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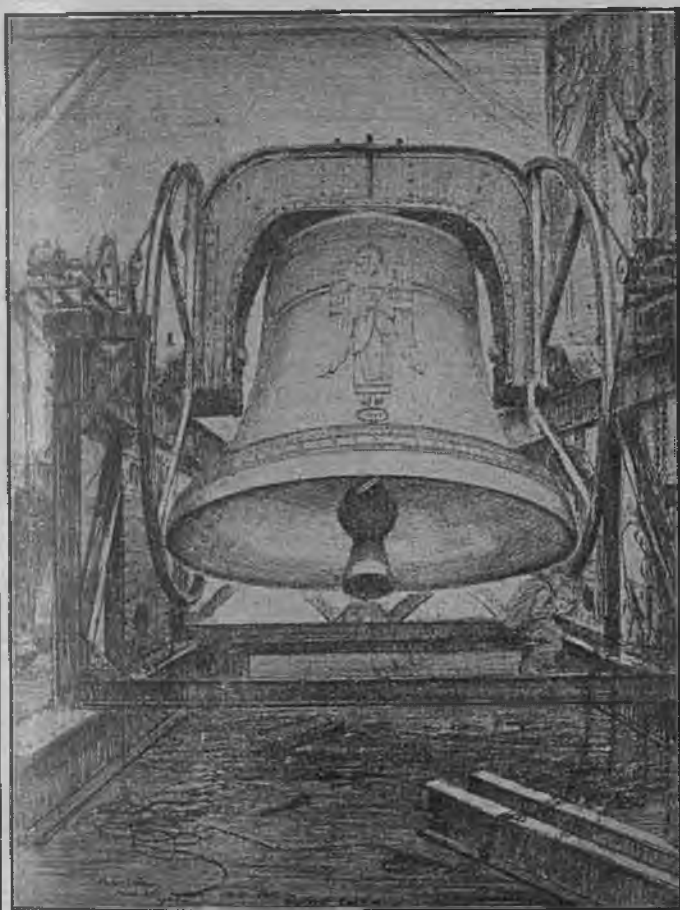
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It is strange that, in spite of all the efforts that are put into the working of ringing associations, a large number of towers and ringers remain outside these organisations. Associations throughout the country have been working for years, some of them for more than half a century, and yet it has to be admitted that there are many towers in which the ringers are content to stand apart from their county or diocesan ringing society. Why is that the long-continued efforts that have been made to reach these 'outsiders' have failed? It may sound an astonishing thing to say, but there are probably more ringers outside the associations than in them. At a meeting a few weeks ago the President of the Central Council stated that last year there were 46,000 ringers in England. His statistics were authoritative, and he was able to give the exact numbers and the decreases in the last two years. The Central Council itself represents practically all the ringing organisations of importance, but we doubt if the whole of the affiliated societies include 20,000 individual ringers, when allowance is made for overlapping. Why is it that 25,000 and more are still outside the 'fold'?

There are probably a number of causes and we doubt if any one of them is more responsible than another. Here, however, are some of the reasons which, we believe, affect the position. There are those who, frankly, do not want to come in, because they cannot see that they are going to get something out of it. They are the people who can only appreciate a spirit of 'brotherhood' if the other man is going to give them something more than they will give him. There are those, also, who, because they are not change ringers at all or are only indifferent change ringers, imagine that a ringing association has no place for them. From their standpoint they cannot appreciate the fact that these organisations are out to promote the progress of such as they are. Then again there are some who, with an eye on 'the loaves and fishes,' set their faces very firmly against the intrusion of strangers into their belfries for fear that they may eventually lose the few pounds that are annually divided among the band. They do not realise that associations do not desire to interfere in their domestic affairs. And beyond these there is still a larger class of 'ringers' who are so lethargic or so indifferent to the art that their interest in it is absolutely nil. No amount of effort would ever drag them into an association. They are the men who, even when a meeting is arranged at their own tower, stay away. They are the 'dead wood' on the tree and so far as they are concerned drastic pruning might make it better for the Exercise. There are other types also, in-

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cluding those bands who deliberately resolve to stay outside, probably under the influence of one man with a grievance, but they all lack the real spirit which makes the brotherhood of the Exercise the great thing that it is, and which has lifted the art of ringing from a secular pastime to a recognised service to the Church. Can anything be done more than is already being done to bring in this other 25,000? It is a problem which the associations have not yet solved.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

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| FREDERICK J. TILLET Treble | JOHN F. TILLET 7 |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2 | *LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8 |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9 |
| HARRY R. ROPER 4 | *RONALD BULLEN 10 |
| WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5 | GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11 |
| HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6 | *EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First touch of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus. R. Bullen is the first to ring a peal in the method on eight, ten and twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

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| EDWARD JENKINS Treble | HARRY OVERTON 6 |
| HARRY F. HOLDING 2 | CHARLES F. PAGE 7 |
| RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3 | RICHARD T. HOLDING 8 |
| JAMES H. RIDING 4 | *J. WILLIAM EDGE 9 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES 5 | ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor |

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. All the band are employees of the L.M.S. Railway Company, and this is the first peal of Royal rung by all railwaymen.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble | THOMAS GRANT 6 |
| GABRIEL G. LINDOFF 2 | *ARTHUR L. MURRAY 7 |
| WILLIAM H. WILSON 3 | JOSEPH A. ATKINSON 8 |
| ROBERT S. F. MURPHY 4 | GEORGE F. WILMOT 9 |
| THOMAS MCMORRAN 5 | JAMES W. TOWNLEY Tenor |

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal. Bung as a mark of appreciation of the election of Mr. R. S. F. Murphy, as president of the St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *CECIL DENYER Treble | PETER CHARMAN 5 |
| WESLEY PETIFER 2 | WILLIAM STANFORD 6 |
| JOHN COOK 3 | WALTER CHARMAN 7 |
| WILLIAM HOOKER 4 | ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor |

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

* First peal.

CLAYBROOKE PARVA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

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| PERCY AMOS Treble | ERNEST W. TIPLER 5 |
| RONALD RUSSELL 2 | GEORGE A. NEWTON 6 |
| J. GEOFREY GEARY 3 | REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7 |
| *WILLIAM J. WHITMORE 4 | A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor |

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble hails from Irchester, Wellingborough, and the ringer of the 4th from Raunds, Northants.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, March 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 5 |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2 | WILFRED WILLIAMS 6 |
| JOHN WHEADON 3 | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 7 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

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| HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 5 |
| JOHN JAMES LAMB 2 | *HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 6 |
| EDWARD E. RICHARDS 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| WILLIAM A. MARTIN 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, SEN.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on attaining the age of 67 years.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

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| *JOHN BEAMS, JUN. ... Treble | GEORGE MARRINER 5 |
| MISS IRENE L. HASTIE 2 | HARRY ELLIOTT 6 |
| †ARTHUR H. SMITH 3 | ALBERT HARMAN 7 |
| JOHN BEAMS 4 | ALAN R. PINK Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

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

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
First peal of London Surprise in Bolton. In this composition, a three-part, now rung for the first time, neither the second nor third ever strike over the tenor behind.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in C.

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| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble | GEORGE R. JONES 5 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND 2 | LESTER L. GRAY 6 |
| ERNEST JONES 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 7 |
| *ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... 4 | JAMES GEORGE Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was rung at the suggestion of the 'young man' on the tenor, after meeting (very) short for Bob Maximus. It was the first peal of Major on these bells, the back eight of the twelve, and these are probably the heaviest eight yet rung to a peal of Major in the North of England.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Four Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8096 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

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| WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Treble | *ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| ALPHAEUS J. BERRY 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 6 |
| GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 3 | CLEMENT J. MORE 7 |
| ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4 | GEORGE ARCHER Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 25th peal. Longest length by all on eight bells, on the bells, in the method in the county, and rung at the first attempt. The composition contains the 6th the extent in 5-6 without the 2nd in 6th's, the 3rd never there without the 6th, and all the combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

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| GEORGE HAWKINS ... Treble | SAMUEL JONES 5 |
| CHARLES GREEDY 2 | WILLIAM PHILLIPS 6 |
| JOHN BULLEN 3 | DONALD G. CLIFT 7 |
| ARTHUR HAWKINS 4 | ALBERT THOMAS Tenor |

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| GEORGE WIFFEN ... Treble | WILLIAM LINCOLN 5 |
| GEORGE GREEN 2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 6 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN 3 | *ERNEST BRIGHT 7 |
| DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 4 | ARTHUR HEAD Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ... Treble | ALBERT PRESTIDGE, SEN. ... 5 |
| HARRY GOODMAN 2 | *ALBERT PRESTIDGE, JUN. ... 6 |
| JOHN ROUND 3 | JOHN GOODMAN 7 |
| HARRY HILL 4 | †BENJAMIN PRESTIDGE Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. Both at first attempt. Quarterly peal for the Guild. Rung to celebrate the 89th birthday of Mrs. Townsend, wife of the late Mr. J. Townsend, one-time leader of the Netherton ringers, and grandmother to the ringer of the treble.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

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| *CECIL L. GOY Treble | HARRY L. W. AITKEN... .. 5 |
| FREDERICK W. BURNETT... .. 2 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6 |
| HENRY JENNINGS 3 | GEORGE WILLIAMS 7 |
| †CHARLES I. BASSETT... .. 4 | EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal and first attempt and a member of the local band.

