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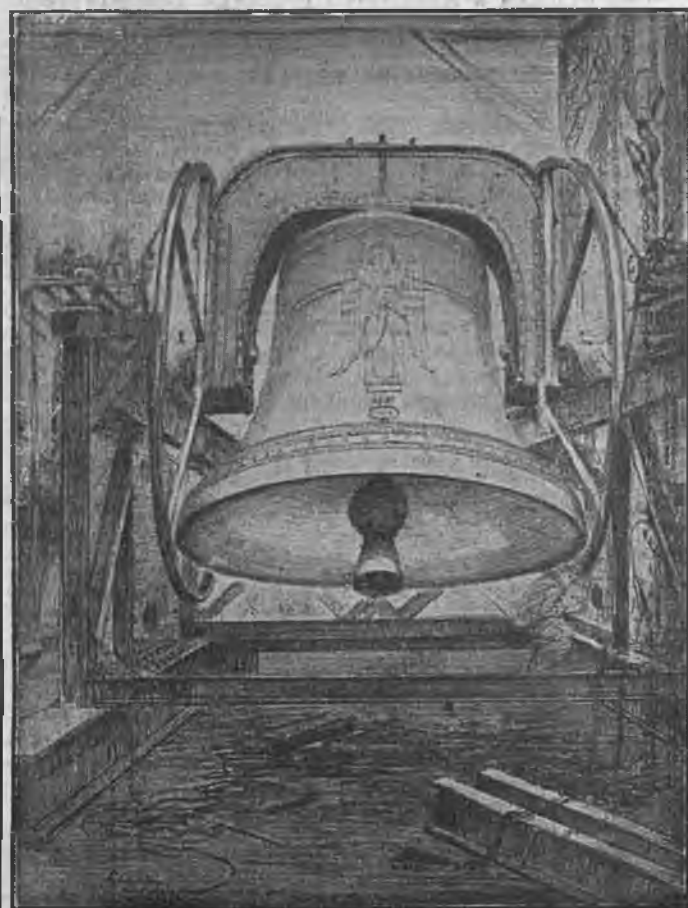
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IRRETRIEVABLY CONDEMNED.

We refrained last week from commenting on the conclusion of Mr. Albert Wright's letter, wherein, after explaining that the 17,687 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick contained the repetition of one lead, he went on to say that the Painswick Youths, not being affiliated to the Central Council, make their own 'Rules and Decisions' and still claim to have rung the greatest number of true changes on twelve bells. At the time when Mr. Wright wrote his letter he must doubtless have been suffering under a sense of keen disappointment and we feel sure that on reflection he has realised that any such claim cannot possibly be substantiated. We feel, therefore, that we may now say a word without risk of adding to the 'coals of fire.' From the beginning of peal ringing history falseness in a peal has irretrievably condemned the complete performance, and no portion picked out from the whole has ever been recognised as entitled to a claim of any sort. It has not needed any rule or decision of the Central Council to establish that practice. It has existed ever since the first false peal was rung, and so thoroughly established is it that the Council have not even thought it necessary to provide for such a contingency as a claim for recognition of a portion of a false peal, although it deals specifically with any 'shift or error in ringing,' and provides also that on eight bells and upwards there shall be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval. Mr. Wright does not, of course, claim that what is left out of the 17,687 constitutes a peal, and, after further consideration, we think he will realise that he should not make any other kind of claim for it. The verdict of the whole Exercise will be against anything of the sort.

Incidentally this emphasises one of the points we endeavoured to make in the discussion which ranged round the question of what should constitute a peal of Minor. We pointed out then that to admit anything but true extents would open the door to claims being made for peals in the course of which, to counteract, for instance, a mis-call by the conductor, a couple of extra courses were put in. Under conditions which were advocated it would be possible to claim as genuine peals 'cooked' by this means, and while the Minor question has no direct relationship to the false composition rung at Painswick, we see here how principles in one phase of ringing are linked with another. Once a beginning is made to interfere with certain very definite standards, one gets on to the slippery slope which leads eventually to disaster. Common sense, as well as age-long practice, will defeat any claim such as that sug-

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gested by Mr. Wright on behalf of the Painswick Youths, but if once the door is opened, it would not be a very big step from having to recognise a peal of 5,160 Bob Minor, in which two courses had been added in the middle of one of the 720's, to the compulsory recognition of a 17,665 of Grandsire Cinques through the discovery that in a 17,687 one lead had been rung twice. Let those who think that these are imaginary fears remember that part of a false peal has now been seriously claimed as the greatest number of true changes rung on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

HARRY GOODMAN...	...Trebble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	6
GILBERT GUEST ...	... 2	HARRY HUBBALL ...	7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ...	... 3	WILLIAM GREEN ...	8
WILLIAM FISHER ...	... 4	HENRY GOODMAN ...	9
JOHN GOODMAN ...	... 5	*WILFRED FULLWOOD...	Tenor

Composed by Wm. Micklewright. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN

* First attempt for a peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

STEPHEN H. ROBINSON ...	...Trebble	*THOMAS B. WHITE ...	5
WILLIAM BROWN ...	... 2	ROBERT PARKINSON ...	6
JOHN CRAWFORD...	... 3	WILLIAM SHERATON, SEN.	7
*CHARLES H. HUMPHRISS ...	... 4	*WILLIAM SHERATON, JUN.	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT PARKINSON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight. First peal of Grandsire by all except the conductor. First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

WHITTLESEY, ISLE OF ELY.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*W. HARDY ...	...Trebble	J. KING ...	5
*W. SLATER ...	... 2	J. OLDFIELD ...	6
*J. W. PICKETT ...	... 3	W. SMITH ...	7
*F. H. NEWMAN ...	... 4	F. MEDLOCK ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal. An entirely local peal, all being members of the tower, except the ringer of No. 4, who hails from the neighbouring tower of St. Andrew's.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED HAWKES ...	...Trebble	WILLIAM RANFORD ...	5
*DENNIS R. MORRIS ...	... 2	CYRIL TANSELL ...	6
FRANK LAWRENCE ...	... 3	CHARLES CAMM ...	7
SIDNEY T. HOLY ...	... 4	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT TEY.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on December 31st, at 11.30 p.m., a touch of Bob Major (632 changes), and on January 1st, at 12.3 a.m., a touch of 576 changes. Rung by the local band.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5085 CHANGES.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

* CHARLES CLARKE Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6
CECIL W. PIPE 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
* HAROLD E. SYMONDS 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

FRED HINDLE Treble	J. WRIGHT 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	CECIL RADDON 6
JAMES GROUNDS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN BROWN 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5085 CHANGES.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM E. EMERY Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
GEORGE GREEN 3	WILLIAM BURGESS 7
FREDERICK G. RADLEY 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

G. Ablitt was elected a member of the association previous to the commencement of the peal.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
* MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

ROBERT SWIFT Treble	CECIL NICE 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

* FREDERICK J. MANN Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ALFRED MANN 3	FRANK OXSHOTT 7
WILLIAM ROBINSON 4	* ERNEST MANN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Canon Hunter (who for many years was at the above church) and Mrs. Hunter.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

RICHARD D. DIVALL Treble	ROBERT STREDWICK 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	JOHN O. WELLER 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	JOSEPH WREN 7
LEONARD A. TIDY 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Wren. The ringer of the 6th was elected a member before starting.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HERBERT FULCHER Treble	FREDERICK ROOPE 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
WALTER BARRETT 4	FREDERICK R. BORETT Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN. Conducted by E. WHITING.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F.

