung at Wath, Yorks—where they still know something about Minor ringing—on February 27th, 1816. It consisted of 21 seven-twenties in different methods.

It was described—and, in view of present controversies, the description may well be noted—as 21 peals, making 15,120 changes, 'which were brought round in a grand and masterly style without a man quitting his rope.'

## THE TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged £18 5s.; Mr. F. Stamp, Brentford, 5s.; collected at the annual meeting, Isleworth, £1 16s., which Mr. Beadle received, making a total of £20 6s. (expenses nil). Mr. Beadle offers his sincere thanks to the editor of 'The Ringing World,' William H. Hollier (hon. secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, and to all who contributed to the fund, which is now closed.



### THE CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER. SHERWOOD YOUTHS' GATHERING.

The 8th annual dinner, organised by the Sherwood Youths in memory of William Doubleday Crofts, was held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday. The Master, Mr. Albert Coppock, presided over a company of over 60 members and friends. He was supported by the Ven. Archdeacon of Nottingham, Canon Spencer Elliott, Vicar of Mansfield, the Rev. W. K. Gallagher, Rector of Wilford, and Mr. E. Alex. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council. There were also present Sergt. W. H. Johnson, the only V.C. ringer, Messrs. Colin Harrison, D. Collins, F. H. E. Stubbs and J. H. Wilson (Loughborough), R. H. Dove (Croydon), A. H. Ward and A. Braines (Derby), H. W. Wilde (Chester), S. F. Palmer, W. Bugar, E. Wilson and W. A. Wooler (Sheffield), Councillor J. T. Brown (Spalding), J. Marshall (Cotgrave), H. Walker (Lincoln), A. J. Baker ('Irenaeus Pistor'), Miss I. B. Thompson (treasurer to the society), F. Blood (hon. secretary), and A. R. Hickton (steward). An excellent dinner was served, after which the toast of 'His Majesty the King' was proposed by the Master and loyally honoured by the company.

The Master, in his introductory remarks, said that W. D. Crofts was a man who, when he left this world, left it a little better than he found it, and however trivial his efforts might appear to some people, they, at any rate, secured for him a measure of immortality. On introducing Sergt. Johnson, V.C., to the company, he asked that every person present who wore His Majesty's uniform during the Great War should rise. This they did, and he and the rest of these comrades drank to the health of the recipient of the most coveted decoration in the services.

The toast of 'The Church' was entrusted to Mr. Colin Harrison, who said he thought the best thing he could speak on was loyalty to the Church. For the last 40 to 50 years ringers had had a great heritage to preserve, and had lifted ringing from the lowest depths. We could now include in our ranks all classes of society from dukes and admirals, clergy and judges. Thanks to the loyalty of the clergy of bygone days, we had had handed down to us such piles as York, Selby, Lincoln, Southwell, etc., which were preserved, not so much to reduce the wealthy as to uplift the poor.

Replying to the toast, Canon Spencer Elliott, in a very eloquent and forceful address, made a strong point of the phrase, 'Stick to the Church.' He had heard that ringers never attended the services they rang for, but in actual fact all his ringers not only attended regularly but were also communicants. He related a story of a certain church clock, which received the attentions of the local plumber, wheelwright and other craftsmen until, owing to their inability to get it to function properly, they called in the maker of the clock. He advised them to leave it alone for a period, and all would be well. It was the same with the Church. Leave the Church alone and let it get on with its work in its accustomed way. They should stick to the Church. It was a manly thing to be a Christian, and he did not think it a wise thing to put off the good things in life until a man was at his last gasp. Was it a wise thing to wait until a man was all but unconscious and asking for water to relieve his parched lips before sending for a clergyman to help to get him over the border safely?

The Ven. Archdeacon Conybeare, himself a ringer, proposing the next toast, said the ringing associations had done a great deal to improve the belfries and ringers throughout the kingdom. They were also responsible for such gatherings as these, at which social intercourse enabled them to get to know each other better. He would like to see all the local associations brought together into one diocesan body, and was glad to see so many of the younger generation taking up the art, for, with the presence of such 'Youths,' there was no prospect of change ringing declining. He was proud of one fact, that for the past 14 years he had not missed ringing at 5 a.m. on Christmas morning at Southwell Cathedral.

