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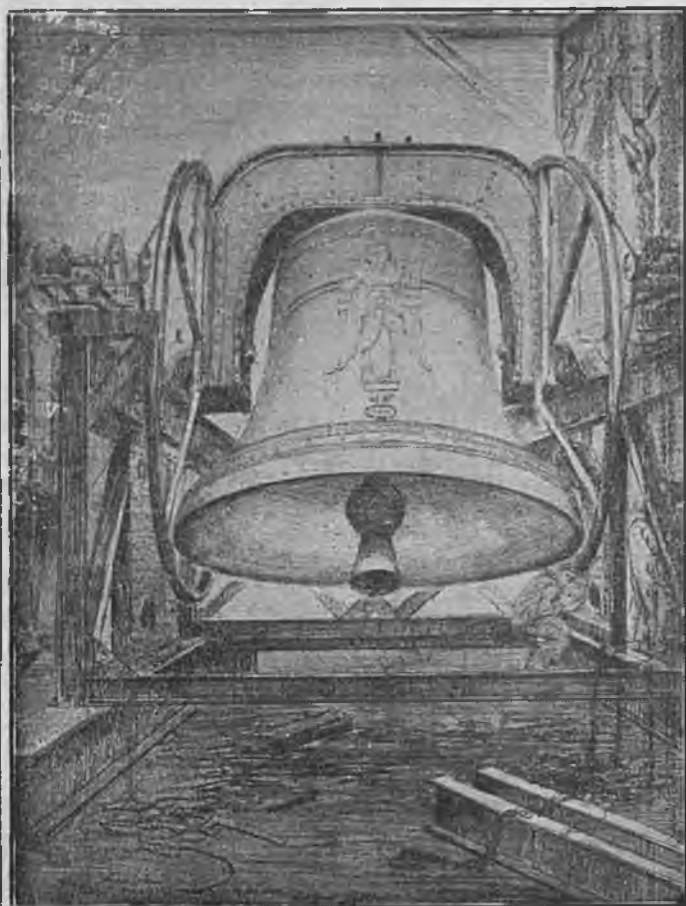
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The work which the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies did for the advancement of the art of ringing placed the Exercise under an eternal debt of gratitude to him. The opportunity is now to be given to the ringing fraternity to place on record some appreciation of those services by a memorial at Tewkesbury Abbey. The scheme, which it is hoped will be national in character, is being promoted by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which Mr. Davies was one of the founders, and in which for three periods, including the jubilee year, he held the office of Master. He was born and died in Gloucestershire; he was associated with the Abbey, where his father was Vicar, from his earliest days. There he learned to ring, and there he lies buried. In the intervening years he served the Church faithfully and well in other places, but it was to Tewkesbury he turned when he ceased his ministerial labours, and there could be no other place so well fitted for a ringers' memorial to him.

There have been few men in the Exercise in the last half-century who were greater figures in the "national" sense than the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. In the realm of ringing he sought no personal triumphs; he devoted his great talents to extending our knowledge of ringing, to advancing and uplifting the art. In the days when composing was largely a hit-or-miss affair, he scientifically investigated the problems with which composers were confronted, particularly in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and in conjunction with such men as Professor Thompson, Sir Arthur Heywood and the Rev. H. Earle Bulmer, blazed the trails through the jungle which had rendered earlier progress difficult and uncertain. Composers of to-day have had their burdens lightened and their paths made easy by the labours of these men fifty years ago, and Mr. Davies was among the greatest of them. Mr. Davies' most exacting work for the advancement of ringing was done before many of the present generation of ringers were born, and they do not, perhaps, fully realise the part he played in that revival of interest in and expansion of knowledge of the art which began about sixty years ago.

We have said nothing here of Mr. Davies' labours to the Exercise in other directions, his discharge for twenty years of the secretarial duties of the Central Council; of his services at other times to the Sussex County Association and the Winchester Diocesan Guild; of his earlier work as editor of the ringing columns of "Church Bells," in the days when those who desired to see church bell-

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ringing elevated to its rightful position had to face and overcome the opprobrium which, all too frequently, attached to bellringers. Throughout his long and active life Mr. Davies had but one aim as far as ringing was concerned, and that was to improve the general knowledge of it as a science, uplift it as an art, and leave the Exercise better than he found it. In all these things he succeeded, and it is well that ringers should be given the opportunity of recording in some permanent manner their recognition of all that he did for the good of ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 24, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	FRANK WEST 7
RALPH COLES 2	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 8
GEORGE HINTON 3	RICHARD A. POST 9
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	P.S. CECIL A. SMITH 10
*FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN 11
GEORGE WHITE 6	DONALD BOREHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve bells. Arranged for ringers of 4th, 5th, 8th and 9th, who are members of Christ Church Cathedral company, Oxford, Capt. Freeborn hails from Chalfont. The rest are members of the local band.

TEN BELL PEALS

OLDHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, January 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

*GEORGE BARLOW Treble	VERNON SYKES 6
†MISS MARIE SYKES 2	ROBERT GREENWOOD 7
JAMES LEES 3	CHARLES H. MANSLAND 8
*OGDEN MOORES 4	HERBERT BARLOW 9
ELIJAH GEARY 5	ALFRED WAITES Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by R. GREENWOOD.
* First peal of Caters and first attempt. † First peal of Caters 'inside' and first attempt. G. Barlow and H. Barlow are from Glodwick, O. Moors from Leesfield; all the others are service ringers at the above church. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Sykes, who was 21 on January 7th.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*NOLAN F. GOLDEN Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 6
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	*ARTHUR G. BASON 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 8
GEORGE MAYERS 4	*EDWIN R. GOATE 9
GEORGE HOWCHIN 5	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, also first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

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WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOPER	Treble	† FRANCIS BROTHERTON ...	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	7
* HERBERT T. PIPER	3	TOMAS J. ELTON	8
JOHN C. ADAMS	4	BERT HORTON	9
† ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...	5	* HARRY BOSWELL	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First 'touch' of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. The 50th peal rung together by A. Greenfield and H. Boswell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HUNSDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 7, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR WREN	Treble	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
ARTHUR REDDINGTON	2	SIDNEY CARTER	6
JOHN SUCKLING	3	BARNARD PATMORE	7
MISS ELLEN CHITTY	4	JOHN WELCH	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW	Treble	OLIVER GREATHEAD	5
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL ...	2	ARNOLD HAIGH	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY	7
JOHN R. BREARLEY	4	J. HENRY CHARLESWORTH ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

Rung after the induction by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield of the Rev. Norman Peacock as Vicar of Bolsterstone with Deepcar.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TEN-PART, No. 5.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD	Treble	MAURICE SWINFELD	5
JOSEPH BAILEY	2	J. ALFRED BAERATT	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ...	4	CHARLES GEARY	Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Bailey, one of the local ringers, also in honour of the birth of a daughter on the 11th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cartwright, Birmingham. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 420 bobs and 98 singles, and contains all the 6-7's at backstroke.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* WILLIAM C. DARKE	Treble	* BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	5
ALFRED G. HILL	2	† LIONEL J. CULLUM	6
* E. CHARLES PATTEN	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
FREDERICK A. COLEY	4	* OSCAR ROBINSON	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' Rung as a farewell to the Rev. K. Barnes, M.A., who has just left this church to take up duties as curate at St. John's, Eltham.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 15, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* WALTER J. LEMON	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
EDWIN A. BARNETT	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	4	* WILLIAM E. BOND	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt for a peal.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY)