ERIC G. BENNETT Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON 6
CHARLES F. GOODMAN 3	FRANK S. CLARKE 7
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

N. Golden has now called a peal from each bell in this tower, being the first 'to complete the circle' here. This composition, reduced from 5,600, contains the 6th the extent in 5-6, all the 8-6's and eleven of the 8-4's, and is rung for the first time.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

Rung as a 'jubilee peal' for the Diocesan Guild, by special permission of the Vicar and the steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Coles, to whom the band tender their united thanks.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 19, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
JOHN A. WAUGH 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

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ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, January 19, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM WHITING Treble	*JOHN CRAWFORD 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	GEORGE COOK 6
WILLIAM COOK 3	ARTHUR SMITH 7
ALAN R. PINE 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal of Major. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Canon and Mrs. Hunter.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,944 London, 736 Cambridge, 736 Superlative, and 608 Bristol. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	†JOHN H. CRAMPION 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HARRY KILBY 7
†ALICK CUTLER 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
The Cambridge and Superlative were rung in alternate courses.
* 200th peal. † First spiced peal. ‡ First spiced peal in four methods.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROSE Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
FRANK ROWLINSON 2	*FRANK H. NEWMAN 6
*JOHN F. PICKETT 3	*WILLIAM SMITH 7
*WALTER SLATER 4	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.
* First peal of Major. These bells were rebung and two trebles added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in June last year, and this is the first peal ever rung in the tower.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COUNT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS STEPHENSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 5
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT L. PATTERSON.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. Stephenson. Mr. T. H. Reeves hails from Birmingham.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbe,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*WILFRED HENAGULPH Treble	GEORGE HORWOOD 5
FRANK BECKETT 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 3	RICHARD POST 7
*SIDNEY TAYLOR 4	†CHARLES E. WIGG Tenor

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. * First peal in the method. † First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A REAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5182 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN COOK Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	ROBERT BRETT 6
WALTER CHARMAN 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Rung on the 46th anniversary of the foundation of the Sussex County Association.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	GEORGE HOUGHIN 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
WILLIAM J. WASEY 4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITBY Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

FRANK G. RINGE Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
*PHILLIP E. BUTTON 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
FRANK B. LUFFIN 4	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. F. E. Collins, who is engaged by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in rehanging the bells of Chelmsford Cathedral, was elected a member of the association before the attempt. First peal in the method as a conductor.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(AYLESBEARE DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE STOCKER... .. Treble	JOHN M. SKINNER 5
WILLIAM J. MANLEY 2	ALBERT LOVERING 6
FRED DIMOND 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
EDWARD SPRAGUE 4	GEORGE RENDALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

First peal for the ring of the 6th.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURREY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
REGINALD C. KERSEY 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

First peal in the method by all. Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the first Surprise on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TRULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK CAVILL Treble	SIDNEY A. WYATT 4
*JACK ROY 2	HENRY CHURCHILL 5
FREDERICK G. SPARKES 3	H. PERCY SPARKES Tenor

Conducted by F. G. SPARKES.

* First peal. First as conductor.

MELBOURN, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in E.

BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	EDWARD H. FINCH 4
MISS KITTY WILLIERS 2	JOHN W. WARD 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	FRANK HARPER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK HARPER.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 15, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings, 42 six-scores.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ARTHUR WATTS Treble	*CHARLES E. BASSETT 4
*CYRIL S. WEST 2	WILLIAM READ 5
GEOFFREY AMEY 3	WILLIAM AMEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMOND.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	FRANK PRICE 4
WILFRED P. LAMBERT 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3	THOMAS J. SETTER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells.

LONGCOT, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Treble	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 4
HUBERT E. TAYLOR 2	*THOMAS CLARKE 5
CUTHBERT I. J. PEARCE ... 3	†ALBERT E. W. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Doubles. Mr. A. E. W. Smith has now rung the tenor to peals of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

ENMORE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*WALTER POOLE Treble	WALTER WILLIAMS 4
G. THOMAS BAKER 2	JACK ROY 5
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 3	*ARTHUR ROSSITER Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

ARLESEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	†LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 4
*ARTHUR W. DILLY 2	ERNEST FREEMAN 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble.

GESTINGTHORPE.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven variations of extents.

A. CATTERWELL Treble	E. TURNER 4
B. W. PETTITT 2	C. BARKER 5
H. CATTERWELL 3	O. BROYD Tenor

Conducted by O. BROYD.

WITHERNSEA, YOKES.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ERNEST E. TAYLOR ... Treble	JOHN M. PICKERING 4
*THOMAS SHEPPARD 2	Cecil W. H. TOMLINSON ... 5
STANLEY WEBB 3	*PERCY J. METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY WEBB.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung entirely by the local company.

EAST CROMPTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Merchants' Return, Woodbine, London Scholars', Sandal, Kingston, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALWYN TAYLOR Treble	JOHN R. BUCKLEY 4
CROMPTON HOWARTH 2	†JOSEPH BURGESS 5
RICHARD H. BYROM 3	JOHN BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. † First peal in seven methods. Ringers of treble and 5 hail from Hamer and Friezland respectively, the rest are local ringers. Rung as a birthday peal for Walter Oates, one of the local ringers. J. Burgess was proposed a member of the Lancashire Association in the belfry.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge, and two each of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM SWAIN Treble	FRED WHEELER 4
ERNEST MALLENDER 2	FRED CLARKE 5
VAUGHAN COX 3	FRED W. KNOWLES Tenor

Conducted by FRED W. KNOWLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Mallender, who afterwards entertained the ringers to tea.

SAINTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

STANLEY INGLES Treble	STANLEY TEAGUE 4
HAROLD SADLER 2	FRANK SADLER 5
JOHN HALL 3	WILLIAM CLEMENTS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

First peal by all the band except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 28, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT WEST CROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	LEWIS WISEMAN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	ALBERT CATTERWELL 7-8

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Lewis Wiseman has now rung each pair to a peal of Major.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 18, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	FRANK LORD 7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	HAROLD MARCON 9-10
JACK BRAY 5-6	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 11-12

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal 'in hand' on twelve by all the band and for the Guild.
First peal on twelve by all except C. McGuinness and H. Marcon.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT BLEAK HOUSE, LEIGHTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT FLERT 1-2	DOUGLAS HARRIS 5-6
ERNEST HERBERT 3-4	CYRIL HERBERT 7-8
EDMOND J. HOBBS 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

First peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band, in the county, and for the association.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 25, 1931, in Two Hours,

AT 66, CRESSING ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

*WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4
†ERNEST BRIGHT 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Minor on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DEVON GUILD.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS FOR INSTRUCTION FUND.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Kingsteignton on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Cockington, Paignton, Churston, Brixham, Buckfastleigh, Kenn, Exeter, Clist St. George, etc. The bells were kept going to the Grandsire method during the afternoon, and a service in church was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Guild, the lesson being read by Mr. F. J. Laxton (Torquay), chairman of the branch.