Mr. E. Alex. Young made a most interesting response, speaking rather as a lover of bell music than as a ringer. He pointed out the influence he assumed that bell music had had over the earlier English composers of music, citing as an instance one number from the Beggar's Opera, which, he was confident, had been inspired by the music of the bells.

The toast of 'The Visitors' gave Mr. F. S. Price opportunity for a very capable speech, which was suitably responded to by Councillor Brown, of Spalding.

The toast of 'The Ladies' created a good deal of diversion owing to the specified proposer having to leave earlier than expected. Eventually, after an arduous task of finding a substitute, Mr. J. W. Kirton proposed the toast in a racy but felicitous manner, to which Miss I. B. Thompson replied in surprisingly concise terms.

The musical programme was, as is usual, excellent and varied. Miss Nellie Alvey, a cultured contralto, contributed two tastefully rendered solos, and left a distinct desire in the minds of the listeners for more, had time permitted. Miss Kathleen Pearce presented three solo dances, of widely different character. Mr. Albert Kent, who had been associated with Mr. Coppock in amateur operatic productions for many years, gave humorous songs cleverly, also a short sketch from one opera assisted by Mr. Coppock. The Welbeck Quartet, Messrs. Warren, Pearce, Coppock and Adkin, sang glees,

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### NEW TREBLES AT ST. JOHN'S, WORCESTER. RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION.

The old six bells at St. John's Church, Worcester, having become unsafe and very hard to ring, have been thoroughly reconditioned and retuned, fitted with entirely new fittings of the latest type, and augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. They were reopened and dedicated at a special service on Thursday evening, February 13th, an event which brought together a large congregation of parishioners. The Vicar read the dedicatory prayers, following which the bells were rung for the first time for a few minutes.

The Rev. J. F. Hastings, Rector of Martley, gave a most interesting and instructive address based on Psalm cl., 'Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, praise Him upon the loud cymbals.'

After the service, there was general ringing by visitors from Crowle, Upton, Snodsbury, Upton-on-Severn, Madresfield, Suckley, Malvern Link, Martley, the Cathedral Guild and the local band, everyone expressing themselves as very highly delighted at the result of the restoration, the 'go' of the bells being excellent, and the tone all that can be desired.

The contract was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who removed the six old bells to the foundry, sand-blasted them, and took off the canons, retuned them, fitted them with ball bearings and cast the two trebles, which have been tuned to harmonise with the old bells. The tenor is about 16 cwt in F.

The peal have been hung in the old frame, which was in a good condition, and has been thoroughly strengthened with powerful angle plates top and bottom. The result is a thoroughly sound job, the whole cost being about £420. The St. John's Fcoffees very kindly undertook the restoration of the old bells and the provision of the Elhambe chiming apparatus. For the additional bells, the parish is very much indebted to a gentleman who is intensely interested in church bells and has done much in the way of adding to and improving bells in this neighbourhood, viz., Mr. E. P. Thomas, of Claines, who very generously offered, through Mr. W. Page, to give one bell if the cost of the other was provided.

The Vicar gave his permission to make the attempt, and Mr. Page set out to get £80, the inclusive cost of one bell. The response was so generous that with the help of members of the C.E.M.S. and the Mothers' Union, Mr. Page was able to raise over £112, and this enabled a few necessary improvements to be made, including a new sound-deadening floor to make ringing more comfortable, and shutters to the louvres to minimise the sound outside the tower when ringing is in progress. These shutters are made to operate from the ringing chamber. The tower is a very low tower, and complaints were frequent in the past.

ST. JOHN'S, WORCESTER.

Inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—  
Treble.—Taylor, of Loughborough, cast me in 1929. Given by E. P. Thomas, of Claines. C. T. Powell, Vicar; J. W. Noake, J. Dorrell, Churchwardens.

2nd.—Taylor, of Loughborough, cast me in 1929. Cost collected by W. Page. C. T. Powell, Vicar; J. W. Noake, J. Dorrell, Churchwardens.

3rd.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1816. J. Lucy, T. Woodyatt, Churchwardens.

4th.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1815.

5th, 6th and 7th.—T. Mears, of London. Fecit 1816.