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5728 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PALMER	Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ...	5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	2	WILLIAM H. TURTON ...	6
JOHN P. TARTON	3	WILLIAM BIGGIN	7
PERCY J. JERRIS	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This peal in eight parts contains the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's place, without the 2nd in that position, and is now rung for the first time.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. PRICE	Treble	EDWARD FOSTER	5
PERCIVAL PRICE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ...	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ...	7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ...	4	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung in honour of the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, Rector of Bingham, Notts, on his recent appointment as Canon. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM BLACKBURN	Treble	ARTHUR HAUGHTON	5
HARRY LANGLEY	2	BENJAMIN THORPE	6
JOHN H. BRIERLEY	3	TOM WILDE	7
HARRY NORGROVE	4	ALBERT HOUGH	Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. James Shaw, 'father' of the local band.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT	Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
HORACE BELCHER	2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ...	6
FREDERICK DIGBY	3	* ERNEST BRETT	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. First in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Pat Richards to the Earl of Jersey, of Osterley Park, Heston, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, at which most of the band are ringers.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	*GEORGE KENWARD 5
HARRY BAKER 2	WILLIAM DURHAM 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	*LUTHER J. HONESS 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung on the seventeenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Saunders' wedding, also as a birthday peal for their daughter, Annie.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

BENJAMIN DALTON Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
JACK W. TAYLOR 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
† HERBERT T. PIPER 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. † First peal of Major. Rung as birthday compliments to Mr. H. T. Piper and Mrs. Boswell (mother of the conductor).

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES G. RUMSEY Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	FREDERICK J. SMITH 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	*ALDERMAN LING, JUN. 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4	JAMES M. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey. G. Wilson's 200th peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

TOM ATKINS Treble	REV. R. P. FARROW, M.A. 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 2	*WILLIAM A. WOOD 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
CECIL E. CARR 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First of Major. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss E. Ballard (sister of 3rd ringer) to Mr. E. Brown, which took place on the 9th inst. The peal was attempted after the ceremony, but lost after half-way through a rope breaking.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

WILLIAM H. PROCTOR Treble	ERNEST BARTRAM 5
WILLIAM G. THORPE 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
*REV. C. J. STORTON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
HARRY THORPE 4	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by S. PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate the election of the Rector of Bingham (the Rev. H. R. M. Huth) to a Canonry of Southwell Cathedral; also the 100th birthday of Mrs. Alice Shephard, of Bingham, and Mr. J. Atkinson, of Barkston, who was 70 on the above date.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL Treble	MISS K. BURCHNALL 5
*MISS LUCY M. KELLY 2	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 6
*JAMES KNOWLES 3	FREDERICK CARDWELL 7
JOHN GILBERT 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 168). Conducted by F. WATKINSON

* First peal.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALBERT W. EDWARDS Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 2	JAMES A. HOARE 6
J. BRETTELL 3	GWYN I. LEWIS 7
WALTER J. NURTON 4	ALBERT G. RICHARDS Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Rung in honour of the visit to Swansea of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's sister.

KINGS LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	JOHN MALYAN 5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 2	RICHARD G. BELL 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 3	*FRANCIS KIRK 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the ringer of the 7th.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	FRED BIGGS 6
ARTHUR MARTIN 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
THOMAS GOODCHILD 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Goodchild.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

PERCY GREEN Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 5
WILLIAM LINCOLN 2	HENRY WAIN 6
EDWARD KEMP 3	JOHN WOOD 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	LESLIE J. CLARK Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 18, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF ASSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

WILLIAM J. WHITING Treble	ARTHUR H. SMITH 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

A peal in this method is now rung for the first time. It was a birthday compliment to W. J. Whiting.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 19, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK G. RINGE Treble	BERT HINES 5
*ALBERT E. PRYKE 2	*CHARLES E. PRYKE 6
PERCY GREEN 3	HARRY TURNER 7
ALBERT RAINBIRD 4	ERNEST W. PURBANK Tenor

Composed by N. J. Pirstow. Conducted by FRANK G. RINGE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Transposition of J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 30.

JAMES H. LUCAS Treble	E. GEORGE SWIFT 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	WILLIAM HONER 6
PERCY E. JONES 3	FRANK CORKE 7
EDGAR HANCOX 4	CHARLES E. NICHOLLS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

25th peal together by ringers of 1st, 3rd and conductor

PENN, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Transposition of PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR PEARSON Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5
FREDERICK R. WIGGIN 2	*HERBERT T. PIPER 6
WILFRED A. RIDDINGTON 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
ALBERT E. GARBETT 4	JEREMIAH BLOORE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* 25th peal. Arranged for Messrs. F. R. Wiggin, W. A. Riddington and A. E. Garbett, of St. Mary's, Stafford.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

CHARLES H. MOORE Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
ALBERT G. WARNES 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of 7,040 Kent Major at Hingham, in which the ringers of the 3rd, 4th and tenor took part. A welcome peal for the new Vicar of Hethersett, late of Haslemere, Surrey.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

ALLEN E. GWYNNE Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 4
HERBERT COLCOMBE 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE HANKS 3	*CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

SOUVENIRS OF STEDMAN TRICENTENARY

Souvenir booklets of the Stedman Tercentenary can be obtained from 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, price 8d. post free.

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UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
With ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SIDNEY PERKS Treble	†ALFRED NORMAN 4
FRANK PHILLIPS 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
JOHN J. WEBB 3	*ALFRED HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED T. POULTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's each of Stedman, St. Simon's and Grandsire and 12 of Bob Doubles. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MAY Treble	JOHN HIGGINS 3
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 2	*ALBERT W. GIBBONS 4
ERNEST A. HILLIER Tenor	

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. First peal in four methods of Doubles by all, on the bells and by the branch.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, two 720's Cambridge Surprise and 720 each Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 4
H. BERNARD WELLS 2	*JOHN O. WELLER 5
TONY PRICE 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by L. A. TIDY.

* First peal in six methods.

OAKE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM H. LLOYD Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 3
JOHN RAY 2	*THOMAS HANCOCK 4
ARTHUR H. REED Tenor	

Conducted by A. H. REED.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of St. Clement's and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

HUBERT BIRD Treble	ERNEST HARRIS 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOHN BUCKENHAM 5
FREDERICK MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

TWYNING, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Bob Doubles, ten of Grandsire and 24 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT HALLING Treble	SAM HEALEY 4
GEORGE BOULTON 2	FRED HAWKES 5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 3	*JOSEPH PENDRY Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

* First peal. Ringers of the treble and 4th were elected members previous to starting the peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 17, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 240's of Morris', ten 240's of Pitman's and ten 120's.
Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE 5
JAMES P. HYETT 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
REGINALD MORRIS 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS 7
EDMUND MORRIS 4	HERBERT WOODBERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung on the conductor's 60th birthday, it being his 160th peal. He rang his first peal in this tower on Sunday, January 17th, 1909, and has now called a peal from each bell in the tower. Rung with 7, 6, 8 behind, for evening service.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 18, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4
EDWARD S. T. FARR 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
LEONARD STILWELL 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Stella Davis.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CHEW MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. HALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 1-2	EDWIN J. BROWN 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Witnesses—J. GATE, C. HALL and B. BOND.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT 28, ARMLEY GRANGE VIEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	JOSEPH THACKRAY 5-6
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	WILLIAM BARTON 7-8
*JOHN AMBLER 9-10	

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE

* First peal of Royal in the method 'in hand.'