After tea in the schoolroom, the business meeting took place, Mr. Laxton presiding. The annual report of the branch was produced and adopted, and was considered satisfactory. It showed that there had been an increase in membership, and that Sunday service ringing had been maintained.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, and both suitably returned thanks. Stoke Gabriel was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, the date being left in the hands of the secretary.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Kingsteignton for the use of the bells, and the meeting expressed regret at his illness. The organist was also thanked for assisting at the service. The visitors were also welcomed, and the president was thanked for his address in church.

The question of having collections at the services was again discussed, and it was decided to adopt this procedure, commencing at the next meeting, these collections to go towards the Instruction Fund.

This ended the business, and the party adjourned to the tower again, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday a meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Sutton-on-Trent, when members from East Markham, Edwinstowe, Billingham, Folkingham, Gamston, Peterborough, Ordsall and Orston were heartily welcomed by a full company of local ringers. During the afternoon and evening everybody had an enjoyable ring at methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise. Tea was served in a most excellent manner by a few lady workers, who were afterwards thanked for their admirable work.

The Rev. J. H. Elling, Vicar of Sutton-on-Trent, presided over the meeting, and in welcoming the association to Sutton wished them the best success during this year and the years to come.—The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, replied, and said that Sutton had a fine ring of six, but he would like to see them made into a complete octave in the near future.

The Rev. J. M. Elling was elected a vice-president, while the following new members were elected: Miss Elling, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood, of Sutton-on-Trent, and Mr. M. Pollard, of North Anston.

It was decided to leave the place and date of the next meeting to the committee, as it was the general opinion that the annual meeting should be held a little earlier than in previous years.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding over the meeting. He also thanked the caterers and ringers for making such splendid arrangements, which he was sure everyone had fully enjoyed.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Martin's, Epsom, on Saturday, January 24th, when about 35 ringers attended from Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon, Dorking, Epsom, Ewell, Leatherhead, London, Mersham, Mitcham and Sreatham. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock and some good practice was obtained in various methods until five o'clock, when a short and enjoyable service was conducted by the curate. A very enjoyable tea had been arranged at Wright's Tea Rooms, followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark). Five new ringing members were elected, which is a good start for the new year.

The annual report and balance sheet proved very satisfactory, and were passed by the meeting.

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at the following towers, if possible, viz.: Dorking on Easter Monday, Beddington May 23rd, Rammore Common July 25th (this to be a joint meeting with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild, if possible), Guildford September 26th, Benhilton November 28th, and the annual district meeting at St. Peter's, Croydon, on January 23rd, 1932.

The present officers were re-elected, as were the committee representatives, with one exception, Mr. A. H. Winch resigning, and Mr. A. R. Pink being elected to fill the vacancy.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to the organist for his services, and, last but not least, to Mr. Percy Cooper, the local steeplekeeper, for the excellent arrangements he had made.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until nine o'clock, everybody being catered for from beginners to experts. The methods practised during the afternoon and evening ranged from call changes to Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**MEETING OF NORTHERN BRANCH AT WORDSLEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Wordsley on Saturday. In the afternoon the bells of the Parish Church were rung, after which they attended a special service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Fowler), who was also the preacher. Mr. Simpkins was at the organ. The members were the guests of the Wordsley Parochial Church Council at tea in the Church School, and the Rector presided at the meeting which followed. Among those present were Messrs. H. Quarry and D. E. Cooper (wardens), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), and A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), members of the Central Committee of the association, H. Skidmore (Brierley Hill) Ringing Master, A. J. Skelding (secretary and treasurer), and representatives of the following bellfries: Brierley Hill, Oldbury, Netherton, Old Hill, Cradley, Oldswinford, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Kinver, Wordsley, St. Thomas', Dudley, Selly Oak, Halesowen, St. Thomas', Stourbridge and Cleat.

The Rector expressed the appreciation of all associated with the Wordsley Parish Church that the branch had chosen Wordsley as their place of meeting, because it gave them the opportunity of coupling up with the work of the association the fine work done by their own bellringers.

The Rector was unanimously elected an hon. member of the association, and the following were elected ordinary members: Messrs. Frank Jones (Kinver), Kenneth Pardoe (Stourbridge) and Henry Goodman (Dudley). The next quarterly meeting was arranged to be held at Harborne in June. Mr. Harold Cooper (Wordsley) was appointed to conduct the quarterly peal, which will be rung at Wordsley.

The members discussed at some length proposals for the celebration of the jubilee of the association in 1932. At a previous meeting a suggestion by Mr. Salter that the bells at Bromsgrove or Kidderminster should be augmented to twelve bells was adopted, and it was decided to request the Central Committee to give this further consideration at the annual meeting on Easter Monday.

The branch accepted with thanks the gift of a large number of volumes of 'Bell News,' offered by Mr. Harry Mason (Hagley). They will be in the care of Mr. Cooper, librarian of the branch, and will be for the use of the whole of the association.

Thanks were accorded the Rector, and organist, the donors of the tea, and the ladies who had done the catering.

HOW TO HOLD A BELL ROPE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Russam's letter shows me that I did not quite make myself clear in my letter of December 19th, in regard to the correct way to hold the tail end of the rope. He will agree with me that a correct hold will do two things. It will interfere the least possible amount with the grip on the sally, and it will cause no annoyance to one's immediate neighbours in the tower. Obviously then, the tail end should lie in the crutch of the thumb, transversely across the sally, allowing four fingers to grip the sally unimpeded by the rope's end. The tendency for every learner, without exception, that I have seen is to hold the tail between the four fingers and the sally. This has the effect of reducing the power of the grip and also throws the loop of the rope out and away from the ringer. This can be a nuisance, and, indeed, a positive danger, in a confined space. Whether the tail end be held in the right or left hand, or above or below the other hand on the sally, does not appear to matter.—Yours faithfully,
J. T. DYKE.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**RESIGNATION OF THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at the headquarters, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, January 24th, and was attended by about 40 members. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., and at 5 p.m. an adjournment was made to the crypt for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Pat McCormick), who was present, together with the newly-appointed Vicar of Shoreditch. After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the business meeting was held in the Church Hall. Here the Vicar welcomed the members in a very cordial speech, as did also the Vicar of Shoreditch.