Tenor.—Thomas Mears, of London, 1816. Rev. J. Meakin, Vicar; J. Lucy, T. Woodyatt, Churchwardens; Messrs. J. Williams, J. Elcox, J. Hooper, J. Garnett, J. Young, Committee.

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part-songs, solos and duets. Mr. Fred Blood gave two very fine pianoforte solos, and shared the accompaniments with Madame Raynor, while the handbells were by no means idle.

During the afternoon, through the great courtesy of Councillor Emmony, the party inspected the new Council House, which is decidedly the 'dernier cri' in beauty, comfort and utility in public buildings. The rooms are beautifully lighted with not a lamp to be seen, and the heating apparatus is also totally invisible. The clock and bells naturally came in for expert criticism, the crowd being magnetically attracted to 'Little John,' the deepest-toned hour bell in the Empire.

**LONG PEAL—BUT NOT A RECORD.****9,261 GRANDSIRE CINQUES AT PAINSWICK.**

The attempt at Painswick on Saturday to set up a new twelve-bell length was again unsuccessful, although a long peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung. There was good striking, but after about 8,600 changes had been rung, the tenorman gave warning that he would not be able to complete the full length, and the conductor was able to get the bells into position to come home at 9,261, after 6 hrs. 10 mins. ringing.

The band were by no means downhearted, and consent has been given by the Vicar for another attempt on Easter Monday.

**SUGGESTED RESTORATION OF NOTABLE LONDON BELLS**

A few days ago the 'Daily Chronicle' commented on the fact that two of the three bells at St. Olave's Church, Tooley Street, were to be removed to St. Olave's, Milham, when the new church is built. The other bell, weighing about 4 cwt. and cast in 1844, is to be given to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry to defray the cost of fitting and erecting the other two. The 'Daily Chronicle' adds: 'To compensate for the silence of Tooley Street, could not funds be raised to repair the belfry of St. John's, Horsleydown, whose bells used to be among the most celebrated in London?'

It was at St. John's, Horsleydown, that the first peal of Stedman Calers was rung, and Mr. F. W. Richardson, of Brockley, writes: 'It would be a most appropriate 150th anniversary to have the Horsleydown "ring" put into ringing order. These bells were cast in 1783, so now is the time to get a move on. It is most regrettable, to say the least, that so many of our London rings are out of order.'

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at Newport on Saturday last. Ringers were present from Brading, Carisbrooke, Chale, Godshill, Newport, Portsmouth, Portsea, Ryde and Whitwell, and included the Rev. J. C. Orr, of Whitwell, Rev. H. C. Stokes, of Brading, Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of Portsmouth District, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Bailey, of Titchfield. The service was conducted by the Vicar of Newport (Rev. Canon C. H. Thompson), who, in the course of a few words of welcome, emphasised the important work of bellringers to-day for the Church in sending forth a message to those indifferent in public worship. The Guild's form of service was used, and Dr. J. B. Williamson kindly presided at the organ.

The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar, who also presided at the business meeting in the absence of the president, the Rev. C. W. Hampton Weekes, who sent a letter of apology. The Rev. H. C. Stokes acknowledged the compliment paid by the members of the Guild, who arranged and rang a peal at Brading Church the previous week in honour of the marriage of his eldest daughter to Lieut. Grey A. Neville, R.N.

The reports of the secretary, auditor and Ringing Master were received and adopted. The accounts showed receipts £3 18s. 9d. (including a credit balance of 9s. 9d. brought forward from 1928). The expenditure included £2 0s. 7d. for the district during 1929, and £4 4s. 6d. sent to the general treasurer of the Guild, leaving a credit balance of £2 15s. 8d. in hand.

The Rev. J. C. Orr was elected district president for 1930, and Messrs. H. Barton (Ringing Master and representative on the Central Committee, B. J. Snow (hon. district secretary and treasurer), and H. Phillips (hon. auditor) were all re-elected and thanked for their past services.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Carisbrooke on January 31st, 1931, and the next quarterly meeting at Freshwater on May 3rd next, with a combined by-practice meeting at Brading on March 29th.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for providing tea and presiding at the meeting. Handbells were then rung, and further ringing indulged in on the tower bells until 8.30 p.m. The methods ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting was held at All Saints' Church, Walk-on-Dearne, on Saturday, February 8th. Ringing in various methods was enjoyed by members from Sandal, Felkirk, Ecclesfield, Sholley and Darfield.

