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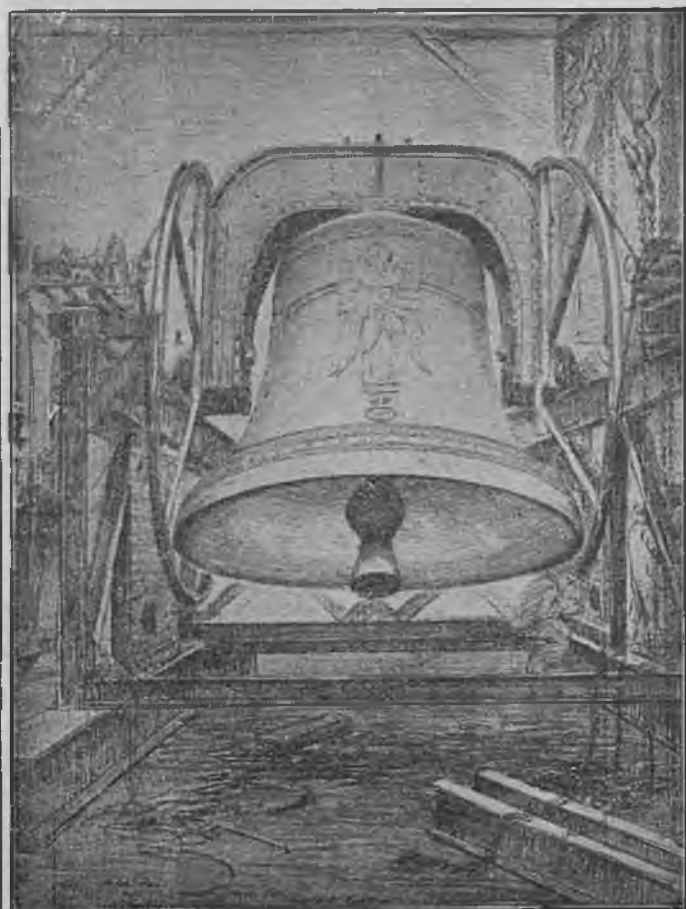
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AXIOMS AND ACCURACY.

There comes a time in every prolonged argument when the lookers-on get tired of the subject, and that is what has happened among many ringers in connection with the discussion which has been carried on by the Rev. Herbert Drake and Mr. C. T. Coles. It has been accentuated, perhaps, by the former's repeated elaboration of the distinction between rows and changes and the latter's persistency in endeavouring to pin the disputation to the form of the motion which the Suffolk Guild is to be asked to adopt. The average ringer looks upon the difference in definition between a row and a change as a somewhat academical question—it does not interfere with his ringing and therefore he does not care a snap of the fingers about it. But a matter which may concern his personal connection with an association is on a different footing. He is entitled, if he is or is likely to become a member of that association, to know where he stands, when a motion is tabled which may conflict with his own views and prejudice his own position.

It is this position which Mr. Coles has been seeking to elucidate with regard to members of the Suffolk Guild and, after all the ink that has been spilled, we are not quite sure that he has even yet succeeded. We still have to learn exactly what is to happen to any member of the Suffolk Guild, who may hold unacceptable views on the subject, if the suggested resolution is passed, that the annual meeting should take steps to remove from the Guild any member who continues to approve of the words '17,867 changes' being on the tablet lately fixed in Painswick Church. Mr. Drake has definitely stated that removal from the Guild does not mean expulsion, but that the resolution, if passed, will be made 'quite effective, without anything unpleasant.' If the world could have been told at once what effective measures are intended, the delinquents—if any there be—would long since have known the fate awaiting them and have had the opportunity of repenting; while those who have been looking on might have been spared the boredom which not a few correspondents have confessed to suffering.