The balance sheet was presented and passed. It showed a good surplus on the year's working, indicating that the society has not been inactive during the past year. Mr. J. D. Matthews was re-elected Master, Mr. G. Steere was re-elected treasurer, Mr. F. Smith and Mr. A. Hardy trustees, Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. T. Bevan stewards, and Mr. R. Bevan and Mr. T. Newman re-elected auditors. Mr. G. A. Card was elected hon. secretary in place of Mr. J. Sparrow, who resigned.

After the meeting, a return was made to the tower, and ringing kept going until 9 p.m. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Sledman Cinques, Treble Ten, and a course of Cambridge Maximus.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A National Guild of Police Ringers was formed at Leicester last Saturday, with Inspector William Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police, as the first president.

Benjamin Annable, who joined the College Youths about the year 1721, was Master in 1746, and was one of the greatest among pioneers of the art of ringing, died on February 1st, 1756, and was buried at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

Forty years ago next Monday, Harrison's 10,176 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex. Last Saturday, a peal in the same method was rung at the same tower. Mr. Walter Charman, now leader of the Warnham band, was in both peals.

February 5th is the anniversary of two long peals. On that day in 1783 a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley, and in 1888 12,041 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

Peal ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, is now an infrequent occurrence, but lest they may have overlooked it, we would remind the Ancient Society of College Youths that their society rang a peal of 7,018 Grandsire Cinques, 'being the longest that was ever done,' on the famous bells exactly 200 years ago on February 14th next. The event ought not to pass without a commemorative peal.

It is interesting to note that at least five of the band of two centuries ago afterwards became Masters of the society—Matthew East (1734), Samuel Jeacocke (1737), William Pickard (1740), Benjamin Annable (1746), and John Cundell (1753). Others of the band may have been Masters at some time or other, but the records between 1703 and 1731 are not complete.

The peal at Hallow, recorded in our last issue, was rung on January 17th, not January 10th as printed.

The restoration of the tower of Dunstable Priory Church has now been completed, and largely attended thanksgiving services were held on Sunday week.

Members of Oxford University Society will hold their annual commemorative lunch on February 7th.

Mr. Harry Mason, of Hagley, Worcestershire, has presented the complete copies of 'The Bell News' to the Worcestershire Association. Mr. Mason has always been pleased, in the past, to make any search through the pages of that journal for information desired by ringers, but, having now parted with the volumes, he will not, in future, be able to do so.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

REVISED ISSUE OF VALUABLE WORK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to draw the attention of the Exercise to the two additional Central Council publications which appear this week in the advertisement.

The first is the revised issue of the book on 'The preservation of bells, etc.,' which is to be sold at ninepence, and the second, 'Method sheets,' refers to the plain courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major, which were printed in large type for the Council a few years ago, when a certain number were sold. There are two sheets, measuring 21 x 16 inches, one of which contains Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and the other Cambridge Surprise Major. They are printed thus for the purpose of instruction in the ringing room. They are to be sold at threepence per sheet.

When I received the above sheets recently from Mr. Young, he also sent me a parcel of 'Circuits of Stedman Caters' by John Carter, known to the Exercise as 'Carter's Broadsheet.' This is not a Council publication, but for the benefit of the Exercise I am prepared to send a copy to any member on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope; one 9 x 4 inches, with a halfpenny stamp, would meet the case.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

THE CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. G. Hibbins' letter, it is quite true he published what was thought to be a Cambridge Youths' peal in August, 1924. It should, however, be unnecessary to remind him, as a former member of the society, that the belfry election of Mr. A. G. Rivers as an hon. member of the society needed confirmation at a subsequent meeting, as is the usual practice throughout the country.

The rules in force at the time of the 1924 peal, as Mr. Hibbins well knows, did not provide for the election of hon. members unless balloted for at a monthly meeting, and accompanied by the appropriate fee for election.

It was confidently hoped, after the 1924 peal, that the rules would be revised so as to include Mr. Rivers' nomination and duly elect him at a reasonable subscription rate. Unfortunately, the matter drifted on till December, 1926, when the question was brought to a head by the rejection of Mr. Rivers, with others, as members.

In the circumstances the 1924 peal must be credited to the Ely Diocesan Association only, and the particulars quoted in 'The Ringing World' of January 9th, 1931, stand as correct.

T. R. DENNIS,

Hon. Sec., Cambridge Youths.

PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL.

AN ANCIENT CHURCH.

Dedicated to St. Thomas of Canterbury, who before his assassination in 1170 A.D. presented the land for this purpose of the church, St. Thomas', Portsmouth, now the Cathedral of the new diocese, was completed and opened in 1180 A.D. It is a cruciform building with tower originally at the intersection of the transepts, but when the tower fell in the Middle Ages, it was rebuilt at the west end and the two cupolas of wood added. The bells (originally six) were cast from a ring of five presented by Queen Anne's Consort, and came from a Roman pharos off Deal. They were eventually cast into eight, with a 25½ cwt. tenor. These were recast and rehung by Taylor in 1912. An ancient peal board is in the tower as follows:—
On July 30th, 1749, was rung by Ebanr. Hoare 1, T. Valentine 2, James Keel 3, Wm. Palmer 4, T. Wynn 5, T. Barlow 6, Wm. Bedford 7, Wm. Crocker 8. The whole peal of Grandsire Triples in



THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS, PORTSMOUTH.

3 hours and 10 minutes, being ye first 5,040 that ever was complicated here. Mr. G. Antram, Mr. Jas. Deacon, Churchwarden.

The bells, as a ring of eight, were first rung on December 21st, 1703.

Catherine of Braganza was married to her Royal Spouse in this church, and the original certificate is still to be seen. The beautiful stained glass was destroyed by the Cromwellian soldiery, and the architecture suffered somewhat by 'improvements' by the Puritans.

The tower was originally used as a watch and beacon tower, so that the appearance of pirates could be quickly communicated via Portchester Castle to Winchester, then the capital of England, and traces of the watchman's habitation may still be seen.

The heart of the Duke of Buckingham, assassinated by John Felton in the old High Street, is supposed to be preserved in a monument to his memory in the church.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.

It was at the Cathedral that the annual meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, when over 40 members were present from Alverstoke, Bramshott, Gosport, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Titchfield, Ryde and Wickham, also the Master (Mr. G. Williams). The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and the Guild's service was held in the Cathedral. (Continued in next column.)

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.

ST. BENEDICT'S TOWER A PRECIOUS RELIC.

The proposals put forward in our columns for a celebration of Stedman's Tercentenary at Cambridge during this year and, if possible, the restoration of the bells on which Stedman himself used to ring at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, to mark the event, have evoked a favourable reply from the Vicar, the Rev. W. Greenwood, and Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, who is well known as one of the greatest authorities on the subject, has very kindly undertaken to make an independent inspection and report.