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*A. G. G. THORLOW (Selwyn) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
†R. v. d. R. WOOLLEY (Caius) 3-4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKIN. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenors.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, January 17, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

IN THE PRESIDENT'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

R. v. d. R. WOOLLEY (Caius) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	*B. J. E. WHITE (Queens') 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Wokingham on Saturday week. There was ringing at both All Saints' and St. Paul's, and service was held in the former church.

The Rev. R. D. Weller, of Finchampstead, gave an excellent address, in which he praised the 'real' church bellringer for his splendid work. Unlike the choirmen, he said, the ringers were not so well known to the congregation, and sometimes felt their work was not recognised in the same way; yet more people than they supposed appreciated the work of a well-managed belfry. Forming a real part of our English Sunday, speaking to more people than the clergy did, could one imagine a Christmas or Easter Day without the bells? The preacher made some happy remarks as to the attitude of the bellringer to his work, e.g., the self-conscious man who regarded himself as essential, remarking that 'the only spirit in which this service to the church could be rendered was the spirit of Christ—'Who went about doing good'—the love to serve. The spirit of co-operation, of uniting together, all being interdependent, was another essential. Each ringer was a member of a team.—A collection, taken at the service for the Branch Bell Restoration Fund, realised £1 6s. 10d.

Tea was then partaken of at the Church House, where Miss Walker and a numerous band of helpers attended to the wants of the party, and were afterwards thanked by Canon Coleridge (branch chairman).

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. F. D. Browne, to Canon Long for the use of his church, the Rev. R. D. Weller for his sermon, the organist who had so ably acted at short notice, the Wokingham Rectors for the use of their towers, and Mr. Owen Goddard, the hon. auditor.—The secretary announced apologies from Canon J. A. Anderson, Mr. F. E. Chapman (churchwarden), Mr. Edgar Humphrey (influenza), Mr. Monkhouse, of Waltham St. Lawrence, who had generously borne the whole cost of restoring the bells of that village, and who wished to become an hon. member, also to take up ringing, and Canon and Miss Norris. Mr. Paice referred with feeling to the death of the Rev. H. M. Waller, Rector of St. Paul's, shortly after their last annual meeting.

SATISFACTORY POSITION.

The balance sheet showed an income of £22 15s. (including balance brought forward from 1930 of £1 3s.) and expenditure of £21 0s. 1d., leaving balance in hand of £1 15s. 1d. Increased subscriptions and economy in expenditure had led to the balance in hand. A balance of £2 1s. 4d. was reported on the Branch Restoration Fund.

The balance sheet was adopted on the motion of Mr. Moth, seconded by Mr. Brooks.

The secretary reported a year of mixed disappointment and encouragement. The membership was 24 honorary and 158 ringing members—an increase. Keeness and interest had marked the combined practices. The clergy everywhere had been most kind. They were all delighted with the presence at the quarterly meetings of their chairman (applause). Three towers had made successful progress in the Stedman method. The dedication at Waltham St. Lawrence of the re-lunging bells by the Master was an impressive service. The secretary thanked all the foremen and members for their kind co-operation.—The report was adopted.

Canon Coleridge was then, by acclamation, re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. J. Paice was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The foremen of towers were re-elected to form the Branch Committee.

The branch representatives to the Guild Committee were re-elected, viz., Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Rance and J. White, with the chairman and secretary. It was decided that quarterly meetings and combined practices be continued.

Mr. Rance suggested that a committee of young members to help the secretary to arrange combined practices be formed. After discussion, in which Mr. Moth, the secretary, Canon Long and Miss V. Robinson took part, it was decided to appoint two older members, Messrs. Rance and Brooks, and two young members, to be co-opted by the above, with power to add others if so desired. Mr. Brooks suggested mid-weekly practices for those unable to get away on Saturdays, and it was agreed that four Wednesday and eight Saturday meetings be arranged by the committee.

USELESS, HOPELESS AND A NUISANCE.

The Chairman gave an interesting account of the Stedman Tercentenary gathering at Cambridge.

The Secretary referred to qualified instructors and their great value, and any tower requiring particulars could have them on applying to him.

The Master congratulated the branch upon their chairman and secretary, and reminded the meeting that the Guild was a guild of church bellringers for the better ringing of church bells and the fellowship of ringers.

The Guild Treasurer expressed pleasure at their large and enthusiastic gathering. Their branch was third only in the Guild list for the amount of money received for members. He advised them, albeit their Restoration Fund was small, to go on with the renovation of some tower and it would soon grow, as did his own. He congratulated them and wished them prosperity for the future (applause).

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTH-EASTERN DIVISION OFFICERS RETIRE.**

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Colchester on Saturday last. Thirty-seven members were present from the neighbouring towers. Service was held in St. Peter's Church, the Rev. E. Cardo officiating and giving an excellent and instructive address on Septuagesima. The lesson was read by the Master, Mr. C. H. Howard. The collection (11s. 6d.) was for the Association Bell Restoration Fund.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and was followed by the business meeting, with the Master in the chair.

The district officers, Mr. W. J. Nevard (Master) and Mr. R. W. Stannard (secretary) both expressed a wish to retire, and Mr. E. P. Dulleld (Colchester) and Mr. R. Sparling (Wivenhoe) were elected to fill the respective vacancies.

Messrs. Nevard and Stannard were very warmly thanked for the valuable services rendered for the past twelve years.

Two new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wivenhoe on April 2nd.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, organist and steeple-keeper (Mr. F. L. Rumstead). During the afternoon and evening excellent touches in all the standard methods were rung, some making their venture in several Major methods.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Newport Pagnell, on Monday, January 11th, 910 Grandsire Triples: R. Abrams 1, F. C. Tompkins 2, R. Hall 3, H. C. Beard 4, G. Boon 5, E. Lathall 6, W. F. Smith 7, J. Mapley 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. John Odell, for 26 years churchwarden, who was interred the same day.

(Continued from previous column.)

The Guild Secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, in his well-known shrewd and jovial style, put in a few good-natured home thrusts, such as—'It is no good for members, young or old, to expect success without patient practice; and advised all to read the article in 'The Ringing World' on 'the will to learn.' 'If people have not the will to learn,' he said, 'they are useless, hopeless and a nuisance' (laughter and applause).

Closing the meeting, the Chairman remarked upon the fine tribute to Stedman of those who, unable to attend the Cambridge Tercenary celebration, rang peals in commemoration of the event in their own towers.

The towers of All Saints' and St. Paul's were again open for ringing after the meeting.

THE LATE MR. JAMES HINTON'S RECORD.

The details of the record of the late Mr. James Hinton given in our report last week of the proceedings at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner were not quite accurate. The peals mentioned were not the first peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, but Mr. Hinton's first in the various methods for the association; and the 'record' peal of Grandsire Major for the association should have read the 'second' peal.

Mr. W. A. Cave has written to us pointing out the inaccuracies as they appeared in the report, while Mr. E. Guise, in giving the correction, adds that the only first peal for the association which Mr. Hinton conducted was the first of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.'