SONNING-ON-THAMES, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in E flat.

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| THOMAS J. FOWLER Treble | WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 5 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS 2 | *THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 6 |
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3 | WILLIAM HENLEY 7 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Composed by JOHN THORPE.

Conducted by GEC. GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

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| HARRY HOVERD Treble | FREDERICK A. COLEY 5 |
| JOHN J. LAMB 2 | HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 6 |
| HERBERT A. HOLDEN 3 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| JOHN WHEADON 4 | WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor |

Conducted by FRED J. CULLUM, JUN.

Birthday peal for conductor.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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| ERNEST G. HIGGIN Treble | JACK M. CRIPPS 5 |
| FREDERICK N. SKEATON 2 | FRANK BENNETT 6 |
| WILLIAM COLLINSON 3 | HERBERT MARKWELL 7 |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4 | FREDERICK WHITE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

H. Markwell's 100th peal.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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| F. DONALD BOREHAM Treble | GEORGE R. PYE 5 |
| FRANK BOREHAM 2 | CHARLES T. COLES 6 |
| *CYRIL D. NICHOLS 3 | JAMES BENNETT 7 |
| JOHN G. NASH 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE BENNETT Treble | GEORGE FLEMMING 5 |
| LESLIE G. BRETT 2 | T. WILLIAM LAST 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 3 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7 |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4 | CECIL W. PIPE Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Pipe.

ALMONDBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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| *CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble | THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY 5 |
| HAROLD SENIOR... .. 2 | HARRY MARSDEN 6 |
| WILLIAM H. SENIOR... .. 3 | GEORGE W. STEEL 7 |
| †WALTER E. DRANSFIELD... .. 4 | HERBERT PEEL Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY

* 50th peal, twenty-five of which have been rung with the ringer of the seventh. † First peal. Birthday compliment to G. W. Steel. The thanks of the band are due to the Vicar for kindly allowing a second attempt, and also to Mr. Dransfield for his kind hospitality after the peal.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

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

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES DAVIS Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS 5 |
| FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 2 | GEORGE F. SWANN 6 |
| FRED PRICE 3 | RICHARD C. INGRAM 7 |
| GEORGE MITCHISON 4 | HARRY COOK... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. C. INGRAM.

Rung in honour of Mr. W. Cooper's 82nd birthday. He has been a member of the local band for 58 years, and still takes an active part in the service ringing.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| *RALPH LITTLER... .. Treble | WILLIAM A. JONES 5 |
| HERBERT R. PICKERING 2 | KENNETH C. TAYLOR 6 |
| †HAROLD L. FLAVELL 3 | ALFRED FALLON 7 |
| ALBERT D. COLLINS... .. 4 | THOMAS W. BATE Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BOTLER Treble | ERNEST W. FURBANK 5 |
| HAROLD A. EDWARDS... .. 2 | ALFRED PRIOR 6 |
| CHARLES A. HUGHES 3 | JOHN MOULE 7 |
| FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 4 | *WILLIAM E. VALE Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, March 13, 1930, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

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| RICHARD BALDWIN 1 | WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3-4 |
| ARTHUR C. NASON 2 | *HERBERT JONES 5-6 |

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Witness: Mr. R. J. HUGHES.

* First peal 'double-handed.'

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

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| *RICHMOND ROBERTS Treble | GEORGE E. SHALLISH 4 |
| EDWARD J. AVERY 2 | GEORGE GILLING 5 |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY 3 | REGINALD DARE Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor, also first peal of Minor on the bells.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Single Court and Oxford Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

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| MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY Treble | JOHN MACHIN 4 |
| HARRY GIBBARD 2 | CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5 |
| ALBERT SCOTT 3 | *CHARLES WILKINSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

GARBOLDISHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents, one of Double Court, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE LAND Treble | CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 4 |
| ALPHRUS J. BERRY 2 | ERIC G. BENNETT 5 |
| PERCY L. JOHNSON 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. F. Goodman, of Banham.

TEVERSALL.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of Plain Bob and 3,600 of Grandsire.

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| HORACE PORTER Treble | FRED KNOWLES 3 |
| ARTHUR SMITHSON 2 | BERNARD PORTER 4 |

*GEORGE PORTER Tenor

Conducted by FRED KNOWLES.

* First peal. The treble and tenor ringers were elected members of the association prior to the peal.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| GEORGE W. MOSS Treble | WILLIAM STIFF 4 |
| JAMES SOUTER 2 | CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 5 |
| STANLEY G. MOSS 3 | WALTER HONEYWOOD ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE W. MOSS.

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the 3rd, who has been transferred to Ipswich.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

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| FRED RIGBY Treble | †HERMON NELSON 4 |
| *ALBERT WANE 2 | ARTHUR HARTLEY 5 |
| JACK CHARNOCK 3 | JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor |

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal, also first local ringer to ring a peal. † First peal of Minor.

HOUGHTON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and St. Dunstan's, and thirty of Grandsire.

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| ALBERT E. KITCHIN Treble | RONALD RUSSELL 3 |
| J. GEOFFREY GEARY 2 | ERNEST MORRIS 4 |

A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which have been five since 1771. The ringers received congratulations of the Vicar and local ringers on its completion. The tenor ringer is to be praised for excellently ringing a very bad-going, false-struck bell. The conductor has now completed peals of 5,000 at 116 towers in Leicestershire.

MELLING, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FORNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

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

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

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

Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Kent. † 50th peal. First peal on the bells. The band would like to take this opportunity through 'The Ringing World' of thanking the Vicar for allowing them to ring the peal at a few minutes' notice.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Darton on Saturday, March 8th, when members were present from Cawthorne, Felkirk, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and local company. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and continued in various methods until 5 p.m., when all adjourned to the Church Schools for tea. The Vicar, Rev. C. H. Purser, presided at the business meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. He also expressed a wish to be made a member of the society. On the motion of Mr. Broadhead, seconded by Mr. Crowther, he was gladly accepted, together with a new member from Cawthorne (Mr. E. Rusby). South Kirkby was selected for the next meeting, to take place on April 12th.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the local company and the ladies for all arrangements and the splendid tea provided, was passed.

Further ringing was indulged in until about 8.30, when someone lost his rope, and all agreed that it be left to be put right by daylight, and thus avoid any possible accident. This brought a most enjoyable meeting to a sudden termination.

UNVEILING OF PEAL BOARD AT BOTTESFORD.

A beautiful peal board has been placed in the ringing chamber of St. Mary's Church, Bottesford, recording the ringing of a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday, August 3rd, 1929, by a band of M.C.A. ringers. The unveiling and dedication ceremony took place on Saturday, March 8th, before a good number of ringers and friends from Melton Mowbray, Grantham, Croxton Kerrial, Orston and the local band. Mr. R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray), 'Father' of the band which rang the peal, asked the Rev. F. Walford, as Rector, to accept the board as a gift to the church from the ringers. He said the peal was an excellent one, and was worthy of being recorded. He congratulated Mr. S. Proctor, as conductor, also the band that rang the peal. The Rev. F. Walford graciously accepted the board, saying it would be a reminder to future generations as to what had been accomplished.

The unveiling ceremony was performed by a lady member of the Church Council, and the Rector conducted the dedication, after which a splendid touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the same band that rang in the peal, viz.: W. G. Thorpe (Grantham) 1, J. R. Bartram (Melton) 2, A. W. Ward (Bottesford) 3, E. Ridd (Grantham) 4, E. Bartram (Melton) 5, S. Proctor (Grantham) 6, R. H. Bartram (Melton) 7, T. H. Hall (Grantham) 8. Mr. A. W. Ward voiced the thanks of the ringers to the lady for honouring them with her presence, also to the Rev. F. Walford for his service and allowing the use of the bells on this and previous occasions.