In the past ringing has been restricted at St. Benedict's Church with the one object of maintaining the stability of the Saxon tower—a very precious relic—and any scheme of bell restoration will necessarily require very careful thought. It would, however, be a great thing to accomplish, if the Exercise could restore the bells and safeguard the tower where the 'father' of change ringing did most of his practical work for the art.

As soon as there is any outcome of the steps now being taken, our readers will be informed, and we look forward to the possibility of something being done to mark fittingly the very interesting event. Already promises of support are forthcoming in many quarters, and the suggestions we have made have met with general approval.

MORE THAN ONE GOOD PURPOSE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please give me the opportunity of supporting with the utmost enthusiasm your splendid suggestion for the celebration of Stedman's tercentenary. I remember ringing on the historic bells of St. Benedict's Church on Ascension Day, 1897. The restoration of these bells may well serve more than one good purpose. At present, unless any change has been made within the last year or two, there is not a single church in Cambridge where the bells are rung for the Sunday services. After such a reopening of these famous bells as you have in view, there will most likely be a six-bell band ready to undertake their regular ringing at once, as well as to train any young band that may be formed in the parish. With a small beginning thus made, Sunday ringing may in due time become the established usage in Cambridge, as in Oxford, and this will be the finest tribute of all to that illustrious Cantabrian whose memory we are exhorted to honour.—Yours truly,

F. L. L. EDWARDS.

(Continued from previous column.)

dral, at which the Rev. A. F. Smethurst officiated and the Provost (Canon T. H. Masters) preached.

An excellent tea was served in the Green Row Rooms, after which the business meeting was held, the Provost being voted to the chair. The balance sheet showed receipts amounting to £30 5s. 6d., and expenditure £8 2s. 8d., leaving a credit balance of £22 2s. 10d., and was accepted.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) reminded the members that as he was also holding the office of general secretary he felt it impossible to carry on in both capacities, and left it to the wish of the members which post he should give up. As it was felt that the district should not create any difficulty to the Guild as a whole, it was finally resolved to relieve him of the office of district secretary. Mr. A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth) was invited to accept this position, which he consented to do.

The election of district officers resulted as under: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; secretary, Mr. A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cohourg Street, Portsmouth; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds; representatives on committee, Messrs. F. A. Burnett and R. J. Stone. The Rev. S. Cumpsty (Cathedral) was elected a ringing member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Petersfield and Steep on Saturday, April 25th.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Provost for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, also the organist. Afterwards the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which during the day ranged from the standard methods to Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION. A CONCRETE EXAMPLE.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

(Continued from page 42.)

The following is a very good example of what transposition and variation is, and how it can be useful in ordinary practical circumstances. Some years ago I had the job of calling a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, and I wanted a peal for the purpose. There are several very good compositions in the 'Central Council Collection,' but what I wanted was one which, besides being musical, would let me see what every bell was doing right through without putting very much tax on an elusive memory. Perhaps, in case anyone may think I am claiming to be a smart conductor, I ought to say, would let me know throughout if every bell was in its right place. I argued it out something like this. I said: If I take the 'old' nine courses (Wrong and three Homes, twice repeated), and if I call a bob on 4-5-6 that will give me twenty-seven courses and, doubled by singles, fifty-four courses or a peal of 6,048 changes. This is a very old and well-known composition, and who the original composer was (if there were one) I should not like to say. If in this I call the bobs at the Wrong when the second is a fourth's-place bell, I shall very much improve the music, for that will keep the second out of both fifth's and sixth's at a course-end. As the single is called half-way and end, and the half-way is 32456, the second half of the peal will look different to the first, but actually will be the same composition. But the peal is too long; I only want a 5,000. I can reduce it by omitting three consecutive bobs at 'Home,' and if I do this four times I shall have a 5,152. But I do not like that number. I want something nearer 5,000. There is another way I can reduce the peal. Every course in which the second is a Second's-place bell ends with a 'Home.' If I call any one of these courses 'Middle,' 'Before,' 'Wrong' and 'Home,' I shall have the same course-end and reduce the length by one lead. And it cannot be false. Because the Middle will make the Second a sixth's-place bell, the Before will make her a fifth's-place bell, and the Wrong will bring her back to a second's-place bell. And in none of the courses of our original is the second either a sixth's or a fifth's-place bell. Notice that in this course, although the second is a sixth's and a fifth's-place bell, she does not get away from the lead, and so we do not have any 8-2's.

If I omit three consecutive bobs at Home four times, and call the short course nine times I shall have a 5,008. That is what I did. I dropped my 'Homes' at irregular intervals, and I put in my 'M.B.W.' where I thought fit; and we rang the peal. It looked like a very irregular one-part composition. I showed it to several of my friends, and none saw the secret of it, though I told them there was a catch in it. They only expressed surprise that I should have chosen such a peal to call from an inside bell, and in a method, too, we had not practised. I will let my readers into my secret now—I rang the second.

I had produced the peal from an old composition by very simple means of variation and transposition, and now here are a few questions which the curious may answer if they can:—

1. Was I justified in saying the peal was composed and conducted by me?

2. If not, whose composition was it?

3. How much 'originality' was there about it in any case?

4. And if this will not stand any real test of originality, how many of the compositions that people put their name to can?

If we examine any peal which contains some particular extent or some particular qualities, we shall generally find that it has a group of bobs which form the key of the composition. These bobs usually produce a Round Block, and it is they which make possible the extent or the qualities. Let us look at an example of this.

The extent of Bob Major with the tenors together and without singles is fifty-nine courses or 6,608 changes. There are sixty full courses (6,720 changes) to select from, but it is a general law of all methods that an even number of full courses cannot be joined together by bobs. All this is true of Double Norwich. The number of peals (whatever the number actually is) which will produce a 6,608, is the same in Double Norwich as in Bob Major, and, indeed, in every one of the eight hundred odd methods on the Plain Principle. But, by using three short courses, Mr. Lindoff was able to get a peal of sixty courses in Double Norwich containing 6,624 changes. Here is the key of the composition:—

23456	5	6
34256	—	—
23645	—	—
36245	—	—
23564	—	—
35264	—	—
23456	—	—

This group of bobs joins together six courses, an even number, but to do so six leads have to be cut out. When we have got these six courses it is quite easy to add the other fifty-four to them by bobbing 'Q sets.' It can be done so as to produce a one-part peal or (since this touch is in three parts) as a three-part peal, and there are many scores of ways in which it can be done.

(To be continued.)

THE PAINSWICK PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Wright's letter, it was not the 'Coles' of fire that he states were poured on the peal that 'put it out.' The 'Coles,' like good fuel, kept it going, and in the public eye. It was the 'water' in the figures that finally quenched the peal, and that is where 'Wright' was 'wrong.'

Joking apart, however, Mr. Wright's preposterous and childish claim that part of a false peal is a record surprises me, and I was about to refute it. But I feel so sorry for him, as well as for his band that I will leave him with his 'record.' He is apparently very easily satisfied.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

21, Vincent Road, E.4.