Mr. Cave also writes:—

'That the Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb has to regret the absence of a regular band to ring his bells is primarily the fault of Mr. Stancomb himself, and, secondly, of Mr. F. G. Leaker. The facts are these: The organist of St. Stephen's became the organist of St. Nicholas', and, speaking of the bells with the Vicar of St. Nicholas', the absence of ringers was mentioned, and the long and short of it was I was asked to write a letter to the Vicar on the subject. I offered my services to remedy the defect, and the only reply I have had is one from Mr. Leaker over two years ago to say (in effect) that the letter had been considered by the Old Boys' Society, and when he was made vice-president probably something would be done. That time has come and gone, and nothing has been done.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—I would like a small space in 'The Ringing World,' if I may be permitted, to associate myself with the remarks of Mr. U. Bruven at the Bristol United Guilds' annual dinner. Never, to my mind, have any truer words been spoken. And I should like to add that if those with 'the will to teach' were to drop this bickering and cross-criticism, many more would show 'the will to learn' and stick to it, instead of going so far and then giving it up.—Yours faithfully,

P. AMOS.

Wellingborough, Northants.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church of St. Barnabas, on Sunday, December 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. V. Jephcott 1, W. J. Meers (conductor) 2, J. W. Pemberton 3, J. Preston 4, G. F. Garri-son 5, W. C. Rhodes 6, W. Davies 7, J. E. Pywell 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Erdington, Canon F. S. Swindell, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Since ringing her first peal on the 26th September, 1930, Mrs. Geo. H. Cross has taken part in 23 peals in the following methods: Grand-sire Triples, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise. This would appear to be a record for a lady during the first 16 months of her peal ringing career.

It is hoped that something may soon be done to restore Kidderminster bells, which at present are unpealable. Kidderminster played a leading part in ringing years ago, when Surprise ringing was practised in but few towers.

The Bourdon bell at Heavitree, Exeter, the blessing of which was reported in our last issue, is to be placed in the tower of the Roman Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Plymouth.

FABIAN STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Daniell is, of course, correct in saying that it would be possible under the old system for a man to receive a post in a government office after he had turned 50 provided he had the necessary influence behind him. But I think in this matter we should consider, not possibilities, but probabilities. If there were any evidence that Stedman was born in 1631 we should have to accept it as a fact and fit in the other events of his life as best we might. But there is no such evidence.

I look forward with interest to anything Mr. Daniell has to tell us about the early College Youths. Everyone who is interested in the history of the Exercise owes a big debt to him for the investigations he made and published some thirty years ago.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD RESOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At last Mr. Drake is getting back to his resolution, and he has invited me to formulate an amendment to it. As I am only interested in one aspect of the resolution, the only amendment I ask for is that which I have already suggested, i.e., the deletion of the words 'remove from the Guild.' It is true that Mr. Drake has denied that these words have any unpleasant significance, but I would refer him to Rule 6 of the Suffolk Guild, which reads: 'The committee may remove a member from the Guild for serious offences against the objects and rules.' Can Mr. Drake deny that this means that if I, as a member of the Suffolk Guild, seriously offended against the objects and rules of the Guild, I could be expelled by the committee? Of course he cannot, and I am quite right in assuming that similar words in his resolution mean exactly the same thing. Mr. Drake is quite welcome to try to educate the members of the Guild in what are rows and what are changes, but he really must not threaten to apply Rule 6 to any member who remains uneducated, or who even goes so far as to flatly contradict him. Will he therefore delete from his resolution the words 'remove from the Guild' and substitute the word 'educate'? This will meet my objections to the resolution, and will still leave him free to say what he likes about rows and changes.

Mr. Drake seems so certain that there can be no other meaning to the word 'changes' than that put forward by him, i.e., that such a word cannot be applied to a peal in which a repetition occurs, that I venture to draw his attention to the Rules and Decisions of the Central Council, of which he is a member. Here the definitions of peals on eight bells and upwards are given, and they read in each case, 'not less than 5,000 true changes.' Apparently, the gentlemen who framed these definitions were not quite so sure as Mr. Drake that the word changes is sufficient to imply truth, so they added the word 'true' to leave no doubt of their intention.

I do not wish Mr. Drake to assume that I agree with him, or with the gentlemen who framed those definitions. There have been so many discussions in past days, and so many different views put forward, that in this matter I will continue to sit on the fence. I object, however, to Mr. Drake's assumption that his view is the only one that it is possible to accept.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

THE ROW BETWEEN CHANGE RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—I have been hoping for some weeks past that I should see, under certain correspondence to the Editor, a small line to the effect that 'this correspondence must now cease.'

May I suggest to some of those who use the valuable, not to say expensive, space in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' that there are adequate facilities provided by the postal service whereby people so inclined may air their views to each other to their hearts' content?

Space might then be available for more of those excellent historical articles which really are worth reading.—Yours faithfully,

J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

67, Norwich Road, Wisbech.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. SUCCESSFUL GATHERING IN LONDON.

The annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held in London on Saturday, January 23rd, and was attended by members of the following forces: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Leicester City, Birmingham City, Reigate Borough, Bolton Borough, Grantham Borough, Northampton County and Surrey County. The visitors arrived about 11 a.m. and all met at the Church of St. George-the Martyr, Southwark, where the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major. The bells were kept going until about 1 p.m., when an adjournment was made for luncheon. A very pleasing menu was served up at the 'A.B.C.' Cafe, 188, Strand, to which the 47 persons present did full justice.

After luncheon, the president of the Guild, Sub-Div.-Jusp. W. Bottrill (Metropolitan) addressed the party and gave some good advice in case anyone found themselves adrift from the rest of the company. This was followed by a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells.

A move was then made to the fine old church of St. Clement Danes, in the Strand, where, after a look round the interior, the peal of ten were set in motion to Grandsire Caters. This was followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal and some Stedman Caters. The next church to be visited was that of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square. The ringing on these bells (so often heard on the wireless) included a touch of Stedman Cinques, a course of Cambridge Royal and a course of Grandsire Cinques.

A business meeting followed at New Scotland Yard, where a room had been kindly loaned for this purpose. The president extended a hearty welcome to the visitors and made special mention of the enthusiasm shown by the Manchester members in travelling such a distance to attend the meeting. This, he said, was an example which might well be followed by others.

A letter was read from Mr. O. J. B. Cole, Chief Constable, Leicester City, who is an honorary member of the Guild, regretting his inability to attend and wishing the meeting every success.

The secretary, Det.-Sgt. H. J. Poole (Leicester City), in his report, said that at the end of December, 1931, the Guild membership numbered 55. This included three honorary members and represented 17 forces. Four peals had been rung for the Guild since its formation 12 months ago, viz., 1 Grandsire Triples on handbells by the Manchester members, 2 Bob Major by Metropolitan members and 1 Stedman Triples by a mixed band at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire.

When the place for the next annual meeting was considered, Ex-Sgt. Dowding, Birmingham City, conveyed a message from Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham) wishing the meeting every success and inviting the Guild to that city, in which case he would obtain permission to ring on St. Martin's bells. After some discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Manchester.—The President asked Ex-Sgt. Dowding to convey the thanks of the Guild to Mr. Walker and inform him that his invitation would most probably be taken advantage of at some future date.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The president and hon. secretary were re-elected to office, as were the following members of the committee: Supt. F. Williams and P.C. F. Page (Manchester City), P.C. Claydon (Reigate Borough), ex-Sgt. W. Dowding (Birmingham City), P.C. N. Bagworth (Metropolitan), Sgt. Jenney (Leicester City) and Ex-Sgt. A. Lawrence (Herts County). Sgt. Jenney was appointed auditor.