The bells were at the disposal of the ringers during the afternoon, when touches in the following methods were brought round: Double Norwich, Kent, and Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The bells were lowered in peal at 5 p.m., bringing to a close a most enjoyable afternoon, which will long be remembered.

A. W. W.

MUDDLED MINOR. BY MINORMANIA.

I suppose that quite a number of Minor ringers are taking an interest, passing or otherwise, in the controversy that is likely to rage afresh on the vexed question of 'different 720's.' Always it is profitable to read the views expressed by different writers when they are backed by logical argument, but there is nothing edifying in bald statements which are opposed to common practice, when no effort is made to substantiate them in any shape or form, especially so, when, apparently, they are inconsistent to a degree.

Such a one appeared in 'The Ringing World' of February 14th, where the Rev. H. Law James stated that '... there are only five possible 720's in any Treble Bob method. . . . As usual, the reader is left furiously to think out exactly what is meant; or, at least, as to how one would arrive at such a conclusion. Unfortunately, he generally is thinking furiously (in a different sense of the term) of an opposite point of view. It is left to Mr. Severn to assume that Mr. James implies that 'different' 720's must contain a different number of bobs, viz., 9, 12, 15, 18 or 21. This may, or may not, be the correct reading, I do not know.

I should, however, like to say that there are considerably more than five, or, alternatively, that there are not five! And, unlike Mr. James, I submit reasons.

Let us make a closer acquaintance with the 'mysterious' Colonel (Bogey) Q set, in an endeavour to judge for ourselves how very inconsistent Mr. James' statement appears to be.

Everyone knows that there are 30 lead 'ends' (or lead 'heads,' if you prefer) in a 720 of Treble Bob, and everybody will realise that there are another 30 rows adjoining these; in short, there are 30 possible pairs of rows when the treble makes her full lead. Every one of these 60 rows can be treated in three ways in order to produce its mate, viz., second's-place can be made (a), sixth's-place (b), or fourth's-place (c).

| (a) | (b) | (c) |
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| 1(2)4365 | 12436(5) | 124(3)65 |
| 1(2)3456 | 14263(5) | 142(3)56 |

It will be seen, in (a) and (c), that the bells in the 5/6 positions remain undisturbed by either treatment; and, in (b) and (c), that the undisturbed bells are in the 2/3 places. Beyond the fact that the 'sheltered' (or undisturbed) positions are in 5/6 in second's-place methods, and in 2/3 in sixth's-place methods, the effect is exactly similar, and we may choose either for the example which follows. Let it be the former.

In the 60 possible rows there are ten groups of six, each group having the same pair of bells in the sheltered 5/6 places. Take, for example, those rows which have the tenors there—123456, 124365, 134256, 132465, 142356, 143265; and accept, as a fact (and a very concrete fact), that these six rows can be produced in an extent only if they be joined together, in pairs, by the same means. The three pairs of rows all must be 'plained' by using second's-place, or all 'bobbed' by using fourth's-place.

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| Plained, they pair thus: | 124365 | 132465 | 143265 |
| | 123456 | 134256 | 142356 |

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| And bobbed, thus: | 124365 | 132465 | 143265 |
| | 142356 | 123456 | 134256 |

Here, then, we have a 'q set,' i.e., three pairs of rows with the same pair of bells in the two sheltered positions. The q set must be EITHER plained OR bobbed. This emphasis is important to my point—plained OR bobbed. It follows that any six such rows, with a given pair of bells in the sheltered positions, will form a q set. There are 60 such rows, each q set takes up six rows, and thus an extent comprises ten q sets. Each q set has a different pair of bells in the sheltered positions, and any one q set may be plained OR bobbed.

If we call the tenor W.R.W., twice repeated, we bob all of those pairs of rows wherein the tenor appears in a sheltered position 'without the fifth' being there also. In other words, the rows are bobbed only when 26, 36 and 46 are the bells in the 5/6 places. In short, we bob three of the ten q sets and plain the other seven.

Alternatively, we may bob the fifth R.W.R., twice repeated, thus bobbing the rows when the fifth is 'without the tenor.' In other words, we bob the 25, 35, and 45 q-sets and plain the other seven.

When we realise that we may bob the 'second without the third' with the same effect, and, vice versa, the 'third without the second,' the second without the fourth (both ways), the second without the fifth, and so on, it will readily be seen that we may, with nine bobs alone, produce a fair crop of varying 720's.

But Mr. James' 'five possible' means that all of the above variations are one, in spite of the facts that the rows appear in different orders, the calls appear at different lead-ends, different observation bells are used, and that the combination of q sets differ. And, mark this well, in spite of the fact that certain q sets will be bobbed in one and plained in another.

Now, in London Surprise Minor (for example), we may bob the tenor 1-4th's-O, 1-4th's-O, R, twice repeated, as given by Mr. Severn in his letter; an extent with 21 bobs, wherein we bob every lead except when the tenor is 'without the fifth.' In other words, we plain q sets 26, 36 and 46 and bob the other seven.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Market Lavington, on Saturday, March 1st. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Stourton (who is also an enthusiastic ringer, and a former chairman of the branch), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham. Miss E. Lane was the organist.

Tea followed at the Market Lavington and Easterton Institute, a company of 29 sitting down.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding.

One new member from the Minster Church, Warminster, and nine from SS. Peter and Paul's, Heytesbury, were elected.

It was decided to recommend that Mr. W. C. West, of Melksham, be added to the list of instructors.

Several items of interest were discussed, with recommendations for the committee of the Guild.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist and to those who prepared the tea.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Cambridge and Oxford were rung during the afternoon and evening. Ringers were present from Market Lavington, Devizes St. John and St. Mary's, St. James' Southbroom, Bratton, Aldbourne, Swindon, Rowde, Warminster, Trowbridge and Melksham.

Market Lavington has a beautiful church in the Perpendicular style of architecture. The tower contains six bells, which were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1927, and are inscribed as follows:—

- 1st and 2nd.—Raised by the Parish, 1876.
- 3rd.—In memory of the Honbl. Samuel Hay. Died November 25th, 1847. Dedicated by his widow. Praise be to Thee, O Lord.
- 4th.—Right Honble. E. Pleydell Bouverie gave me. Strike but hear me.
- 5th.—In loving memory of William Fowle. Died October 20th, 1868. Dedicated by his sister.
- Tenor (13½ cwt.).—E. B. Cockayne Frith, Vicar. The Right Honble. E. Pleydell Bouverie and Oliver Grist, Church Wardens. Recast by Llewellyns and James, Bristol, 1876.

These bells replaced an older ring which bore the following inscriptions:—

- 1st.—William Sainsbery, 1656. W.P. IVB. I.S.
- 2nd.—The XXX. IV4 YE 1611. I.W.
- 3rd.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood, 1726 (Rudhall).
- 4th.—A. V. FRANCOIS. HEREWITH. I.T.C. John Tucker, Roger Laesse, Edward Filkes, Churchwardens of Market Lavington (bell). Cleament Tozer cast me in 1680.
- 5th.—As No. 2.
- 6th.—Hen Jackson, Richd. Townsend, Wm. Sloper, Church Wardens, 1713. ABR. RUDHALL, of Gloucester, Bell Founder, Cast me.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Spalding on Saturday, March 1st. Members were present from Long Sutton, Fleet, Holbeach, Moulton, Fulney, Market Deeping, Deeping St. Nicholas, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Gosberton, Donington, Bicker, Butterwick, and the local ringers, and visitors from Sleaford, Folkington, Peterborough, Eye and Sibsey. Service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Nicholas (Vicar of Spalding), and 62 members and friends sat down to tea at the White Hart Hotel. The business meeting was held afterwards, and all the old officers were re-elected as follows: President, Rev. G. H. Clark, Vicar of Bicker; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Ladd, Pinchbeck; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Smith, Spalding; Guild's representative, Mr. J. T. Brown, Spalding. Three honorary and 15 ringing members were elected, including two lady ringers.

The following places were unanimously selected for meetings during the year: Gosberton, on Whit Monday; Long Sutton, July 19th; Deeping St. Nicholas, October 18th; and Holbeach, January 10th, 1931. The methods rung during the afternoon included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

A collection taken for the heltry repairs fund amounted to 20s. 8d., and it was unanimously decided to make a further grant of three guineas to the Gosberton bells repairs fund.

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Alternatively, we may plain the fifth R.W.R. twice repeated, thus plaining q sets 25, 35, and 45, and bobbing the other seven.