But now the Suffolk Guild, in addition to the much discussed resolution, under which 'removal from the Guild' does not mean expulsion, is to be asked to adopt a series of 'axioms.' We agree that it is high time some of the terms connected with ringing and some of the present existing 'axioms' which have been accepted in the past were overhauled, and more careful and accurate definitions provided, but it must be done in a manner which will command acceptance by the whole Exercise. Mr. Drake's nibble at it will serve little purpose unless it can be made the starting point of a revision of the whole question of terms and definitions.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

TUOMAS H. REEVES Treble	* R. ALDER GOFTON 7
JOSEPH E. KEEN 2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON 8
JOHN ANDERSON 3	ADAM DEAS 9
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 10
WILLIAM H. BARBER 5	RICHARD THOMPSON 11
RICHARD A. GOFTON 6	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WM. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Maximus.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	THOMAS HILL 7
HARRY BOSWELL 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
GEORGE W. HUGHES 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
JOHN C. ADAMS 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
BERT HORTON 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS 6	WILLIAM WALKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	† JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 8
* LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
HARRY H. ROPER 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Superlative Maximus. † First peal of Superlative Maximus with an 'inside' bell.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MAURICE SMITH Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 2	RICHARD A. POST 7
MRS. ALBERT LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 8
FRANK BARRETT 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung in memory of Fabian Stedman.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

STANLEY ARMSTRONG Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
KEITH HART 2	ROBERT SWIFT 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 8
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS 9
WILFRED WILLIAMS 5	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

First peal of Royal as conductor.

HANLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN G. BORROWS Treble	ROBERT G. LEWIS 6
CHARLES S. RYLES 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE 7
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	WALTER LONGMAN 8
WILFRED STEVENSON 4	JOHN WORTH 9
THOMAS HURD 5	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and also the first peal on ten bells by the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th and 9th. First peal in the method as conductor, and believed to be the first peal of Royal to be rung in North Staffordshire.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
*HAROLD JACKSON 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
PETER LAFLIN 3	ERNEST BENNETT 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT

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

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BELGRAVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
*THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	*LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	*WILLIAM HORAN 7
*THOMAS WALLWORK 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the association.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	ALFRED H. POLLING 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	MAURICE SMITHER 6
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	HARRY MOLLARD Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung to commemorate the 47th anniversary of the foundation of the Sussex County Association (24th January).

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN M. BROADBENT ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
HORACE BELCHER 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the association previous to starting the peal.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ERNEST G. HIGGIN 2	THOMAS H. TAPPENDER 6
FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
*ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. This is the 100th tower in which Mr. Player has rung a peal.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	GEORGE L. CHAMBERS 5
THOMAS RILEY 2	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 6
MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	ERNEST WAGSTAFF 7
LESLIE W. BACON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
*MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
*FREDERICK A. COLEY 4	TBOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	JOHN G. NASH 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The conductor's 1,000th Surprise peal.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL 5
ROBERT W. GREEN 2	REGINALD T. NEWMAN 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	ARTHUR MARTIN 5
FREDERICK BIGGS 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

CHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	*FRED COCKSHOT 5
JAMES PARR 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 6
WILLIE AARON 3	FRED READ 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

THATCHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 23 lb. in F.	
GEORGE GILBERT Treble	CHARLES PULLEN 5
MISS ESTHER MATTHEWS ... 2	REGINALD W. REX 6
MISS RUBY M. HAZELL ... 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 4	PERCY J. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Monday, January 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*FRANCIS V. JEPHCOTT ... Treble	JONATHAN PRESTON 5
WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 2	FRED PRICE 6
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.
* First peal. Rung to commemorate the completion of 45 years' faithful and devoted ministry of the Rev. Canon F. S. Swindell, M.A., as Vicar of Erdington.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	*WILLIAM J. BEITON ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	THOMAS WM. LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.
* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell, and first attempt.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT & BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*GILBERT HALFPENNY ... Treble	CHARLES OLLIER 5
JOHN H. BRIERLEY 2	JOHN FEARNHEAD 6
†EDWARD F. MAWBY 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY NORGROVE 4	ALBERT HOUGH Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by TOM WILDE.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ollier, wife of the ringer of the fifth.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	†DOUGLAS H. S. WHITE ... 5
*CECIL J. RUGGE 2	RICHARD C. HIDE 6
*JOHN T. CREKS 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
†ALFRED J. MORRIS 4	*GEORGE P. ELPHICK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The second peal rung by a local band at this church, the first one being 30 years ago, March 10th, 1902. This was rung at the first attempt.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MISS KITTY WILLERS ... Treble	CHARLES W. COOK 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 2	JOHN W. WARD 6
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... 4	*JAMES W. R. QUINNEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
ILKESTON VARIATION.	
*RALPH HARRIS Treble	†RAYMOND JELFS 5
JOHN HALL 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 6
†FRANK SADLER 3	JOHN C. PERKINS 7
*MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOSEY. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells. First peal of spliced Treble Bob Major by all the band, and in the Ilkeston variation by the association.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