Sgt. Crook (Bolton Borough) proposed that an effort be made to ring a special peal each year in commemoration of those in the police service who fell in the Great War, and suggested that as the Police Conference was usually held in November, this would be a most suitable occasion on which to ring the peal.—This was seconded by Ex-Sgt. Dowding and carried.

Sgt. Jenney then proposed a vote of thanks to the president and hon. secretary for their work in placing the Guild on such a footing, and also to P.C. Bagworth (Metropolitan) for the arrangements he had made for the meeting, and to all others who had helped to make it such a success, including those who had granted permission to ring on the bells and the use of the room.—This was seconded by Insp. Hilton (Godalming, Surrey).

The rendezvous for the evening was the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, where a room had been reserved for a convivial gathering. The entertainment commenced with a touch of Stedman and 'The Blue Bells of Scotland' on the handbells. Songs were rendered by P.C.s Collins, Wright and Forester, with P.C. Turner at the piano. These four are members of the Metropolitan Police Minstrels, and their attendance was much appreciated by those present. P.C. Forester also gave a banjo solo. Of the Guild talent, Det.-Sgt. Turner (Leicester City) obliged with some of his copy(ren)right tales. P.C. W. Pye (Manchester City) gave a thrilling soliloquy on 'Julius Caesar' from 'Macbeth,' and also sang a song. Det.-Sgt. Poole (Leicester City) rendered his (composed and conducted) 'Policeman's A.B.C.' Other items on the handbells were a touch of Stedman Caters, a course of Grandsire Cinques, 'Drink to me only' and 'Sailor's Hornpipe.' The company was joined during the evening by some of London's notables, including Mr. J. Hawkins (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. H. Langdon, Mr. C. W. Roberts, Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., and Mr. J. Davis.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ACTIVITY IN THE FARNHAM DISTRICT.

There was an attendance of over 60 at the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Farnham on Saturday. The service was much appreciated by the members, the singing being led by the well-trained choir, and a thoughtful address given by the Rector (Canon E. M. Girling), who drew some practical lessons from the qualities of loyalty, perseverance, watchfulness and faith required of the efficient ringers.

Canon Girling presided over the tea at the Church Institute, and, before leaving for another engagement, was warmly thanked for the use of the bells, for the service and for his address. The Rev. A. J. Dance took the chair for the business meeting and was supported by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer), Lt.-Col. H. M. Gale, M.C., Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general secretary), Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (District hon. secretary), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford District secretary), Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel Foundry), etc. The towers represented were Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Frensham, Hawley, Haslemere, Scale, West Clandon, Woking and Yorktown.

The District officers were re-elected, as were Lt.-Col. Gale and Mr. R. Lye as ringing representatives on the Executive Committee. Mr. L. A. N. Muddell was elected as the hon. members' representative.

The balance sheet showed that the balance in hand had been increased from £11 9s. 8d. to £13 15s. 8d., the principal receipts being from 108 ringing members and 32 hon. members.

The Ringing Master reported progress in the district, especially at two or three of the towers, including Frensham, where a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles had been rung by the local band. Two peals had been rung in the district, one of which was their secretary's first as conductor. Three attempts for a local peal of Stedman Triples had been lost at Farnham, the last one in the 59th course.

An encouraging report was presented by the hon. secretary. Although there was a slight decrease in membership, through unpaid subscriptions, it was hoped that these might yet be collected and the support retained for the Guild. There were 108 ringing members and 33 hon. members in the district. Six district meetings had been held with an average attendance of 35. Thanks were accorded to Mr. T. A. Stroud, of Frensham, for his services as organist at the meetings. It was hoped during the coming year to give more assistance to towers which are somewhat unfortunately placed and consequently are not making the desired progress. This could only be accomplished by wholehearted co-operation of members generally.

It was resolved to hold meetings at the following places during the year: Frensham, Yorktown, Bentley, Farnborough, Farnham and Bagshot, on dates to be arranged, and the next annual meeting of the district at Farnham on January 21st next year.

The general officers of the Guild were renominated en bloc, and the following new ringing members were elected: The Rev. A. J. Dance (Farnham), F. R. Priddle, W. G. Chandler (Frensham), Doris Viggers, E. Aldridge and M. Downs (Aldershot).

A vote of thanks to the chairman, the organist, the choir, Mr. R. Hasted and the Farnham band was carried with applause. Congratulations were extended to Lt.-Col. Gale on his recent Army promotion, and to the district hon. secretary upon his recovery from the result of a serious motor accident. Further ringing afterwards took place at the Parish Church, the standard methods being practised.

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The end came all too soon, but with everybody expressing delight after such a successful day.

The evening's entertainment ended officially at 11 p.m., but there was more excitement in store for some of the Leicester and Manchester enthusiasts. Whilst on the way to St. Pancras someone whispered, 'What about seeing London by night?' The next move was a party of eight dodging motors in Kingsway and making a dive for the 'Holborn Hole.' After some few minutes of burrowing in the rush and crush of 'Down-under' the party reappeared at the surface (in true rabbit style) at Piccadilly. To the total dismay of all, the company was found to number only seven. On calling the roll, the missing link was found to be 'Rabbit Pye.' True, he could be easily recognised and identified by the large white paper parcel of 'green-stuff' he had under his arm, but, even so, it was no easy matter for location in such a warren. Excitement grew tense as the minutes for the train time were counted. Inquiries revealed that the underground train speed limit could not be exceeded, and the calculation estimated about 20 minutes to spare. A rescue party volunteer again descended the depths in the maze of passages, and, after a short search, found Brother George waiting for the return train, apparently having given up all hopes of rescue. After some more laxi-dodging in Leicester Square district, the party eventually reached St. Pancras Station with a few minutes in hand. The Leicester contingent alighted from the train about 3 a.m. and left the Manchester youths to continue their journey and watch the clock until 5.15 a.m., at which time they hoped to arrive home.

Will those members who were unable to attend the meeting kindly note that the subscriptions for this year are now due?

PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. G. WILLIAMS.

GOLDEN WEDDING GIFTS.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, who recently celebrated their golden wedding and to commemorate the event presented two treble bells to make a ring of ten at North Stoneham Church, were on Saturday week the recipients of gifts from members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, of which Mr. Williams is the popular Master. The presentation took place at the annual meeting of the Southampton District, and consisted of two armchairs.

The General Secretary of the Guild (Mr. P. W. Rogers) said the meeting was a dual one, for, besides being the annual meeting of the district, it was to show the gratitude and affection of the Guild to Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, by presenting them with a gift on the occasion of their golden wedding. There had been a large and ready response from members. The Bishop of Southampton had kindly offered to make the presentation, thereby showing his keen interest in the Guild. The Bishop had had to postpone duties at Winchester to attend, and the Guild greatly appreciated his presence.

The Bishop (Dr. Boufflower) made the presentation in a happy manner. The debt of the members to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, he said, was such that for some time they had wished to record the appreciation in some tangible form. So they chose the opportunity when Mr. and Mrs. Williams had celebrated their golden wedding. When a man was away, night after night, in church towers, he might, so far as his family was concerned, be in public-houses (laughter). So they included Mrs. Williams in the presentation. The Bishop mentioned that he had been endeavouring to fulfil the duties of two bishops during the illness of the Bishop of Winchester, and tried to save from disappointment people and associations whom the Bishop had promised to visit. He did feel that the Bishop of Winchester would have wished to attend this function. 'I do not tell the Bishop very much when I see him,' added the Bishop of Southampton, 'but I shall probably tell him during the next week that the ringers of the diocese held this function and wished him Godspeed and healing.'