And Mr. James' 'five possible' presumably means that the 21-bob extents are different from the 9-bob extents first quoted, in spite of the fact that here we plain identical q sets that were then bobbed, and vice versa.

3 q sets bobbed or plained, mean (oppositely) 7 plained or bobbed.

4 q sets bobbed or plained, mean (oppositely) 6 plained or bobbed.

5 q sets bobbed or plained, mean (oppositely) 5 plained or bobbed.

How many 'different' 720's are possible? I do not know? We should choose which we prefer, but not both.

If there are not more than five, there are not five!

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Trappitt's letter as to why the annual meeting of the Surrey Association should not be held on Wednesday, May 21st next, the date (March 22nd) was fixed by the committee in accordance with the rules of the association, which state that the annual meeting must be held in March of each year. It was not likely that the rules of the association would be ignored to suit the whim of any one person, even if he does allege himself to be the last surviving foundation member. He and others should come to the annual meeting and put forward practical suggestions in which the members might celebrate the jubilee about the time of the anniversary.

I have a copy of the first report issued by the association, and I am quite aware of the circumstances in which it was formed.

Mr. Trappitt's remark upon the suggested amalgamation between the Surrey Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild really amazes me. He definitely stated at the time amalgamation was suggested that the Surrey Association must never lower its dignity by amalgamating, but should carry on as it always had done. When a plebiscite was taken and the result made known to a special meeting of the association held at Leatherhead in March, 1928, Mr. Trappitt was the very person who proposed that the scheme be dropped, and the motion was carried.

Why the sudden reversal of policy now that the affairs of the association are running so smoothly under the management of a business-like committee?—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN,

Hon. Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Stoke (Coventry) on Saturday, March 15th, when members attended from Allesley, Bedworth, Bulkington, Coventry, Leamington, Nuneaton, Shilton, Rugby, Warwick, etc. A variety of methods was rung on the church bells from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. Twenty-four members sat down to a good tea in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, and were sorry to hear the hon. secretary (Miss E. Lewis) was indisposed and unable to attend.

The Rector, who was unable to be present, sent a note of welcome to the members of the Guild.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the church bells and Parish Hall, and to the ladies who prepared and served the tea.

ELECTRIC SHOCKS BRING PEAL TO AN END.

An extraordinary occurrence happened on Saturday last, when a band of ringers from the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association met at Brierley Hill to attempt a peal of London Surprise Major. Before ringing commenced a little oil was given to each bearing, and after this was completed the towerkeeper came down into the belfry, omitting to switch off the electric light in the bell chamber. There had been a heavy fall of snow on the previous night, and some had drifted through the louvres of the tower, thus making the floor very damp.

Everything was in order and ringing commenced. After ringing for 10 minutes, the ringer of the 6th bell felt a sharp twinge of pain in his right arm. Thinking this a small bodily pain, he carried on. The pain came again, but this time in both arms. However, he continued ringing, when, after about 40 minutes, he had a severe pain not only in his arms but throughout his whole body, and at the same time the rope snarled as it went up at handstroke. The ringer then came to the conclusion it was an electric shock, although it was not then known that the light had been left on in the bell chamber.

The ringer of the 6th called a stand, much to the astonishment of the other members of the band, as to them everything seemed to be going well, and they were very surprised to learn the reason a stand had been called, namely, that the ringer of the 6th was occasionally getting an electric shock.

This was due to a 'short' in the electric wire and the dampness of the tower and belfry floor, also to the fact that the bell rope at times came into contact with the electric current, which passed down the rope and into the ringer, who, however, feels no ill effect from his unusual experience. As the ringer of the 7th is an electrician by trade, it may have been had he had the 6th bell he would have known immediately the cause of the twinges of pain.

The unfortunate band was as follows: J. Lloyd 1, W. Short 2, J. Bass 3, W. Brown 4, C. Skidmore 5, H. G. Bird 6, T. Hemming 7, R. Matthews (conductor) 8.

THE LATE VISCOUNT GLADSTONE.

After the funeral-service of the late Viscount Gladstone, whose remains were interred in Little Munden churchyard on March 10th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob was rung, with the bells muffled: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, J. Williams 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6. In the evening a quarter-peal was rung, comprising 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent and 180 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, B. Patmore 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

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

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

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

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

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Canon H. J. Eisee, M.A., president of the Lancashire Association, has been appointed Rural Dean of Bolton. Canon Eisee has been Vicar of St. George's, Bolton, since 1896, and is the senior incumbent in the deanery.

A band of ringers in the Windermere district met for a peal last Saturday afternoon, and all of them promised to be home for tea. At the tower they visited, the attempt for the peal was given up on account of the heavy going of the tenors.

Nothing daunted, the ringers set out on a 30-mile journey to Melling, Lancs, to see if they could get the bells there. Permission was readily granted, and the peal was rung. The first man to reach home arrived at 10.40 p.m.! Our correspondent asks, 'What did the Windermere wives do?' We give it up.

Mr. Ernest Bishop has been elected president of the Rotary Club of Swindon.

The gentleman who sent us the cryptic postcard, to which we referred last week, now writes: 'I like your "imperence." The record is all right; it's these careless authors and journalists who misquote.' If the writer had only pinned the peal board to his first postcard we should, of course, have seen at once who was wrong. But we forgive him for this omission.

Young 'Jim' George has just done another little job which would beat most men. He has rung the tenor at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, to a peal of Treble Bob Major in 3 hrs. 25 mins. The tenor is 40 cwt., and Mr. George is 76 years old! It will be a long time, we think, before this performance is equalled.

The first peal of Royal by a band of railwaymen has been rung at Crewe by employees of the L.M.S. Railway Company.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung on March 22nd, 1901, at St. Peter's, Brighton.

On March 23rd, 1783, a peal of 5,020 Old Double Caters, 'being the first ever rung in that method,' was accomplished at Fulham by the College Youths.

That peal happened to be rung on the anniversary of the first peal of Reverse Bob Major, which was called by James Barham at Harrietsham, Kent, in 1757.

A peal of 'Double Twelve In' was rung by the College Youths at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on March 24th, 1784, and a peal of 'Real Double Twelve In,' two days later at Southwark.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1825, and of the 12,000 of Treble Bob Royal rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch in 1784. The latter stood as the record for the method until 1914.

OXFORD UNDERGRADUATES' QUARTER-PEAL.

For the first time for very many years a quarter-peal has been rung by undergraduate members only of the Oxford University Society, which has been all but defunct for a long time, and is only now beginning to revive.

This quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on Friday, at the Church of St. Cross, Holywell, Oxford, by C. E. Wigg (Keble) 1, W. Warren (Oriol) 2, S. Taylor (Merton) 3, J. B. Howes (Keble) (conductor) 4, W. Thomas (Lincoln) 5, T. S. Williams (Keble) 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. GOOLE'S RESTORED BELLS.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Goole on Saturday, March 15th, and despite the inclement weather was attended by upwards of 50 members, representing towers in Eastington, Hatfield, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints'), Selby, Thorne, York, and the local company.

The eight bells of the Parish Church, which were cast in 1890, have recently been retuned and rebung in a new iron frame, fitted with ball bearings, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and full advantage was taken by the visitors to test the 'go,' which was pronounced by all and sundry to be excellent.

The church was consecrated in 1848, and was built through the munificence of the Aire and Calder Navigation Co., the tower then containing six bells. Two new trebles were added in 1860, and thus the peal of eight did service up to 1890.

The clock, which had been out of order for two years, has now been thoroughly overhauled and Westminster chimes added by Messrs. Potts and Co., of Leeds, and was started, during the service held for the dedication of the bells, on January 23rd last, by Sir John Eaglesome, K.C.M.G., managing director of the Aire and Calder Navigation.

The visitors on Saturday had tea together in the National Schools, and this was followed by a service in the church, at which a very appropriate sermon was delivered by the Vicar of Goole (the Rev. H. E. Wall, M.A.), who preached from the Ephesians iv. 8: 'Wherefore, he saith, when he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.' Three special hymns used at the dedication service were sung, accompanied on the organ by Mr. C. Brearley, Mus.Bac.



THE PARISH CHURCH OF GOOLE, YORKS.

The business meeting followed in the schools, the Vicar presiding. A letter of thanks from Mrs. Nolloth was read by the secretary, for the vote of condolence, on the death of Canon Nolloth, passed at the Beverley meeting in December last.

Two new members were elected—Mr. W. Sleight, of Hemingbrough, and Mr. A. Strangeward, of Pontefract (St. Giles').