Tea was provided in the Church House, after which a short business meeting was held, Mr. Nash presiding.

Congratulations were offered to Mr. C. D. Polter on his recovery from his recent illness, and the hope was expressed that the members would now see him among them more. Mr. Polter thanked all for their kind remarks. He also gave a short resume of the old West Yorkshire Association, whose headquarters were at Barnsley in the year 1879.

Mr. H. Chant, of Felkirk, was deputed to act as penl secretary.

It was agreed that the shield contest be held the second Saturday in July. Darton was selected for next place of meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for use of the bells and Church House.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****TONBRIDGE DISTRICT'S SATISFACTORY YEAR.**

There was a large gathering of ringers at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association held at Tonbridge on Saturday, February 8th. There were members present from Tonbridge, Edenbridge, Horsmonden, Chiddingstone, Lamberhurst, Leigh, East Peckham, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Tunbridge Wells, Cranbrook, Westerham, Seal, Lghtham, Wrotham, Bonenden and Plantol, and visitors from East Grinstead, Lewes, Mayfield and Leatherhead.

Service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Vicar (Canon S. H. Clark), Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., being at the organ. The address was given by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge from the text, 'We will go into the House of the Lord.'

After tea at the Carlton Cafe, Canon Clark was thanked for the service and use of the bells. Mr. F. G. P. Neve, Vicar's warden, presided at the business and gave the members a hearty welcome to Tonbridge.

Mr. W. Latter, hon. secretary, presented his report, which stated that although the district had lost one tower, Marden, during the year, he was glad to report that two six-bell towers, Cowden and Shipbourne, and one eight-bell tower, Cranbrook, had joined the association. The number of towers in the Union was now 20. During the year 38 practising members, three non-resident life members, and two honorary members had been elected, and there were now 20 honorary members and 168 practising members. Four district meetings had been held during the year, at Edenbridge, Cranbrook, Westerham, and Shipbourne. A band of young ringers had been formed at Cranbrook under the tuition of Mr. F. White, and these had joined the association. The Secretary thanked the incumbents of the various churches where meetings had been held, for the use of the bells and for helping with the services and meetings. He also thanked Mr. W. E. Pitman, who was ever ready to come any distance to play the organ at the services (applause). During the year 18 peals had been rung on the bells in the towers in the district, and the Horsmonden band were to be congratulated on ringing a peal of London Surprise Minor on New Year's Eve, this being the first peal in this method by any band on the bells in the district (applause). Repairs to the bells at Tonbridge had been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank through the efforts of Mr. W. Steed, and they were now in good going order. The rehanging of two back bells and other necessary repairs were being carried out at Chiddingstone.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. G. Singyard, Shipbourne; P. Taylor, Horsmonden; W. Durham and T. Fuller, Lamberhurst; — Igglusden, Westerham; John Saunders, East Peckham; A. H. Jones, A. Bridger and B. Lenningham, Tonbridge. Mr. F. G. P. Neve was elected an hon. member.

Mr. George Edwards gave a report of the Central Committee meeting.

Mr. Latter was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and, in reply, said he had forgotten for how many years he had replied to that re-election. He did not like to think about it too much—it made him feel old (laughter). Mr. W. Steed said that Mr. Latter had been hon. secretary for 36 years, and he was first elected at Tonbridge.

Mr. Latter affirmed this, and said he had been a member of the association for 46 years. The last year had been particularly gratifying as the attendances had been so good, and he thanked the members for their support.

Mr. G. Edwards and Mr. Markwell were re-elected delegates to the Central Committee.

It was decided that meetings be held at Marden, Hever and Hawkhurst during the year, with the next annual meeting at Penshurst. It was agreed, after some discussion, that if Marden be found unsuitable for a meeting place the secretary fix up with either Sevenoaks or Westerham.

Votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding and to Mr. Jack Medhurst, scepkeeper, for having everything in readiness for the members, concluded the meeting.

Ringling in a variety of methods took place before and after the meeting.