BELLS IN JAPAN.

Dr. Boufflower went on to say that when he was Bishop of Dorking he made friends with the ringers, and preached at their festival in 1906. Then he went abroad for 12 years, and returned to a changed England. 'During my absence I was in a land (Japan) where we never heard a ring of bells. The temples have one bronze bell, struck by a swinging beam, whose boom you may hear for miles. Such a thing as a peal of bells does not exist. When one comes back to England one of the delights, on Sunday mornings, is to hear the sound of the bells from the House of God, and enjoy the messages they seem to send.'

The Bishop then presented Mr. and Mrs. Williams with the two easy chairs, and gave his arm to the recipients to assist them to the chairs. Musical honours were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Mr. Williams returned thanks, and spoke of the team work necessary if ringers were to succeed.

Thanks to the Bishop were proposed by the Rector of St. Mary's (the Rev. R. B. Jolly, Rural Dean).

The presentation took place after tea, and afterwards the business meeting was held. The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. C. T. Tritton (Eling); Ringing Master, Mr. George Williams; District secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; Auditor, Mr. C. J. Fray; Representative to the Central Council, Mr. J. W. Faithfull.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on Saturday, January 13th, and quarterly meetings at North Stoneham on April 16th, Eling on July 16th, Romsey on October 15th.

The towers represented at the meeting were Bishopstoke, Curdridge, Gosport, Portsea, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, Titchfield, Brockenhurst, King's Somborne, Twyford, Farborough, Wickham, Lymington, Hedge End, Winchester and Southampton.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's and St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and to Mr. George Williams for presiding. Notice of the meetings will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FEWER MEETINGS IN MIDSUMMER NORTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Midsummer Norton and Frome Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, January 9th. The Rev. J. H. Kerr-Thompson presided over about 50 members, including the general secretary (Mr. J. T. Dyke) and Mr. W. Cave, of Bristol.

The Secretary, in his report, said there were several towers who had not paid their affiliation fee, but he showed a balance on the right side of just over £9.

Rev. J. H. Kerr-Thompson was elected president and representative on the general committee, Mr. G. M. Hasell secretary and treasurer, and Mr. J. Metcalfe Ringing Master.

The Secretary reported that the attendance at the monthly meetings had been very poor, and it was therefore decided to have one meeting in two months instead of two.

Thanks were given to all who had made the meeting such a success, especially Mr. Wm. Richards, of the local ringers.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A REMINDER FOR THE 'IF-ERS.'

The January quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held on Saturday, January 16th, at Warwick. It proved highly successful from every point of view. Between forty and fifty members and friends attended from Allesley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Deddington (Oxon), Erdington, Harbury, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby, Solihull, Southam, Stoke and Stratford-on-Avon, together with the local band at St. Mary's, Warwick. The ten bells were made good use of during the afternoon, and service was held in the choir of the church, which vies with any cathedral for structural beauty. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Henwood, M.A.), and the Guild's form was used. The hymns, 'We love the place, O God' and 'O worship the King,' were sung, to the accompaniment of the wonderful organ, sections of which are situated in various parts of the church. The address was most inspiring, making those who heard it keener than ever to improve the standard of ringing in their own towers, and making them wish that the 'If-ers' could have been there to have heard it to inspire them with a little enthusiasm. (Readers will remember the article in 'The Ringing World' of September 5th, 1930, entitled 'Holiday Thoughts,' by 'O.P.Q.' It ended with a verse—

'What shall we do with the "If-ers" when they won't come up to scratch?

What shall we do with the "If-ers" when they spoil the rest of the batch;

With the shirkers who mess up the workers, and those who come along late;

With the slackers who think nothing matters, if only seven meet 'stead of eight;

Who stay away when they're wanted, and frequently blight our hope, Or spoil all the striking because they're no liking to pull at the end of the rope?

They ought to be tarred and feathered, or boiled in a vat of oil; Or sent down for years to Dartmoor, where prisoners have to toil.

If I could, I would make it still stiffer, the sentence should fit the crime,

But, perhaps, 'tis as well "If-ers" don't get "spell," for I'm only an "If-er at rhyme."')

At the close of the church service everybody adjourned to a near-by cafe, where tea was served, and, following that, the business meeting was held in the vestry of the church. The chairman (Mr. J. H. W. White) and the hon. secretary (Mrs. Beamish) had the honour of sitting on chairs of the Queen Anne period. The value of the set (six) is said to run into four figures.

Before the business of the meeting began, Mr. White asked the members to stand for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Harry Argyle, who had been such a prominent member of the Guild since its foundation.

Apologies from the president (the Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.) and Mr. F. W. Perrins were read.

The meeting places for February and March were fixed, Allesley for February and Newbold-on-Avon for March.

Owing to the death of Mr. H. Argyle (who had been appointed hon. auditor at the October quarterly meeting in place of Mr. O. J. Hunt, who had left the district), an auditor had to be appointed at this meeting. Both Mr. A. H. Beamish (Chilvers Coton) and Mr. W. Thomas (Nuneaton) were proposed and seconded, and upon a show of hands Mr. A. H. Beamish was appointed.

Four new members were elected, one from Warwick, one from Southam and two from Nuneaton.

Just before the meeting closed, Mr. T. W. Chapman spoke feelingly of his close friendship of over 40 years with the late Mr. Argyle.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his splendid address, to the organist, and to Mr. E. H. Adams for making the arrangements which helped to make the meeting so successful.

A return was made to the belfry, where ringing was continued until 8 o'clock. Most of the standard methods for eight and ten bells were rung, including Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal, while a few members had their first pull on ten bells.

DEATH OF A LEEDS LADY RINGER.

On Monday, January 18th, at 25, Kirkstall Avenue, Kirkstall, Leeds, Miss Marjorie Leach passed away in her 29th year. The funeral took place at Armley Hill Top Cemetery on Wednesday, January 20th. Many ringers were present and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells at the graveside by the following: Mrs. J. Cotterell 1-2, M. Moorhouse 3-4, P. J. Johnson 5-6, J. W. Moorhouse 7-8, G. W. Slack 9-10. Afterwards 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at St. Peter's Church, Bramley, with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect and esteem by the following: S. Helliwell 1, F. Blackith (conductor) 2, M. Moorhouse 3, H. Grimwood 4, G. W. Slack 5, J. W. Moorhouse 6.

Miss Leach had rung four peals on handbells, viz., two Kent Treble Bob Major and two of Bob Major. She only attempted one tower bell peal, which came to grief in the last course. Death appears to have cut short a great ringing career, as Miss Leach was a most enthusiastic and promising ringer.

ORWELL BELLS BACK IN THE TOWER.**VILLAGERS HEAR THEM FOR THE FIRST TIME.**

An interesting bell restoration which has just been completed by the Loughborough firm of bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., is at Orwell Church, Cambridgeshire, which possesses a fine peal of five bells, four of which were lowered to the ground floor more years ago than the oldest inhabitant can remember, presumably owing to the condition in which the bells hung having been deemed to be unsafe. One bell only was left hanging in the tower, and this has had to do duty for all these years. Funds had gradually been accumulated towards having the peal hung in the tower once more, and one of the tasks which the energetic Rector, the Rev. Edgar J. White, set himself on coming to the parish was to get this work accomplished at the earliest possible moment. The order was placed

**ORWELL CHURCH.**

in the hands of John Taylor and Co. early in October, and by making a special effort they were able to complete the work for the bells to be pealed out for the first time on Christmas Eve by a band under the capable leadership of Mr. John Ward, of Melbourn.