The summer quarterly meeting will be held at Withernsea in June, by kind invitation of the Vicar and local company.

The retiring officers, Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), vice-president, and Messrs. W. Gibson (Beverley), J. Drake (Goole) and A. Walker (Pontefract), committeemen, were all re-elected, the latter also being appointed to serve on the general committee.

A vote of condolence was moved with Mr. F. Cryer, who has suffered bereavement by the death of his wife, all present standing for a few moments in respectful silence.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

AFFILIATION OF MORE TOWERS WANTED.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division, which was held at Bexhill on Saturday, proved most successful, the following towers being represented: Battle, Bexhill, Brighton (St. Peter's), Hastings (St. Clement's and Christ Church, Blacklands), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Heathfield, Lewes (Southover), St. Leonards (Christ Church), Ringmer, Rye, Sedlescombe, and Worthing (St. Botolph's). Ringing in all the standard methods was indulged in during the afternoon. At the service, a most appropriate address was given by the Rector, the Rev. Canon H. W. Maycock, M.A.

A splendid meat tea, to which 36 sat down, was provided at the Bell Hotel, through the kindness of the Rector and churchwardens. As the Rector had to leave prior to the business meeting, Mr. W. D. Smith moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in providing the tea, for the use of the bells, and for the Rector's address. The Rev. H. W. Maycock, in responding, expressed the pleasure it gave the churchwardens and himself to welcome the members of the association there for the annual meeting, and said they were always pleased to do all they could to further the interests of the Sussex County Association.

Mr. E. Heather (churchwarden) occupied the chair at the business meeting, at which Mr. H. Tyrrell, of Sedlescombe, and Mr. R. Taylor, of St. Clement's, Hastings, were elected members of the association.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. Mr. G. W. Stokes was again re-elected as hon. secretary, and Messrs. Miles, Franks and Booth were re-elected on the committee.

Mr. Stokes thanked the members for re-electing him hon. secretary. He stated that during the past year four meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 26, which was not too bad, but he hoped for better results during the coming year. He also hoped that still further towers might be induced to become affiliated to the association.

A collection for the benevolent fund realised 13s. 6d. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting. The members returned to the tower and kept the bells going in various methods until about 8.30 p.m.

Special thanks are due to Mr. F. J. Pont for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS OF THREE ASSOCIATIONS MEET AT MARCH.

A record meeting for the Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch was held at March Parish Church, being attended by over 50 ringing members from five archdeaconries. The arrangements for a quarterly joint meeting were made between the Wisbech and Peterborough Branches, and this excellent gathering was the result. Members of the Elloe Deaneries of the Lincs Association raised the bells, and a course of Cambridge was brought round. Other visitors arrived from Hunts Branch, and were soon joined by members of the Marshland Branch and others from the Wisbech Branch. The Peterborough District Guild was well represented, a lady ringer also being present. The Ringing Master was unable to attend, and Mr. C. Goaker of March, kindly undertook the duties, and saw that everyone had a pull. Various methods were rung, and all spoke highly of the good work carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co. A new oak frame has been put in, the bells quarter turned and harmonically tuned, and fitted with ball bearings.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. S. Walker), who is an hon. member of the association, and the Peterborough Guild's form of service was used. The Rector gave a splendid address, extending a warm welcome to such a fine gathering. Tea was afterwards generously provided in the Church Room by the Rector, and Mrs. Wooton ably waited on the company.

A business meeting followed, at which two new members were elected, and Whittlesea was chosen for the next meeting.

APPEAL FOR A LANCASHIRE RINGER.

Previously acknowledged, £11 11s. 6d.; Houghton ringers, 10s. Any further donations to this fund for assisting Mr. Harry Tomlinson will be gratefully received by Mr. F. Hindle, hon. secretary, Blackburn Branch, 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn. The above appeal closes on April 5th.

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A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address, to the ladies who served tea, and to Messrs. J. Drake and M. Tate for their unfailing courtesy and attention.—The Vicar, in responding, expressed great pleasure in having the association at Goole, and said how delighted he was with the many complimentary remarks passed about the bells, and the satisfaction they gave the ringers.—Mr. Colin Harrison, the representative of Messrs. Taylor and Co., also spoke, and said he was gratified to hear the appreciation of his firm's work.

The weights of the bells are: Treble, note F, 3cwt. 2qr. 12lb.; 2nd, note E, 3.3.10; 3rd, note D, 4.3.4; 4th, note C, 5.1.2; 5th, note B flat, 8.3.6; 6th, note A, 8.2.1; 7th, note G, 11.1.8; tenor, note F, 15.2.8.

A PEAL OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am not dealing with theory but with facts.

A round block is a block which comes round to the same row or point from which it started: therefore a 720 consists of 721 rows, of which the first and last are the same. Therefore, seven 720's consist of 5,047 rows, if it consists of seven round blocks.

It is not a theory but a fact, that you can only join round blocks by cutting them open and joining them together by the ends. Seven true and complete 720's is like seven links in a chain, but 5,040 of Minor is like a single ring in which the 720's are incomplete and joined up end to end, so that there are only 5,041 rows in the whole.

Now, if this ring is true and we cut it up again and join it together in any other order, so that we make the same number of changes and produce exactly the same rows in a different order, the result is only a variation, and it must also be true.

Two peals of Grandsire Triples rung as you suggest would be only one round block for the same reason.

The fact is that a peal of Treble Bob Minor containing 5,040 changes must consist of 42 plain courses, and if we insist on this being a perfect seven part, then in justice to the six-bell ringer we ought to insist on all peals of Stedman Triples being seven parts, and all peals of Major also.

What we want is a definition which will ensure that enough changes are made and that the whole is true, and the definition of Minor and Doubles which I have proposed ensure both those points, while leaving the six-bell ringer absolutely free in all other respects just as free as his 8, 10 and 12 bell brethren.

H. LAW JAMES.

LANTERN SLIDES OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—To-day I have been asked whether I know where lantern slides of bells or of change ringing can be obtained, and I have had to answer 'No.' Do any of your readers know of the existence of anything of the kind, and whether they are readily available?

If not, would it be possible to get some made, and either deposited with the librarian of the Central Council, or kept in some place or places with which he would be kept in touch?

Owing to the confined space, it is not very easy to photograph a bell when hanging in the tower, and to take a snap when it is in motion there, would be practically impossible. These things could, however, be done in a bell foundry, and I daresay, if only one knew, have already been done. Perhaps, therefore, our founders would help by supplying suitable prints for taking slides from, or even the slides themselves.

It so, and if there is anyone with the necessary skill to get together such a series, I should be glad to give any help I could.—Yours very faithfully,

HERBERT DRAKE.

[The principal bell founding firms have series of lantern slides, which they are willing to loan to responsible persons.—En., 'R.W.']

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Whit Monday of this year, Mr. Thomas Metcalfe will have been secretary and treasurer of this association for 21 years.

This is a plain statement of fact, but behind it is the tale of 21 years' hard work given by a busy man to his one and only hobby. There are few towers in the North of England where the name of Tom Metcalfe is not well known and respected, and it can be truthfully stated that he has been instrumental in making more ringers than, perhaps, any man in the North. He has rung too many peals to think of, but his chief forte has been the teaching of ringers. His services have been at all times willingly given to all who requested them in connection with bellringing.

To say that he has carried on the Cleveland Association himself during the last 21 years is not an exaggeration, and it is pretty certain that if he had not been at the head of affairs the association would not have been in existence at the present day.

At the last meeting of the association held at Thirsk on February 22nd, the members decided to appoint Vice-Presidents Newton (of Stockton) and Stott (of Thirsk) and myself a committee for some suitable presentation to Mr. Metcalfe.

I have communicated direct with all the friends of Mr. Metcalfe I know, but if there are any to whom I have not written, may I, through your columns, invite them to join in this presentation?

We do not ask for large subscriptions, but we would like the list of subscribers to contain every ringer who has come in contact with Mr. Metcalfe.

I shall be pleased to receive subscriptions at the above address as soon as possible.—Yours faithfully,

J. C. POLLARD,

President.

54, Granville Road, Middlesbrough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNSTER DEANERY ANNUAL MEETING.

About 50 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held at Old Cleeve. They were welcomed by the Rector (Rev. F. V. Dawkins), and the gathering included Rev. R. A. W. Newman, Withypool (chairman), Preb. A. C. Harman, Bicknoller, Mr. H. W. Tomkins, Williton, Mr. A. Tout, Milverton, Mr. G. Stacey, Minehead (hon. secretary). Towers represented were Watchet, Withypool, Chipstable, Carhampton, Timberscombe, Minehead, St. Audries, Huish Champflower, Wootton Courtenay, Bicknoller, Sampford Brett, Mounksilver, Skilgate, and Old Cleeve.