A RIDICULOUS CLAIM.

Sir,—I have tried to keep out of this twelve-bell record business, realising that an abler pen than mine was dealing with the matter. I had had no particular thoughts on the question, except that I considered it a little unsporting to attempt to 'beat' a record in one of the most difficult methods on twelve bells with a peal in the easiest method on eleven bells. I heard rather more than two hours of the ringing on November 8th, and have very little to say against it—1, 2, 11 and 12 were being rung magnificently, and the whole had an excellent heat.

No one sympathised with Mr. Wright more than I, and I wrote and told him so, but his present claim is ridiculous, and alienates my sympathy. What an excellent idea for a football team to adopt similar tactics! Let them make their own rules, and we should see Chilcompton Rangers at Wembley! I wonder if all the band subscribes to this idea? I should imagine not.

Concerning the falsity, the change 213547698e0 turned up. This I should consider to be one of the most easily recognised changes. One is forced to one of two conclusions: either the band was stone deaf, or the change was so badly struck as to pass unnoticed. There is no other explanation.—Yours truly,

J. T. DYKE.

ANOTHER FALSE PEAL.

Last week we suggested that the figures of the 13,001 and of the 9,000 and 12,000 Grandsire Cinques, rung last year, should be published to allay any suspicion that might be entertained of their truth. The figures of the 13,001 were published in the annual report of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for 1921, and can thus be accepted as true. It has been pointed out, however, that peal number 1,133 in the Gloucester and Bristol Report (rung on March 28th, 1921, at Painswick) is false for the same reason as the 17,687.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. HAZELL.

A WELL-KNOWN EDMONTON RINGER.

With much regret we announce the death of Mr. Wilby J. Hazell, of Edmonton, who passed away on Monday, January 19th, at the age of 62 years, after an illness of 15 weeks. The deceased had been in the employ of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry for about twenty years, and was a reliable, trustworthy workman, as well as being well known in ringing circles.

He was a native of Little Bentley, where he started ringing and obtained further practice in adjoining parishes. His first 720 of Bob Minor was rung at Great Bromley on February 6th, 1889, when he rang the treble. His first peal on eight bells was 5,024 Kent Treble Bob Major at Foxcarth, Essex, rung in the morning. He then walked to Walter Belchamp and rang a peal of 5,040 Bob Major (3 hours) in the afternoon. These two first peals were rung with that well-known ringer, the late C. Sillitoe, of Sudbury. The deceased afterwards took part in several peals of Minor at Great Horkesley, Great Bromley, Great Bentley, Wivenhoe, etc. Removing to London, he joined the Edmonton company and rang a lot of peals in all the Surprise methods on tower bells, and in addition he rang many peals on handbells. He was a very good striker and sure ringer. The funeral took place on Saturday at Little Bentley, and was attended by many parishioners and friends from adjoining parishes. Among the ringers present were Messrs. A. Saunders (Grinstead Green), F. Claydon, F. Rigwell (Earls Colne), D. Elliott (Boxford), G. Jennings (Weeley), H. Wright (Clacton), G. A. Andrews and A. Andrews (Thorington), P. Almond, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), C. Marvern (Tendring), E. Durrant (Thorpe), J. Bowell (Great Bromley), W. Honeywood (Mistley) and E. King (Edmonton). Letters of sympathy were received from Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. E. J. Butler (Chadwell Heath), and Mr. H. E. Bowers (Broomfield), who were unable to attend. Four members acted as bearers—Messrs. P. Almond, G. Andrews, C. Marvern and E. Durrant. The wreaths numbered over twenty, and included one from the Bell Foundry and one from Mr. C. H. Howard for the Essex Association.

W. J. N.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

FINANCIAL MATTERS DISCUSSED AT HINCKLEY.

Hinckley—in the language of the classics called 'Tin Hat,' for some obscure reason which the writer deponeth not—was the scene of the quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, January 17th. The large square tower of the Parish Church—one of the largest in Leicestershire—with its lumpy spire, contains a magnificent ring of eight bells, hung in the old frame, but with all the latest improvements in hall bearings, new fittings, etc., and from a ringer's point of view excellent in every way. The belfry, open at one side to the church, and lighted on the other by a huge plain-glass window, is ideal, airy, and with plenty of room to move about. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening by some sixty or more visitors, who came from far and near.

The committee met at 3.15 p.m. in the adjoining Church Hut, and deliberated at length on several important items, viz., the Chambers memorial, the annual report and subscriptions, investment of funds, etc., and made suggestions to bring before the general meeting later. The president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, was unfortunately absent through illness, and Mr. Wm. Willson deputised for him at the committee meeting.

Tea followed, and was announced in an unusual way by the 'Clarke,' who upset a table, causing a terrific din and the scattering of crockery, buns, milk, etc. This was soon rectified, and no one lost any of their appetite through the incident. Some sixty or more members and friends sat down, and six of the eight branches of the association were represented, viz., Burton, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Derby and Nottingham, and the members were pleased to welcome a number of visitors from Coventry, Chivers Coton, Nuneaton, including Miss E. D. Lewis, the hon. secretary of the Warwickshire Guild.

In the unavoidable absence of the president, the Vicar of Hinckley, Rev. H. J. T. Eacot, was voted to the chair, and a most excellent job he made of it, promising in his opening remarks to get through the business quickly, which he certainly did. He welcomed a very large number of visitors, especially mentioning the Rector of Stoney Stanton (the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A.), who is a keen ringer, and the Rector of Seals (the Rev. Fitzherbert, M.A.).

THE CHAMBERS MEMORIAL.

Arising out of the minutes of the last meeting was the question of the memorial to the late president, Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P. The Secretary explained that appeals had been circularised through all the districts and a certain amount of money received in response. It was necessary to close this fund as soon as possible and so get the memorial finally settled, and the committee asked all local secretaries to send in to the hon. treasurer forms (whether with subscriptions entered or not) with all moneys received not later than January 31st.—It was unanimously agreed that, should the occasion arise, the committee be empowered to grant expenditure up to £25 for the purpose of the memorial, and any balance required to make up this amount beyond subscriptions received, same to be taken from the general funds.

As the transfer of funds held by the late president in trust had been completed, it was suggested by the committee, and authorised by the general meeting, that a sum of £100 be invested in the Church of England Building Society, which at present yields a 5 per cent. dividend. The small balance over is to be left in the general funds.

New members elected since the last meeting were duly confirmed, viz., 19 ringing, 3 honorary, 1 life. The auditors were reappointed.

The question of annual subscriptions and payment for reports was left over until the annual meeting, when the matter will be settled. Therefore the motion passed at Bottesford remains, that the annual subscription be 1s. 6d., and report issued free to fully-paid members, this to be retrospective as from January 1st, 1931. In the meantime, each local secretary and committee should get their members' views on the proposal, so that this rule may either be made absolute or otherwise at the annual meeting which will be held at Derby on Easter Monday.