It is needless to add that the peal has been rung in the usual 'Taylor' style—the fittings, new framework, etc., bear the hall-mark of a first-class job, and the 'go' of the bells can only be described as perfect.

The cracked treble bell has been recast and the other bells tuned. The weight of the tenor bell is approximately 11 cwt. Three of the bells were cast by Tobie Norris, of Stanford, viz., the 2nd in 1616, and the two tenors in 1629; the 3rd was cast by Miles Graye in 1663, and the treble by Charles Newman, 1694.

The whole village was overjoyed to hear the bells ringing out on Christmas Eve. One can imagine what a wonderful event it must have been to those who all their life have been accustomed to the sight of the bells from the floor of the church but could have had no opportunity of judging what their sound was like.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN TAYLOR, OF CAMBRIDGE.**TRIPLE JUBILEE.**

His many ringing friends will learn with regret of the death of Mr. John Taylor, of Cambridge. Mr. Taylor passed away on Thursday, the 21st inst., at the age of 74 years, after an illness of 11 months most patiently borne.

Deceased had been in Cambridge the greater part of his lifetime, his birthplace being Sutton in the Isle of Ely. He had been a member of the Society of Cambridge Youths for 48 years, and also held the office of secretary for a considerable period, after which he was Ringing Master until the time of his death.

Unfortunately, there is not a complete record of all his activities in the Exercise. He had, however, rung 16 peals for the Ely Diocesan Association, including peals of Bob Major, one of which was rung on the Scage's Apparatus at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, also peals of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Mr. Taylor had completed three jubilees, having been 50 years married, 50 years a ringer and 50 years a chorister in Great St. Mary's choir.

The interment took place on Saturday following a service in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Essex), after reading the lesson, made mention of the faithful service deceased had rendered to the church. The prayers were offered by the Rev. C. L. Hulbert, a former Vicar, and at the close of the service the organist played 'Lift Thine Eyes' (Mendelssohn). As the cortege left the church, preceded by the choir, the Nunc Dimittis was sung.

In the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled, the following taking part: Messrs. F. E. Kempton, C. W. Smith, T. Chenery, H. J. Hazell, A. G. Rivers, J. Quinney, A. Fabb, S. Baynard, P. Webb and some members of the Cambridge University Guild.

A WORCESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.**FOUR BELLS RECAST AND PEAL REHUNG AT REDDITCH.**

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Bell Foundry, have just carried through a most successful restoration of the ring of eight bells of Redditch Parish Church, Worcestershire. Probably not many ringers will have any recollection of the bells as they were before the present work was taken in hand, as the peal has not been rung for many years owing to the defective condition of the framework, which was such that to ring the bells would have constituted a grave danger to the tower and spire.

Originally a peal of six by Warner in 1857, augmented to eight in 1896 by Carr, of Birmingham, it could not be said that the peal possessed any great merit from the musical point of view, and when a generous donor came forward with the offer to put the bells into ringing order, his munificence also provided for improving the tone and tune of the bells. What was previously a very indifferent peal has now been transformed into quite a musical and pleasing octave, and that, too, without recasting the whole of the bells. The four trebles have been through the fire, and the four tenors have been improved out of all recognition by tuning without recasting. Several of the bells bear inscriptions, viz.:—

Treble.—Hortae Newton, Vicar. John Frederick Millward, William Neason, Churchwardens, 1896. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1931.

3rd.—Good people all,

When we call, Come to pray, Stay not away.

Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1931.

4th.—In memory of six generations of the family of Hill, who have worshipped here. This peal was restored and rehung by John Hill, 1931. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

Tenor.—These bells were erected A.D. 1837. G. F. Fessey, M.A., Vicar. J. Osborne and W. Ricketts, C.W.

The weight of the tenor bell is approximately 11 cwt.

The peal has been hung in new framework with new modern fittings, and, needless to say, the 'go' is all that can be desired. The ringing chamber was previously on the first floor, but the ringers now stand on the ground floor of the church. It was thought advisable, in the carrying through of the scheme, from the point of view of safeguarding the tower and spire, for the bells to be placed at a considerably lower level than previously, and they now hang in what was formerly the clock chamber, displacing the old clock. The former ringing chamber now houses a fine new clock, which has also been generously provided by the same donor who has restored the bells.

The hanging of the bells was only finished a day or two before Christmas Day, and it was naturally desired that they should peal out on Christmas morning. A service of rededication was held on December 23rd, when the bells were rung by ringers of King's Norton and other towers. It is to be hoped that at an early date there will be a 'ringers' day' arranged, which will enable the ringers of the district to test the excellence of the work which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, and proved a great attraction. About 60 ringers attended, most towers in the district being represented, while there were also visitors from the Southern District. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30, and a pleasant service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. — Davies, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar. Tea followed at the Scouts' Hall, and the company of 50 who sat down to an enjoyable repast were kindly waited upon by the local ringers' wives and friends.

The business meeting, afterwards held, was presided over by the District Master (Mr. A. W. Clark), and occupied some considerable time, several interesting discussions arising on various points, showing that members are taking a keen interest in the work of the association.

One honorary member and six ringing members were elected.

It was decided to hold meetings at the following towers if possible during the year, viz.: Banstead, Easter Monday; Wandsworth, May 28th; Rammore Common, July 30th (joint meeting); Kingston, September 24th; Streatham, November 26th; Leathethead, January 21st. The officers and committee were re-elected with a vote of thanks for past services.

The District Committee's recommendation to the General Committee for the alteration of Rule 10 and deletion of Rule 21, with an addition for the alteration of Rule 21, was discussed at some length and agreed to by the meeting.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. Davies for conducting the service, the organist, the ladies who were responsible for the tea, and Mr. H. E. Wills for making excellent arrangements. The tower was again visited and ringing continued until 9 o'clock, the methods practised including Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal. The district secretary would like to remind members that subscriptions are now due.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE CONDITION OF KIDDERMINSTER BELLS.

A meeting of the Northern Branch was held at St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, on Saturday, January 16th. The bells were rung during the afternoon and the service was held in the Whittall Memorial Chapel. The Vicar (Canon L. B. Sladen, M.A.) gave a very inspiring address on the prayers which are in the association's form of service which was used. The collection, on behalf of the association's Belfry Repair Fund, realised 13s. 7d.

Afterwards the Vicar kindly entertained the members, about 25 in number, to a bountiful tea. The Vicar also presided at the business meeting, and was supported by his churchwarden (Mr. Mackinson), Messrs. C. Skidmore (Ringing Master), W. Short (Central Committee representative), H. G. Bird (Central Council representative), T. J. Salter, K. Salter, J. Woodberry, C. Woodberry and J. Davis, of the Kidderminster company, with the branch secretary (Mr. A. J. Skelding).

The secretary announced that he had received a letter from the Vicar of Selly Oak and Mr. W. B. Cartwright, secretary of Selly Oak Church Council, inviting the branch to hold its next meeting at Selly Oak in June, when the bells would have been returned from the foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.—It was unanimously agreed to accept the invitation.

It was regretted on all sides that the quarterly peal could not be rung at Kidderminster owing to the bad 'go' of the bells. It was resolved that the secretary should write to the Church Council upon the matter, pointing out that this was the first occasion since the association was formed that the quarterly peal could not be attempted.