The association form of service was held, conducted by the chairman of the branch, and the Rector read the lesson and gave an appropriate address. Afterwards, the company were kindly entertained to tea in the Village Hall by the Rector and the ladies of the committee of the Mothers' Union.

The annual meeting followed, the Rev. R. A. W. Newman presiding. At the outset, Mr. Dawkins, who had to leave early, was heartily thanked for his part in the service, for allowing the use of the bells, and for all that he had done in making the visit such a pleasant one. Mr. Dawkins suitably replied, and said how pleased he was to welcome the association.

The balance-sheet and annual report was presented by Mr. G. Stacey. The accounts showed receipts amounting to £13 2s., including a balance brought forward on the year amounting to £4 6s. 6d., and the net profit for the year amounted to £7 7s. 2d. The report stated that four successful meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 51, as compared with 56 for the previous year. The association heartily thanked all the clergymen and Church Councils for the welcome it had received and for providing tea and room free. Twelve new members had been elected and one re-elected, and two hon. members had been added to the association. The association, however, regretted the loss through death of Mr. Edwin Thorne of Timberscombe, who was a promising young member; also the Rev. E. P. Stanley and Mr. G. H. Taylor, hon. members.

The report was adopted, and the following officers were then re-elected: Rev. R. A. W. Newman, chairman; Mr. G. Stacey, hon. secretary; Mr. W. A. Hawkins, auditor. Mr. J. Pugsley, of Minehead, was elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. I. Farmer, who, having retired, was heartily thanked for his past services, as was also Mr. H. Phillips, in the place of whom Mr. H. W. Tomkins was elected representative on the general committee.

Five new members were elected, viz., Mr. Ivor Holo, Watchet; Mr. D. Parsons, Wootton Courtenay; Mr. Lewis Eslick, Sampford Brett; Mr. S. Land and Miss Luck Hawkins, Huish Champflower.

Hawkridge was chosen as the next place of meeting, and before the meeting closed the Chairman expressed thanks to the ladies for supplying such a splendid tea and serving it so capably; to the organist, Mr. E. C. Gooding; and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Edwards; and all who had provided for the comfort of the meeting and made it so enjoyable. The chairman's remarks were warmly endorsed.

The chairman was heartily thanked at the instance of Mr. Isaac Farmer, and, in responding, Mr. Newman said he would do his best for the association, but he wanted the members also to do their part, as it was the rank and file who had to carry on the work, and it all depended on them.

AN AUSTRALIAN EXCURSION

MELBOURNE RINGERS VISIT BALLARAT.

On Boxing Day, eight members of the band at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, and Mr. F. Crawley, of Crewe, England, whom they had kindly invited to join them, his ship being then in Melbourne, paid a visit to Ballarat. They left on the 8 a.m. train, and, after a three hours' journey beguiled with handbell ringing and reminiscences of the older members, the gold mining town was reached. Here the party were met by several of the Ballarat ringers and conducted to the City Hall, where they were entertained to refreshments by the Mayor, who said how pleased he was to welcome change ringers to Ballarat. He was greatly desirous of hearing them ring, as he had been told by his own ringers how much more musical change ringing was than the rounds and call changes rung by the Ballarat ringers.

The tower, in which there is a peal of eight bells by Mears, tenor 28 cwt., which have been in over sixty years, was then visited. Several touches of Grandsire were rung before lunch, which was provided by the Ballarat ringers in a nearby restaurant.

After lunch a return was made to the tower. The local men showed their paces in call changes, and the visitors, although failing in an attempt for a quarter-peal, brought round several shorter touches of Grandsire until a halt was called for tea at 5 p.m. After tea, thanks were expressed to the local band for having everything in readiness, and an invitation given to them to visit St. Paul's, Melbourne, at an early date. The visitors had to make their departure at 6 p.m., Melbourne being reached at 9.30, after a very enjoyable outing.

Ballarat is an old venue of Melbourne ringers, Mr. J. M. Guest, Master of the St. Paul's Society, having rung there in the gold-digging days of fifty years ago.

RULES FOR RINGING COMPANIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—May I call the attention of the Exercise to the fact that the revised edition of 'Model Rules for a Local Company of Ringers' is now for sale, and may be obtained for sixpence on applying to me?—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

WOOTTON BASSETT BELLS REHUNG.

LOCAL RINGER'S GENEROUS CARE OF WILTSHIRE RING.

Another stage in the history of the bells at the Church of All Saints, Wootton Bassett, was reached on Saturday, when they were reopened after rehanging. The bells are a peal of eight, made up from an old peal of five by the addition of three trebles in the year 1890 by J. Warner and Sons, London. The tenor (19 cwt.), seventh and fourth bear the date 1633, the 5th and 6th were recast at the time of the restoration and addition. The bells are well known throughout the ringing world, as many peals have been rung on them, the outstanding performance being a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, the first by a local band in the West out of Bristol, on March 17th, 1923.

For some time the bells have been rather loose in the frame, and it was therefore decided by the Church Council to call in the bell hangers and have the matter attended to. The result was that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston refitted the ring with new gudgeons and bearings, etc., at a cost of £89.

Ringers from the following towers attended the opening meeting: Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret's, Gloucester, Croydon, Colne, Bromhill, Purton, Broad Hinton, Cliff Pyford, Devizes, etc. A short service was conducted by the Rev. D. Bartlett, assisted by the Rev. Aspinall, after which the ringers adjourned to the Vicarage for tea, to which 42 members sat down. A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and Mr. Bartlett for their kind hospitality. Various methods from Grand sire to Cambridge Surprise were afterwards rung, the ringing being of very good quality.

It is interesting to note, in passing, that the writer of the above notes, Mr. L. A. Wilu, has been in charge of these bells for the long period of 32 years, and during that time has borne the whole expense of the upkeep of the bells and of various improvements in the tower. He has now had the pleasure of having the bells made safe for at least another 50 years. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have designed a special type of solid gun-metal bearings in which the bells are now going nicely. Mr. Wilu was not in love with ball bearings, hence the putting in of plain bearings.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held a meeting at Ewhurst on Saturday, and it proved quite a successful gathering—all things considered. First of all, Ewhurst is three miles from the nearest railway station, but a bus service saves it from complete isolation. Secondly, Saturday afternoon provided a continuous downpour of rain—and here again the 'buses,' public and private, saved the situation. Without them, the meeting might have been a 'wash out' in more senses than one. Ewhurst on a pleasant summer afternoon is a lovely place—on a cold and wet day in March it is anything but that, but ringing visitors found a cordial welcome, first of all in the belfry, where several of the local ringers were present, and, later, from the new Vicar, who conducted the Guild's service and gave an unconventional address, in the course of which he said that he had himself just taken up ringing. The singing was led by the organ and two choirmen, and the little congregation made a valiant vocal show.

The Vicar, unfortunately, was unable to be present at tea, to which 26 sat down, at the Bull's Head Inn, the company including members from Cranleigh, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Woking, Cobham, West Clandon and Ewhurst, together with a visitor from Rudgwick. The Master (Maj. J. H. B. Hesse) presided over the meeting, but there was little business to transact. The most important was the election as members of seven ringers from Bramley, four from Ewhurst, and the Rev. G. J. G. Mitchell, of Cranleigh. This influx was the result of some splendid spade work done by Mr. R. Whittington and other members of the Cranleigh band, who have been giving valuable aid in both the towers.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was accorded on the motion of Admiral T. P. Walker.

Afterwards further good work was put in in the tower, where Grand sire and Stedman Doubles and Bob and Treble Bob Minor were rung. The bells are a light ring of six, hanging in a central tower, the two oldest being pre-Reformation bells, bearing the 'R.L.' shield, which points to them having come from Wokingham or Reading in the late fifteenth or early sixteenth century. William Eldridge, of Chertsey, added the two tenors in 1671, and Thomas Mears put in the two trebles in 1839. The ringing chamber is approached from one of the transepts by a long, straight wooden stairway, protected only by a handrail. Strangers negotiate the top steps warily, especially when descending in the dark.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

NUMERICALLY AND FINANCIALLY PROSPEROUS.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th in beautiful springlike weather. The bells of the Parish Church were placed at the disposal of the members from three o'clock, and they were kept merrily going in various methods until service was held in church. This was conducted by the Rev. Canon Phelps, Vicar of Dudley, and president of the Guild, who gave the address, the lesson being read by the Rev. Dr. Worger-Slade (assistant priest). After the service, an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was in readiness, provided by funds collected by the secretary (Mr. Herbert Sheppard) from prominent members of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends and supporters of the Guild. It was admirably served by a contingent of ladies, and the following kindly presided at the tables: Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Worger-Slade, Mrs. Shuttleworth, Mrs. Goodman, and Miss Bessie Sheppard. Over 100 members and friends sat down to tea.