No other business arising, the Vicar of Hinckley then invited the members to a short service in the church, during which he gave a very appropriate address on the significance and the call of the bells in the Church of England. No other country in the world, he said, had quite the same historic and beautiful associations in this direction as we had.

Further ringing on Hinckley bells took place until 8 p.m., when many adjourned to an impromptu 'convivial,' which terminated a most successful meeting.

A CENTENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Sibsey, Lincolnshire, on Tuesday, January 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, in honour of the 102nd birthday of Miss Wilhelmina Robinson, of Sibsey, a quarter-peat of Rob Major (1,264 changes) in 46 mins.: L. Newbolt 1, H. Johnson 2, Mrs. Laxton 3, F. Liggott 4, W. Wilkinson 5, F. Dewey 6, F. P. Harwood 7, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of treble and 3.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Farnham on Saturday, and in conjunction with it the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild held their quarterly meeting. Altogether over seventy ringers and friends assembled, among the visitors being Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon. The service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Canon Girling), who was formerly Vicar of Leiston, Suffolk. In his practical address he referred to the attractions of ringers as a physical pursuit, a mental exercise and an opportunity for service. He described ringers as missionaries, and asked them to practise in their lives what they urged upon others by their message.

The catering arrangements at the Church House were considerably strained by the unexpectedly large party at tea. Canon Girling presided, and before leaving was thanked for the service, for his address and for the use of the bells on the motion of Major Gale, who afterwards took the chair for the business meeting.

The district officers were all re-elected, viz.: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. auditor, Mr. E. L. Aldridge; members of the executive committee, Mr. F. Nye and Major Gale, representing the ringing members, and Mr. W. J. Francis representing the hon. members.

The balance sheet showed a very successful year, the balance in hand in the district funds having been increased from £6 15s. 7d. to £11 9s. 8d.

The Ringing Master's report stated that there had been progress in most towers, but he regretted there were one or two towers where they could not get the local men to attend when they held meetings there. Four peals had been rung in the district during the year.

HON. MEMBERSHIP DOUBLED.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the year 1930 was on the whole very successful. Six district meetings were held with an average attendance of 37 (the same as in 1929). The thanks of the district were due to Mr. T. A. Stroud, of Frensham, whose services as organist are always available for meetings. Three organised combined practices were held, at which the attendances were large and valuable work was done. The district, and Seale in particular, was unfortunate in losing the valued services of Mr. H. Gardner and Mr. H. Tinsey, who left for Sussex and Norfolk respectively. The district had been well represented at most Guild meetings, including the summer festival at Egham and Staines on July 5th. The number of ringing members for 1930 showed an increase of ten over 1929. The total was now 119. The number of honorary members for 1930 was more than double that of 1929, being now 32, made up as follows: Farnham 11, Aldershot 6, Hawley 6, Bagshot 3, Seale 2, Yorktown 2, Ash 1, Frensham 1. In conclusion, the secretary thanked all members and friends who had assisted him in any way during the past year.

The report was adopted, the General Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) complimenting the district, and particularly the hon. secretary, upon the very successful year, and especially upon doubling the number of hon. members.

Towers selected for meetings during the coming year were Crondall, Bagshot, Hawley, Aldershot and Seale, with Farnham for the next annual meeting.

At this meeting, nomination of the Guild officers had to be made, and the following now serving were renominated: Vice-president, Mr. W. Harrison; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker; hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, having intimated that he wished to retire from the office of hon. secretary owing to pressure of other duties, persuaded the meeting to nominate Mr. G. Grover, the present secretary of the Guildford District, for the office. The district resolved to place on record appreciation of the services rendered to the Guild by Mr. Goldsmith.

Three new members were elected.

The general secretary welcomed to the meeting Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, who were making their first public appearance at a ringing gathering since their marriage, and wished them, on behalf of the Guild, health, happiness and long life.—Mr. Johnston acknowledged the good wishes.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and ringing was then resumed at the tower, where in the course of the afternoon and evening touches in the standard methods were rung.

THE LADIES' MEETING.

Members attended the Ladies' Guild meeting from Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Blackmoor, Chertsey, Farnham and Maidenhead. The following new members were elected: Hon. members, Mrs. J. Parker (Enfield), Mrs. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking); ringing members, Miss Norah Hodge (Parkstone, Dorset), the Hon. Barbara Gibbs (Hunsdon, Herts), Miss Ellen Chitty (Hunsdon, Herts), and Mrs. Read (Blackmoor, Liss).

For the first time Farnham bells were rung by a band of eight ladies, Miss Fisher, of Aldershot, mastering the tenor, which is a bell of 20½ cwt.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Cranleigh in May.

DEATH OF MRS. W. D. SMITH.**A LADY WELL KNOWN TO OLD LONDON RINGERS.**

Ringers, particularly among the older generation in London, will regret to learn of the bereavement suffered by Mr. William D. Smith, of Polegate, Sussex, and formerly an active member of the College Youths, by the death of his wife, who passed away on Wednesday week at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, at the age of 74 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had been staying since just before Christmas with their son-in-law and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes) at Whitechapel, where their son and his wife, who were over from Australia on a holiday, were also on a visit. Within a few days after their arrival, Mrs. Smith was confined to bed with plebitis, but was apparently getting better. Last Wednesday week, however, she had an unexpected relapse, under which she succumbed.

The funeral took place at Ilford on Saturday.

In the days when Mr. and Mrs. Smith resided at Hackney many ringers enjoyed their hospitality, and the sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to Mr. Smith and his family in their bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Smith celebrated their golden wedding nearly four years ago, and it is interesting to note that the deceased lady was a great-niece of Sir William Cubitt, who built the present Houses of Parliament.

SUDDEN DEATH IN THE BELFRY.**COLLAPSE WHILE RINGING WEDDING BELLS.**

There was a tragic occurrence in the belfry at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, on Thursday evening, January 15th. Mr. Thomas Short was ringing the eighth when he collapsed and fell backwards dead.

Mr. Short's first peal was rung in 1884 (the treble to Grandire Triples at Drayton, Berks, conducted by the late J. W. Washbrook), and in the same tower in 1888 he took part in three peals in one day, viz., 5,056 Cambridge Surprise, 5,088 Superlative Surprise, and 5,184 Double Norwich, and during the same year he also rang in the first peal of Cambridge on St. Helen's bells, Abingdon, and the first in the same method rung in Oxfordshire, at Dorchester Abbey. Another notable peal was one of Stedman Triples at Merton College, Oxford.

He did little ringing for ten or more years before the war, but after this he again took it up, and rang quite a number of peals with his old friend, the late Mr. H. Holfield, their last together being in 1923, when Mr. Short rang the bell which he was ringing at his death.

Since then he had done little ringing, but on this occasion he was filling a gap. There had been a wedding in the afternoon, and as the company were short-handed, Mr. Short rang in the afternoon and again in the evening, and the bells had been going about half an hour when he collapsed.