**BULKINGTON RINGERS' SUPPER.**

The ringers of Bulkington St. James' Parish Church had their annual supper on Thursday, January 23rd, when an excellent 'spread' was provided by the wives of the ringers and other ladies. There were upwards of 30 present, including the Vicar, churchwardens and sidesmen, a very enjoyable evening being spent.

After supper, the party engaged in various games, including a table tennis tournament, which was won by Miss B. Farndon and Mr. C. Neale, both ringers in the local band.

The cost of the supper was defrayed out of the annual Christmas Box Fund, for which the ringers wish to tender their best thanks to all their many friends, who so liberally contributed.

The annual meeting was held after the supper, when the officers and committee were re-elected en bloc. The funds, after the year's working, show a balance in hand of £3 3s., which was considered good for a village band.

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

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on Saturday, February 8th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Laurence's were rung during the afternoon. A ringers' service was held at St. Mary's, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Parham), and an appropriate address was given by the Rev. Canon Coleridge. Dr. Daughtry gave his services at the organ.

Seventy-one members from the branch towers, and visitors from Newbury, Maidenhead, Abingdon, Uxbridge and Faringdon attended the tea and business meeting at the Central Cafe.

Mr. L. Joyce presided over the business meeting, at which there were also present the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), Canon Coleridge, Mr. W. P. Routh, Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Rev. St. George-Edwards, and Mr. F. W. Hopgood (hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch).

The Secretary, in presenting his report, said it had been a very successful year, but regretted to say that two members had been lost during the year by death—Mr. A. Brown, of Nettlebed, and Mr. E. Shepherd, of Tilehurst. The quarterly meetings, which had been held at Shiplake, Nettlebed, and Henley, had been very successful and popular.

The election of officers then took place, the retiring officials being in each instance re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. L. Joyce; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. W. Hopgood, with his assistant, Miss M. Hopgood; auditors, Messrs. A. Wiggins and E. Foster; committee, Messrs. J. Swain, W. Appleby and H. Tucker. All of these officers were thanked for their services during the past year. The quarterly meetings for 1930 were arranged for Tilehurst, Mortimer, Chesham, and Salford. Satisfactory tower reports were heard from most of the branch towers.

The Master then spoke of the restorations which had taken place in the branch during the year, namely, St. Mary's, Reading, and St. Laurence's, Reading, and mentioned the hope of restoring Tilehurst and Purley.

A vote of thanks, on the proposition of the chairman, was given to the Vicar and organist of St. Mary's for the beautiful service which had been held.

The meeting then concluded, and good ringing was again enjoyed at St. Peter's, Caversham.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Benington on Saturday, February 8th. Members were present from Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Kirton, Leake, Sibsey, Wrangle and the local band. The Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Guild, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, hon. secretary, Southern Branch, and Mr. J. T. Brown, Elloe Deaneries Branch, were also present.

Ringing commenced about 2.30 p.m., and divine service was later conducted by the Rev. Canon Hodge, Rector of Benington.

After tea, which was partaken of in the Parish Hall, the business meeting was held, and all the old officers re-elected as follows: President, Rev. J. R. Trotter (Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Phillips (Butterwick); Branch Ringing Master, Mr. W. E. Clarke (Boston); Guild representative, Mr. Alex. Sharp (Freiston).

Three new ringing members were elected, and Kirton was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the next quarterly meeting.

Touches in the following methods were successfully brought round during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire, Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

**ELY AND SUFFOLK JOINT MEETING.**

A joint meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association and Suffolk Guild was held at Newmarket on Saturday, when ringers were present from Boxmoor, Cambridge, Cherry Linton, Exning, Fulbourn, Longstanton, Sawston, Trumpington, Stetchworth and Newmarket; Mr. Hunt, of Luton, Mr. G. Dent, Harlow Common, and the general secretary, Rev. R. Copeman. Tea was provided by the Rector, about 25 ringers and friends sitting down. At the conclusion, a short meeting was held, at which ten new members were elected.

Mr. F. Warrington, district secretary, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, Rev. J. Pranker, M.A., for allowing the use of the bells and taking the service.—Mr. B. D. Buttress, in seconding, added thanks also for the Rector's generosity in providing tea.—The Rector, in reply, welcomed the association to Newmarket, and hoped they would come again.