Before the commencement of the business meeting, the Vicar gave a most hearty welcome to the members on behalf of himself, the churchwardens, and Parochial Church Council.

The president was supported by Councillor Shuttleworth (churchwarden), Rev. Dr. Worger-Slade, and Mr. Harry Mason. After business of a routine character had been disposed of, the secretary's annual report of the year's activities was read. It showed an increase in honorary and performing members, and numerically and financially the Guild was still in a prosperous condition.

Mr. Mason congratulated the officials and members on the favourable report and balance sheet, and he formally proposed that they be adopted as read, the proposition being carried unanimously.

The Vicar of Dudley, the Rev. Canon Phelps, M.A., R.D., was again unanimously elected president, and was cordially thanked for his services and support during the past year. The following were elected as vice-presidents: The Revs. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar of Rowley Regis), H. C. Kemp (Vicar of Netherton), Rev. Dr. A. Worger-Slade, Messrs. J. W. Naylor, H. Watson, C. E. Lloyd, F. R. McDowell, Arthur Spittle, Councillor Shuttleworth, Dr. P. S. Blaker, Harry Mason, Mr. John Goodman, jun., was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. Herbert Sheppard (who was also accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his valuable services to the Guild during the past year), hon. secretary. Mr. S. J. Hughes was again elected hon. treasurer and representative of the Guild to the Central Council. The auditors, Messrs. Fred Evans and Thos. Justice, were also re-elected.

Dudley was chosen as the place to attempt the annual peal, the necessary arrangements being left with the Ringing Master. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hagley, subject to the usual permission being obtained. Mr. Mason very generously offered, on behalf of Mrs. Mason, to entertain the members to tea at that meeting. The members greatly appreciated Mr. Mason's offer.

Mr. Shepherd expressed appreciation of the continued confidence of the members towards him, and said that he would do his best in the future as he had tried to do in the past all that he could for the success and welfare of the Guild.

Mr. Mason proposed that the best thanks of the Guild be given to the president for conducting the service, and for his address, for the use of the tower and bells, for the use of the Parish Hall in which to hold the tea and meeting, to the Rev. Dr. Worger-Slade for the part he took in the service. Special thanks were given to the donors to the tea fund, to the ladies for presiding at the tables, and to the ladies who prepared and served the tea and looked after the comfort of the company, to Mr. Fred Cox for the musical part of the service, and to all who had in any way contributed to the success and enjoyment of the proceedings.

This was considered by all to be the best and most successful meeting in the history of the Guild, which speaks volumes for the sociability and friendship among its members. After the meeting, members again kept the bells merrily ringing until it was time to take their several ways home after a very happy and pleasant afternoon.

STAFFORD VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

On Tuesday, March 11th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Mary's Church, Stafford, in 49 mins.: W. A. Riddington 1, F. R. Wiggan 2, A. E. Garbett 3, G. Booth 4, H. F. Evans 5, W. G. Curtis 6, J. Warrilow 7, Z. Baker 8. This quarter-peal was rung in honour of Stafford's veteran ringer, Mr. Zadok Baker (who rang the tenor), and who has now attained the age of 77 years.

At the conclusion, Mr. Baker was congratulated by his colleagues upon his achievement, and every good wish was expressed that he would have health and strength to enable him to ring for many more years.

As a youth, Mr. Baker rang at the Parish Church of Over, in Cheshire, and on coming to Stafford as a young man, he became a member of the band at St. Mary's Church, where he has rung ever since. Mr. Baker is a keen and enthusiastic ringer, and very seldom misses the weekly practice, or fails to be present for Sunday service ringing.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT LAMBETH.

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Lambeth on Saturday last, and was well attended, there being several enthusiasts present before the time of commencement. At three o'clock an opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung under the direction of the District Master (Mr. H. Mance). Subsequently, various methods were attempted with more or less success, several novices getting good practice. During the afternoon a visitor ascended the tower in the person of the Rector (Rev. Llewellyn Jones), who welcomed the members to Lambeth, and conducted prayers in the belfry. This was greatly appreciated, and might be more widely followed by incumbents with bells and ringers.

Tea was taken in the ancient Brew House, attached to Archbishop Tait's Infant School, some 25 members and friends partaking of a substantial meal, good humour being the keynote of the affair. Where do these humorists find their 'stuff,' by the way? After tea, the business was transacted, and the usual routine affairs quickly disposed of. A course of Cambridge Major was rung on handbells by the experts, and a return was then made to the tower for more ringing till 7.30. On the tower bells, methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise were rung during the day.

During the visit, the writer came across a cutting in the belfry ancient the 'Pedlar's window' in the church, which runs briefly thus: The pedlar's window in Lambeth Parish Church is one of the curious things found in some of the old London churches, and depicts the figure of a lusty pedlar, which is in striking contrast to the religious subjects of the other windows. It is the gem of the church, of 14th century glass, of very beautiful colouring. The pedlar wears brown boots, blue stockings, yellow coat, and tawny hat. He carries a stout stick and has a dog. It is said to be a painting of a benefactor who gave land to the parish, which is known as the 'Pedlar's Acre.'

During the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and to Mr. Hardy, of the local band, for their kindness on this occasion. After the lower bells were silent, an adjournment was made to 'another place,' where handbell ringing and gossip were indulged in, some Cambridge Royal and Bristol being successfully brought round.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BROXBOROUGH.

One of the most enjoyable and successful meetings held at Broxborough took place on March 8th. Friends were present from London, Leytonstone, Long Stanton, Cambs, Cheshunt, Wormley, Hornsey, Edmonton, Walthamstow, Royston, Baldock, Benington, Hertford, Ware, Harlow Common, Barley, Melbourne, Cambs, Stanstead, Little Munden and Hunsdon.

At the service, the Vicar (Rev. A. E. Jenkins) officiated, and offered a hearty welcome to all. The association's form of service was used. Tea was afterwards served at the Welcome Inn, and Mr. G. B. Lucas, an old friend and member, presided over the subsequent business meeting, at which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his welcome, also for his address and for the use of the bells.

The ringing during the day was of a high order, and included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major. It was a most enjoyable time, and the meeting of many old friends was greatly enjoyed.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

The bells of Willesborough, Kent, a handy little ring of six, which have been silent for some time, have now been rehung, a new ringing gallery erected, and the old belfry fitted up as a choir vestry. The rededication took place on March 1st, at evensong, at which the Revs. W. H. Symonds (Rector) and L. W. Mudge (assistant priest) officiated, the lessons being read by the Revs. W. H. Blackburne (Vicar of Ashford, R.D. of East Charing) and S. K. Lockyer (Vicar of Brabourne, R.D. of North Lympne). During the singing of the hymn, 'Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty,' the choir, preceded by the churchwardens, led the clergy to the new choir vestry, where the dedicatory prayers were read by the Ven. Archdeacon of Canterbury (Canon Hardcastle). The bells were then rung to a few rounds.

The Archdeacon, taking for his text, Exodus xxviii. 34, gave a very interesting address on bells and their uses. He spoke of the way in which ringing had developed, and hoped the ringers would always remember their position with great respect, as it was a real church work.

Ringers were present from Aldington, Ashford, Brabourne, Hythe, Kennington, Sturry and Tenterden.

Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, is to be congratulated on his work of relanging the bells, which 'go' like tops.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, March 11th, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Bailey, jun., 1, Rev. F. R. Borgey 2, E. Bailey, sen., 3, G. Lee 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6. First 720 Surprise on a working bell by Rev. F. R. Borgey.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: A. H. Whalley 1, T. Pritchard 2, E. V. Rodenhurst 3, L. W. Bishop 4, A. Pritchard 5, J. H. Hayward 6, W. A. Fletcher (conductor) 7, W. Thomas 8. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 16th, at Great St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 51 mins.: Miss V. Shorter 1, A. T. Cheney 2, F. Harper 3, J. W. Ward 4, R. Lathbury 5, B. D. Buttress 6, A. G. Rivers (conductor) 7, T. R. Dennis 8.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, March 16th, for Holy Communion service, 720 Spliced Double Oxford and St. Clement's Bob: T. Fuller 1, A. Relfe (conductor) 2, B. Luck 3, A. Marshall 4, W. Marshall 5, J. Bassett 6. Another 720 was rung for evensong, with E. Woodage 1, the rest as before. These 720's were rung with one of Mr. A. G. Driver's 'splices,' and it is the first time these two methods have been rung in one extent.