Fifteen new names were added to the roll of performing members in the association.

Mr. S. Hughes (Smeethwick) urged all members of the Exercise to take in 'The Ringing World,' as by doing so he thought they would be able to get it a little cheaper, and with this the meeting agreed.

The meeting welcomed Messrs. C. Camm, W. C. Jones, W. Ranford and S. Holt, of the Western and Southern branches.

Mr. C. Skidmore moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for providing such a splendid tea, arranging the service, the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting; also to the organist and to the ladies who had looked after their requirements.

The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to entertain the members, and he gave them a hearty welcome to Kidderminster. He hoped they would soon be able to raise the funds to get the bells put in order, so that peals might once more be rung upon them.

Mr. Mackinson said these were most difficult times to raise money, but he trusted they would soon be able to have the bells done. It was very gratifying, he added, to see the sons following in the footsteps of their fathers, as in the case of bellringers and choirmen at Kidderminster.

This closed a very successful meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

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On Saturday, December 5th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Potterne, Wilts. a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes) in 47 mins.: Mrs. W. C. West 1. S. Hillier 2. F. Green 3. V. E. Swift 4. W. C. West (conductor) 5. A. J. Boyce 6. Arranged for the Stedman Tercentenary.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Visitors welcomed.—D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at S. Nicolas' Hall at 5.30. Business meeting in the hall.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. and E. District. — Annual meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45. Meeting to follow. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Meeting 5.30. Bells available: Sidbury (6), Sidmouth (8), Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome. — John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Rainham, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tower opened at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea served in the Church Hall, generously provided by the Church Council.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells (6) will be available until 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph's from 6 to 9 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Surfleet, Lincs.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) ready early. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WHITFIELD PARISH CHURCH, GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE. — Re-opening of bells (8) after recasting and rehanging by Gillett and Johnston, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—Eli Gar-side, Sec., Knowle House, Wood Street, Glossop.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS. — The ring of 6 bells restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The general quarterly meeting will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Committee meet 3.30; tea, followed by general meeting, 5 p.m.; all at the Old Wine Vaults, East Street (near church). Frequent bus service from Nottingham and Derby.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Southern Branch. — Annual branch meeting at Attleborough, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea (names, please!), followed by meeting 5.15.—Nolan Golden, Hon. Branch Sec., 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — The annual general district meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, at the Six Bells Inn, at 6d. per head. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at 5.45, in St. Chad's Room, followed by meeting and further ringing.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (1 mile from Newbury) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (provided by the Vicar) and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Trumpington on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweet-briars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Sleaford District). The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford to-morrow, January 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers are invited.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd, at Bishop's Stortford. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, should be paid in before the 29th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on February 4th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WATFORD.—That's the place, that is, for the next meeting, February 6th. Ringing from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Tea in School Room, usual business meeting. Ringing till 8.30. Travel by train, coach, cheap return tickets from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual meeting, important business, Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Chertsey. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Wednesday next.—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The rings of 10 and 8 at St. Giles' and All Saints' respectively will be available: from 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the case of St. Giles' and from 2 p.m. onward at All Saints'. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d., and application for same must be made to reach Mr. H. Walters, 8, Elm Terrace, Newgate, Pontefract, not later than first post February 3rd. Nominations are invited for the post of honorary general secretary of the association, as the undersigned is not seeking re-election.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Felsted on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday morning, Feb. 3rd?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newton Hall on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The bells of St. James' (6, tenor 12 cwt.) will be available at 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30., and tea in the Church Institute at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. T. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield, not later than the 4th.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Canterbury Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8) and St. Alphege (6) bells available. Ringers are asked to attend Cathedral service at 3 o'clock. Tea (free), at Gaywood's Rooms, 4 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due and should be paid at this meeting. Tea only for those who notify me on or before Thursday, Feb. 4th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thorverton on Feb. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea, 5s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by Feb. 1st.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send a p.c. by the 4th?—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, February 6th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5s. at the Magnet. Short business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—Annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 6th. City bells available afternoon and evening. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than February 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, February 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wolstanton on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available after 4 p.m.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bingham on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions are now due.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the Reading Branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 6th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' will be available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Laurence's from 3.40 to 4.30 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Giles' at 5 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, February 3rd. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dodford (6) on Saturday, February 6th. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me? Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern District, with the Cleveland Association, will be held at Darlington, on Saturday, February 6th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, St. John's, and Holy Trinity, available afternoon and evening. Tea, Hunter's Cafe, 4.30 p.m.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 6th. The bells will be ready at 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bugbrooke on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, February 2nd?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 6th, at Whitechurch. Service at 4.30 in Parish Church. Tea 5s. in Church Hall. Bells available from 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mr. Clarke, London Street, Whitechurch, by February 3rd. Business meeting after tea.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5s. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Royston, February 6th. Bells (8) available from 3. Tea at 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar, who has offered to provide tea for those who send him a card. Please notify Rev. F. F. Greig, The Vicarage, Royston. Write it now before you forget!—Don Mears, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil, on Saturday, February 6th. The fine rehung peal of ten available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea, please notify Mr. J. E. Baker, 102, Eastland Road, Yeovil.—F. Farrant, Martock.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Walsoken, near Wisbech, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, February 6th. Bells open at 2.30 p.m. Good attendance requested. Good bus service from all directions. Tea will be provided for those who notify Robt. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Beighton (6 bells) on Saturday, February 6th. For tea please notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 at St. Leonards. Tea at Kings Head Hotel 5 followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Tea 1s. to those who notify me by the 3rd.—E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—Annual meeting February 6th at Upton, Torquay. Bells (8) recently rehung available 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5. Torre bells (6) also available. All ringers welcome. Those who require tea please advise me by February 2nd.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BADBY, NEAR DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by Taylors, of Loughborough, on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 p.m.

YAXLEY, NEAR PETERBOROUGH.—Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Ring of 6, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely on Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, followed by business meeting after the service. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, February 9th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Institute. Please let me have numbers for tea by February 10th.—A. H. Smith, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland, St. James', on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting at Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, February 13th. Six bells. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Faringdon, by February 10th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify me for tea before Wednesday, February 10th. All welcome. These bells know Surprise Minor.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service in church 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at 5.15. Please notify me of your intention to be present at tea not later than Wednesday, February 10th. Will members please make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for the current year are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—In order to follow usual procedure of holding annual meeting on second Saturday in February each year, it has now been made possible for this to be held on Feb. 13th, subject to slight curtailment of ringing, owing to such date falling in Lent this year. Ringing will therefore take place at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', 3.45 to 4.45 p.m.; service in St. Clement Danes', 4.45; tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, 5.30 p.m.; business meeting in Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m. Please make widely known.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

SCARNING, NORFOLK.—The rehung and augmented ring of six, by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Norwich on Sunday, February 14th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers will be welcome and will be entertained to tea. Will those intending to be present write to the Rev. W. Eugène Perrin, Scarning Rectory, East Dereham?

STEVENTON, BERKS.—Ring of six, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, February 20th. Service 3 p.m. Visiting ringers will be entertained to tea afterwards; names to be sent to the Rev. A. Robinson, Steventon Vicarage, Didcot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea in the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, February 16th.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Micheldever on Saturday, April 2nd. The members will be entertained to tea by kind invitation of H. Morris Wells, Esq., Manor Farm, Micheldever. Further particulars later.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

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