Further ringing took place after tea, methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. At the service, Mr. H. J. Hazell, A.L.C.M., presided at the organ. Mr. L. Moon and Mr. R. C. Sharpe kindly made arrangements.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DORCHESTER BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Fordington. Members were present from Dorchester, Fordington, West Lulworth, Bere Regis, Abbotsbury, Shaftesbury, Frampton, Bradford Peverell, Sydling, Wool and Charmminster. During the afternoon there was the customary ringing on the bells of Fordington St. George Church, where a service was conducted by the Rev. R. G. Bartolot (Vicar), who gave an interesting account of the history of the Fordington bells. The singing of the hymns was led by the choir boys, Mr. W. R. Hurst being at the organ.

After the service, tea was served in the Moule Institute to a party numbering nearly 60, and a pleasing feature was the decoration of the tables in St. George's colours. Subsequently the annual business meeting of the branch was held under the chairmanship of Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), who tendered thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of St. George's for their hearty welcome, to the organist and choir, and to the ladies for providing the excellent tea (applause). They were all very sorry that their excellent hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings, Wyke Regis) was too ill to attend, although he had made all the arrangements for that gathering.

The financial statement showed a balance in hand of £10 3s. 2d., and in addition there are National Savings certificates now worth £9 9s.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, dealt with the activities of the branch. Work of restoration, with the addition of a sixth bell, was to be carried out as soon as funds permitted at Bradford Peverell, Charmminster and Sydling. Regret was felt that there was now no company of ringers at Buckland Newton, and sincere regret was expressed at the departure from St. Peter's, Dorchester, of the Rev. Dr. G. C. Niven, who was always a ringers' friend. The death during the year of Mr. C. B. Hurst, one of their oldest members and a pioneer in change ringing, was regretted by all the members. Thanks were tendered by the secretary to all who had assisted him, and to the Rev. G. Wynne, Mr. W. Bedford, and Col. H. D. Robson for their hospitality. Twelve towers had been visited by the branch during the year. The membership was 105, a decrease of two compared with the previous year.

The April meeting of the branch was fixed to be held at Bradford Peverell.

Mr. R. A. G. Trevett (Bradford Peverell), Col. and Mrs. Gambier Parry (West Lulworth), Mr. F. Legg (Sydling), and the Rev. J. W. Weruineke (Sydling) were elected as members.

Mr. Dawes and Mr. C. H. Jennings were re-elected chairman and hon. secretary respectively, Mr. G. T. White Ringing Master, and Mr. A. Runyard Deputy Ringing Master.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

A collection of £1 was taken at the service in the church for the memorial in Salisbury Cathedral to ringers who fell in the late war, and in addition there were donations given by Bradford Peverell (11s.) and Charmminster (5s.).

After the meeting, further ringing took place on St. Peter's Church bells.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.**

On Saturday, Feb. 1st, the first monthly meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Ilkeston, and there was a good attendance, about thirty ringers turning up, most of them in 'ringing uniform.' Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Spliced Treble Bob in the Ilkeston Variation were indulged in until about 7.30 p.m., when the bells were rung down in fine style, thus giving the market people a chance to dispose of their goods.

The next monthly meeting was arranged for the first Saturday in March at Ruddington, Notts, where there are eight bells.

**NEW RECTOR OF STREATHAM.**

On Tuesday evening, January 21st, at the Church of St. Leonard, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes) in 41 mins.: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, John Lee 2, E. E. Bish 3, R. Sanders 4, W. Essery 5, J. H. Rumley 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, E. Wright 8. This quarter-peal was rung for the induction service of the new Rector (Rev. George William White, B.A.). He was a former curate at St. Leonard's, and is very popular in the district. Two short touches were rung after the service, in which W. G. Gray, Miss Gray and S. Gardner took part.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the West Norfolk Branch (the first since the recent reorganisation) was held at Dersingham. There was a good attendance of ringers from various towers in the district, and a few visitors from outside, making a total of 24. Under the circumstances this was considered most encouraging, and the ring of six bells, recently tuned and rehung, were kept going to a variety of methods from 2.30 until the last bus at 7.30.

Tea was most generously provided by the Vicar, who is chairman of the branch, and it was decided, subject to permission being obtained, to hold the next gathering at Swaffham on Saturday, April 5th.