CHARING, KENT.—For evensong, on March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: Maurice Johnson 1, William Henniker 2, Allen Missing (longest length inside) 3, Wallace Good 4, Fred Good (conductor) 5, John Colbreay 6. John Colbreay's 60th birthday.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Lawrence, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. Grounbridge, sen., 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. F. Winney 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, T. W. Taffender 5, J. H. Cheesman 6, W. H. Theobald 7, A. D. Barker 8, E. D. Smith 9, J. Jarman 10.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, ten different callings): G. H. Jolland 1, Madge C. Jolland 2, W. W. Gardner 3, T. Cope (conductor) 4, T. Clark 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Kershaw, for many years Sunday School superintendent and churchwarden, who was buried that afternoon.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 16th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. B. Cole 1, H. Belcher 2, R. F. Deal 3, J. A. Waugh 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. H. Hewett 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8. Also after evensong, at St. Mark's, Dalston, 224 Cambridge Surprise Major and 528 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with Messrs. F. Digby, W. Bottrill, J. H. Crampion, F. W. Rogers and A. T. Greenwood taking part.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. M. Page (first quarter-peal of Grandsire inside) 2, A. Waddington 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, W. E. Butler (first quarter-peal) 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: H. Downing (longest touch) 1, H. A. Wacey 2, F. Springham 3, F. Bird (conductor) 4, Rev. F. W. Lane 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), the first quarter-peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight in July last: W. Kilby 1, E. J. Trimmer 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. Waugh 4, C. H. Chapman 5, F. W. Thornton (conductor) 6, R. Sanders 7, H. T. Willson (first quarter-peal) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—For divine service, at All Saints' Church, on the Eve of St. Patrick, 1,260 Bob Major in 51 mins.: F. West 1, F. Hayes (conductor) 2, R. Coles 3, S. T. Goodchild 4, E. Markham 5, G. Twitche 6, F. Borcham 7, C. E. Smith 8, D. F. Borcham 9, E. R. Coles 10.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. Clarke 1, H. Patrick 2, O. Mutton 3, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 4, B. Morris 6. Rung on the occasion of a visit of members of the Church Army to the church.

LONGEST LENGTH AT 72.

On Thursday evening, March 13th, at Chalfont St. Giles Parish Church, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor was rung to commemorate the 71st birthday of the Rector (Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall): G. Clarke 1, W. Elcombe 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, G. Ayres 5, H. W. Edwards (conductor) 6. G. Clark is 72 years of age, and has been a bellringer for 50 years, and this was his longest length. It was also the longest by ringers of 4 and 5.

A BELL TRUST.

On Sunday, March 9th, before morning service, at Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, with the bells half-muffled to commemorate the death of Miss Emma Barron, of Great Holland, 720 Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: W. Southgate 1, U. Wildney 2, H. Jones 3, E. Durrant 4, M. J. Ling 5, E. Davey 6, H. A. Wright (conductor) 7, A. J. Clarke 8. Also after morning service, 720 in the same method in same order, except H. A. Wright 6th, E. Davey (conductor) 7th. Miss Barron was the founder of the Barron Bell Trust, and Kirby-le-Soken was the first parish to benefit from the trust.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 27th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — A meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. Arrangements for tea please notify Miss D. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, near Chesterfield. — N. Cawthorne, Dis. Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 to 5.30. Service at 5.30. Tea (Harvest Home Hall, Beddington Lane) at 6.15. Meeting 7. Social (with handbells) 8 to 10. This year is the jubilee of the association, and Beddington is the foundation tower. Come and make this meeting a record gathering.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held on March 22nd (postponed from March 15th) at Ufford. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.30, in St. Mary's Hall. Meeting after.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch-in-Rossendale, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports and diagrams to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—The spring quarterly meeting will be held at Purton on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage by kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. N. S. Willis. Those who intend being present for tea please notify me early.—S. Hopper, 72, Edinburgh Street, Swindon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A district meeting will be held at Frensham on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Village Hall.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Finchley on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual charge, at 5.30. All members and friends welcomed, but please let me know if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Fulmer (6 bells) on Saturday, March 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Guild Service 5 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided. A good meeting is requested. All ringers will be cordially welcomed.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Easthampstead (near Bracknell) to-morrow, Saturday, March 22nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—The restored and augmented peal (to six bells) by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated on Wednesday, March 26th, at 3 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Lightcliffe on Sat., March 29th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 1/3 per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. Lawson, 5, Northedge Lane, Hipperholme, near Halifax, not later than Wednesday, March 26th. Subscriptions for 1929-30 are now due, and the Annual Reports may be had at this meeting.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Longstanton on Saturday, March 29th. Bells 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify by 26th? Methods: Bob Major, Stedman, Cambridge and Superlative.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 29th. Bells at the Cathedral and S. Nicolas' Church 3 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30 p.m. (preacher, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). Tea and business meeting in Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, March 25th. This is important as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Hockering Gardens, Woking.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Babcary on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Owing to re-naming of streets by the Corporation, the address of the Fylde Branch Secretary has been changed to 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Everleigh on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 2.30. Visitors requiring tea, kindly notify the secretary.—Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Leaze, Baydon, Marlborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, March 29th, at the two 6-bell towers of St. Michael and St. Stephen. Meeting at St. Michael's at 2.45 p.m., St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec. North Mimms, Hatfield.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore, Middlesex, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea and meeting. All members are asked to support this meeting, and those requiring tea should advise me without fail by March 25th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Pucklechurch on Saturday, March 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Fleur-de-Lys 5 p.m., followed by short meeting. Abson bells available after tea. Kindly notify me by 25th number for tea. All ringers welcome. Bus 19A from Careys Lane every hour.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus and train service. Visitors heartily welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready early. Will all those who require tea please notify Mr. Crowe, Town End, Hatfield, near Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, March 26th. A good attendance is requested at this meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Oxford in the Chapter House 'Ch. Ch.' on Saturday, April 5th, at 3.15 p.m.—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Cobham (6 bells) on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. James, Home Cottages, Cobham, by Wednesday, April 2nd.—Alan R. Pink, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 3.30. Please notify not later than April 2nd. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1/-) in Parish Room. Please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting if you intend to be present.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. — James W. Grounds, Branch Sec. 8, School Lane, Standish.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest at Heptonstall, near Hebden Bridge, on Saturday, April 5th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Will those who require tea please send not later than March 31st to L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SPRATTON, NORTHANTS.—Dedication on Tuesday, April 8th, at 6 p.m., of the peal of five, restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Rd., Chorley

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 50th annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury (where the Association was instituted) on Easter Monday, April 21st. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Library at 11.15. Special service in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Address by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury. Luncheon in the County Hall at 1.30, presided over by His Grace the Archbishop, followed by business meeting. Towers open for ringing: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege (6), outlying districts if desired. Luncheon tickets free to practising members only; non-members 3/6. Railway vouchers for the day for return journey at single fare from any station in Kent, Surrey, Sussex and London, can be had on applying, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to the undersigned. Mr. Morton W. Pierce has kindly offered to conduct ringers and friends round this historic Cathedral at 4 p.m. Application for luncheon tickets must be made on or before Saturday, April 12th, after which date they cannot be entertained.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The management committee meeting will be held at Stonehouse on Saturday, May 3rd, about 4 p.m.—The general annual meeting will be held at Lydney, Forest of Dean, on Saturday, May 31st, at 3.30, at Feathers Hotel (provisionally). Notice to move the alteration, deletion, or addition to rules must be given before May 3rd.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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A FRATERNAL GATHERING AT SHILDON.

On Saturday, February 1st, a fraternal meeting was held at Shildon, when ringers from Darlington and others were invited to an afternoon's ringing for the benefit of the local company. Several touches of Bob and Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, in which the local men took part, as far as possible, some for the first time on this number of bells.

Adjournment was made for tea in the cafe by the church gate, when seventeen sat down, the Vicar (Rev. H. B. Watts) presiding. Mr. T. Clark proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for paying the expenses of the tea, and for the use of the bells. Mr. G. Park seconded the proposition, which Mr. J. Titt supported.

The Vicar, in reply, said he enjoyed the afternoon's ringing, and was very pleased to be present at such a pleasant gathering.

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