The deceased, who was 67 years of age, leaves a widow.

The funeral took place on Tuesday week, and in the evening, as a last mark of respect, a muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Abingdon Church by F. Barrett 1, T. Juggins 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, J. Honey 4, A. E. Lock 5, H. Humfrey 6, G. Caudwell (conductor) 7, J. Geering 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ALDERSHOT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes) in 55 mins.: R. Eldridge (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss N. Denyer 3, W. H. Viggers 4, A. Cox 5, P. L. Eldridge 6, C. W. Denyer 7, E. J. Bragg (Grenadier Guards) (conductor) 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss N. Denyer.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples in 43 mins.: W. J. Dove 1, A. Slade 2, W. R. Parker 3, H. Hoare 4, J. C. Dean 5, W. Sturgess 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung for evening service and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the seventh and tenor.

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NOTICES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Gosforth, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Tea at 5.0. A good attendance is requested.—W. J. Davidson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Chief Fire Station, Newcastle.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (2 towers) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting follows. Will all members try to support the work of the Guild by attending if possible? Visitors welcomed.—Rev. D. L. Board, Hon. Sec., Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Book this date, Jan. 31st. On Saturday, Jan. 31st, a meeting will be held at Royston. Good bus and train services. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. The tea is by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. F. Greig).—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service in church 5. Tea (1s. each) in St. Chad's Room at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wakefield on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (12) available from noon onward. Reports will be distributed in the Schools from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. Divine service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, will be served in the Wakefield Co-operative Café at 5 p.m. General meeting in the Cathedral School Room, Brooke Street, at 6.30 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1930-31 are now due.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.). Subscriptions are now due and should be paid without delay.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by the usual meat tea (1s. 6d.), with business meeting afterwards at the Institute.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 'The Waverley,' by kind invitation of the Vicar of Carisbrooke, followed by the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Weobley on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea, 5.30, 6d. Business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 prompt. Business immediately after tea. Special business necessitates a good attendance.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45. Business meeting after tea. Ringing at St. Giles', 2.30 to 5 and after the meeting. Also at St. Clement Danes', 3 to 4.30. Practice meeting and social half-hour at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Thursday, Feb. 12th. Bells from 7.30 p.m. All members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Members of the North and East District Committee are requested to note that a committee meeting will be held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 4 p.m. Each tower should be represented.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Buses pass the church to and from Boston (Post Office) at intervals during the day. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lines.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. — F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Hardingstone on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — S. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 16, Market Street, Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bletsoe on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Everybody welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Stagsden.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon. — A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall, at a moderate charge.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Joint Meeting.—A meeting of these two associations will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, at Ware. Bells open during afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea after. —W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Herts County Association.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring, on Wednesday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—Geo. Siddle, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Feb. 5th, at 8 p.m.; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The 2nd annual dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 6 p.m. Admission will be by ticket only. All applications for tickets (5s. each) must be accompanied by remittance, and must be made to the undersigned not later than Saturday, Jan. 31st. As accommodation is somewhat limited, early application is desirable. All ringers and friends will be very heartily welcome. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John-the-Divine (10) 3 p.m. till 4.30 p.m.; St. Saviour's (8) and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8) 3.15 p.m. till 5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10) and All Saints' (5) 3.30 p.m. till 5.30 p.m.—Alban Disney, 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Village Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5. Business meeting follows. Those desiring tea please notify by Feb. 4th. — H. Clarke, London Street, Whitchurch, Hants.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—A dinner will be held at the Greyhound, Worcester Street, Oxford, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, obtainable from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford, before Feb. 1st. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Ebbe's 5-7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at St. Botolph's, Lincoln, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) open from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. C. McGuinness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 4th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45, as guests of the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith (Vicar) and his wardens, in the Church Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 4th. — Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4. N.B.—Brentford bells (6) available from 2.30 to 4.30.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Snodland on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungelow, Linton, Maidstone.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m.—J. Norbury, Hon. Sec., 37, Church Side, Macclesfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the school at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 2.45 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Beedon on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. L. H. Coles, Beedon Vicarage, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 4th, for tea. Buses from Newbury at 2.20 p.m. (6 miles). — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (8) available early. Tea 5 p.m. Important: Will members requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, by Thursday, Feb. 5th? Good attendance desired.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre Street, Sheffield.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Murray). Tea provided for those who intend to be present and let me know by the Tuesday previous.—J. D. Johnson, The Ferns, Pershore Road, Hampton, Evesham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

A JOINT QUARTERLY MEETING of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds will be held at Chatteris on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify either of the secretaries not later than Tuesday, Feb. 3rd?—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The annual commemoration lunch will be held on Feb. 7th at the George Restaurant at 1.15 p.m. An 8-bell tower in or near Oxford will be available in the afternoon.

BUSHEY, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea and meeting at the Institute at 6. Please notify for tea by the 4th. Cheap tickets by rail or motor coach from all parts. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Good train and bus services.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Next meeting Buckland, near Faringdon. Service 3.30. Tower open 2.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. A. Webley, Faringdon, by the previous Wednesday.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped that members will turn up in force. Numbers for tea by the 4th. — H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High St. N., Dunstable.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due. Please send numbers for tea by Feb. 9th to Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at Newport. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those desiring tea please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonycroft, Liverpool, by Wednesday, Feb. 11th. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower opened 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 10th? All ringers welcome. — G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Laurence's from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Laurence's at 6 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting, at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chain Street. Tea, 1s. each, to all who notify me their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 11th. All ringers welcome. — F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than the morning of the 10th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Rd., Earl's Colne.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Welton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge (only for those who notify me by Feb. 11th). A good attendance requested. Buses leave Lincoln (Unity Square) for Welton 1.45, 2.45, 4; return 8 and 9.40.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing will be at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, and also at St. Lawrence Jewry, City, E.C. Tea will be held at A.B.C. Restaurant opposite, with business meeting afterwards. Times of ringing, tea and service will be announced later, and all members are especially requested to book this date in advance as a record attendance is expected.—Wm. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Foresters' Hall, High Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 4 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral (12) and St. Stephen's (8) bells available from 5 p.m. Members are requested to attend service at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is particularly requested that members intending to be present should notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 12th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Cathedral and St. Nicolas' bells available 2.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea and business meeting at Prince of Wales 5.15 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by Feb. 9th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available after 2.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the Parish Hall at 5. Committee meeting at 4.30. Members intending to be present please advise me not later than the 11th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.30, followed by the business meeting in the Vestry. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at Castle Restaurant. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 12th? Visitors welcomed.—Walter Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the first post on Thursday, Feb. 19th? Annual subscriptions are now due. — A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

THE ADDRESS of Mr. J. Hunt has been changed by the G.P.O. to 5, Florence Terrace, Wellington New Road, Taunton, Somerset.

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