**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**—For evening service, on Sunday, February 16th, 720 London Surprise Minor: H. Harding, sen., 1, N. Harding 2, G. Grover 3, J. Goacher 4, F. Day 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6. First extent on the bells in this method by an entirely local band since the fire of 1913, and first extent in the method by a local band for the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on February 16th, for evening service, 1,344 changes of London Surprise Major in 48 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. Smith 2, T. Blackburn 3, A. King 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1st and 3rd.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, February 16th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: T. Walker 1, H. Belcher 2, E. F. Pike 3, W. H. Hewett 4, J. H. Crampin 5, G. B. Cole 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Sunday, February 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 42 mins.: E. G. Hibble 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, J. G. Nash 4, H. Ellis 5, M. Fensom 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, A. Crane 8.

**PULHAM.**—At All Saints', on Sunday, February 16th, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 48 mins.: H. Page 1, W. H. Hollier 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. Cook 4, A. Waddington 5, W. Bolwell 6, C. Hunt 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, G. Block 10.

**SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, February 16th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor in 25 mins., for morning service: Watson Stewart 1, Harry Bowen 2, Bertie Malby 3, Edward Barker (conductor) 4, Gilbert Plaice 5, Albert V. Bowen 6. All are service ringers at this church.

**HOLBORN.**—On Sunday, February 16th, at St. Andrew's, for evensong, a quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 47 mins.: H. C. Alford 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, C. W. Pipe (conductor) 8.

**LONDON.**—The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—On Sunday, February 16th, for evening service, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 1,056 Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Maximus: A. J. Weale 1, Mrs. N. J. Deal 2, Miss Freda Orr 3, J. D. Matthews (conductor) 4, A. Deserens 5, T. Newman 6, W. Williams 7, G. Card 8, G. H. Cross 9, N. Bullen 10, C. J. Matthews 11, L. H. Baybutt 12.

**KENSINGTON.**—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evening service, on Sunday, February 9th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): J. Kenyon (first quarter-peat) 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, W. W. Bailey (first quarter-peat on ten bells) 3, J. A. Dart 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. Waddington 6, E. R. Mackrill 7, F. Skevington 8, G. C. Rice 9, Capt. C. Warner 10.

**WARFIELD, BERKS.**—On Sunday morning, February 9th, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: W. Dyer 1, W. P. Cross 2, G. Higgs 3, J. Brant, sen., 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, T. Smith 6, E. S. T. Farr 7, W. Henley 8. First quarter by W. Dyer and G. Higgs, who are local men.

**SOUTH CROYDON.**—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, 1,440 of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 1 hr. at St. Peter's Church: D. Wright 1, J. Trappitt 2, C. Dean 3, W. Bulpitt 4, F. Larbey 5, W. Joiner 6, B. Newson 7, R. Grimwood 8, E. Denham 9, W. Smith (conductor) 10. First quarter-peat of Royal by ringers of 4th, 5th and 9th.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****SOUTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild held the annual meeting at Grantham on Saturday, January 18th. The weather being fine, there was a good attendance, upwards of 30 ringers and friends being present from Spalding, Surfleet, Bourne, Edenham, Rippingale, Folkingham, Bottesford, Hough, Barkston, Melton Mowbray, Stanton-by-Dale, Spondon, Woodford, E. Hitchin, Butterwick, Orston, and the local band. The peal of ten were available during the afternoon and evening, and touches of Treble Ten, Plain Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters were successfully brought round. Service was held in St. Wulfram's Church, Canon Markham conducting the service, and giving a very appropriate address to those present.

The tea and business meeting followed, held in St. Wulfram's Church Room, 29 sitting down to the excellent tea provided.

The Rev. H. Law James (Master of the Guild) presided at the meeting, at which the usual business was transacted, there being no change in the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Three new performing members, two from Hough and one from Folkingham were duly elected.

It was gratifying to see ringers attend this meeting from so far afield as Hitchin, Woodford, E., Spondon, and, last but not least, Melton Mowbray, in the person of Mr. Harry Bartram, sen.

A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Markham for the use of the bells, and the service concluded a successful meeting. Further ringing on tower and handbells was continued until about 8.30.

C. T. H. B.

**NOTICES.**

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**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 St. Chad's R.C. (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.

**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. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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.—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.—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.—Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Ringing, St. Leonard's (8) and St. Mary's (6). Short service at St. Mary's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Cost of tea, per head, 1s. 3d.—H. O. Baker, Hon. Sec., 14, Whitburn Street, Bridgnorth.



**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. City bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided in the Institute at 4.30. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Iver (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—L. Allington, 32, Acton Lane, Sudbury; F. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, Secs.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thirsk on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the Primrose Cafe at 5 p.m.: Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. It is hoped there will be a good number of members and friends at this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Brant Broughton (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. Notifications for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea advise me at latest by Feb. 25th? Subscriptions for 1930 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea, at White Hart Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 25th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Thorpe Malsor (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly advise me by Tuesday, Feb. 25th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 25th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—An annual dinner and concert will be held at the King Richard III. Hotel, Highcross Street, Leicester, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. It is most essential that those intending to be present should inform me not later than Saturday, Feb. 22nd. (Charge 3s. 6d. per head.) The following towers will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 6 p.m.: St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), All Saints' (5). All ringers heartily welcome.—Alban Disney, Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 p.m., at the Park End Hotel, Parkend Road. Tickets 3s. St. Mary-de-Lode bells from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's from 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; St. Mary-de-Crypt 4 to 4.45. Will those requiring tickets kindly let me know not later than the 22nd inst? Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church on Saturday, March 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Pre-Lent meeting at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. Oswin's (6, tenor 22 cwt.) will be available after 2.30, and it is hoped that Newburn belfry will also be open. Tea at the Ship Inn, Wylam, at 5. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. F. Gordon, 7, Dene Terrace East, Wylam, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 26th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

**WATFORD,** Saturday, March 1st. Bells open from 3.30. Tea, in Old School, 5.30. Oxhey bells open from 7.30. Cheap tickets from all stations to Watford. Cheap return tickets by motor coach from London to Watford. Number for tea by Feb. 24th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Dereham on Saturday, March 1st, at 3.30 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ulverston Parish Church on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Meeting 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Twyford on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 3.30 p.m. Members of Central Bucks Branch and other visitors heartily invited. Those requiring tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Kempston (6 bells) on Saturday, March 1st, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Buses every 10 minutes from Silver Street, Bedford. Everybody welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Whimple on Saturday, March 1st. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Bells recently rehung. All ringers welcome.—Miss E. Lomas, Hon. Sec., Whimple, Devon.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—A special meeting will be held at Burghclere on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) in Parish Hall. Those requiring tea kindly notify by Feb. 26th.—The Rev. F. C. Sear, St. Mary Bourne Vicarage, Andover.

**ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, WILTON, TAUNTON.**—Ringers' re-opening of bells on Saturday, March 1st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. S. G. Coles, 3, Holly Terrace, Staplegrove Road, Taunton, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 26th.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. H. Bonsey, The Vicarage, Chieveley, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 26th, for tea. Good bus service from Newbury, 3½ miles, at 1s. return.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (5) 2.45. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 25th? — T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Baglan on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Cleeve on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at Old Cleeve at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Hartford on Saturday, March 1st. Houghton bells also available. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided by the Vicar, and I shall be glad if all who expect to be present will let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 25th.—Catherine Fields, High Street, St. Neots, Hunts.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thornby on Saturday, March 1st. Usual arrangements.—R. Adams, East Haddon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 8th. The usual arrangements will be made.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. L. C. Smith, Rolleston, by 6th at latest. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will members please see that this meeting is well attended? — John Leach, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James' on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas' Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 4th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: The Lord Bishop of Warrington. Tea (9d. each) 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens, before Wednesday, March 5th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Ruddington on March 8th instead of the 1st owing to the Leicester meeting. 8 bells ready from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please come and put your backs to it.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service in church 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, March 5th?—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

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**SURREY ASSOCIATION.** — The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on March 22nd. Notices of any proposed alterations or additions to the rules must be sent to the undersigned not later than February 22nd.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual committee meeting.—Preliminary Notice. — Will all branch secretaries try to keep Saturday, April 5th, clear of meetings, as, if possible, the committee meeting will be held at Oxford on that date? Usual notice will appear later.—R. T. Hibbert, Sec.

**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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