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

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. The first peal of Ipswich Surprise by the association, on the bells, and as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the esteemed Vicar of Leatherhead, Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, who attained to his 50th year on January 27th last.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 3	*THOMAS E. SONE 7
MRS. H. BAKER 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* 150th peal for K.C.A. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. At the conclusion of the peal Sir Charles J. Oakeley, Bt., J.P., congratulated the band on the striking. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker for their kind hospitality.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HARRY CLEMENCE Treble	WILLIAM DICKENSON 5
SAM PINDER 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	HAROLD WALKER 7
LAWRENCE CHADBURN 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART, No. 8. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

CHARLES POULTENAY Treble	ALBERT NASH 5
T. COLIN RYDER 2	ARNOLD HILL 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE 7
MRS. T. COLIN RYDER 4	PERCY MANGHAM Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT AODSLEY Treble	RICHARD CONSTANT 4
HARRY HOVERD 2	EDWARD G. MORRAD 6
JOHN CHEESMAN 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
GEORGE BUTCHER 4	WILLIAM GORMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. BEER.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*DONALD C. MEARS Treble	†LEONARD FIDLER 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	HORACE W. SMITH 6
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	†WILLIAM STAPLETON 7
HARRY TYSON 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Superlative. H. Tysoe's previous peal of Superlative was rung in 1904.

WOORBURN, RUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE Treble	*JAMES W. WILKINS 5
*MISS HILDA F. MILLS 2	†GEORGE LIMMER 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*CHARLES SMITH 4	ERNEST TUCK Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † First attempt for a peal away from treble.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FREDERICK W. RIDGWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
*REGINALD MARTIN 4	*WALTER H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BROCKWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. George,

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

Consisting of ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE WASLEY Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN 4
*CHARLES SMITH 2	FREDERICK BLOWING 5
ERNEST MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM WASLEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells since being rehung by J. Taylor and Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

JOHN C. ROYNON Treble	RICHMOND ROBERTS 4
EDWARD G. NORTON 2	GEORGE GILLING 5
G. EDWARD SHALLISH 3	EDWARD J. AVERY Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM ELCOMBE Treble	HENRY W. EDWARDS 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	GEORGE AYRES 5
E. GEORGE SWIFT 3	FRANK CORKE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

Rung on the 30th anniversary of the Rev. Whittingstall's induction as Rector of the parish.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... Treble	†JOHN L. BLOXHAM 4
KYRIL LAKE 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 3	*ALBERT J. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT)

On Monday, January 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, three 720's of Woodbine, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Kent.

WILFRED L. TIDY Treble	CHARLES W. CLINCH 4
H. F. HYLTON TIDY 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	JOHN O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First peal for the ringer of the treble, who is 15 years of age.

DODLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 26, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

HERBERT ROBERTS Treble	CHARLES DRYLAND 4
GEORGE CASE 2	JOHN TILSTON 5
JOHN HUGHES 3	THOMAS GUEST Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GUEST.

KINGSTON SEYMOUR.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, five callings.

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWIN S. C. BAKER Treble	HERBERT A. T. PRICE 4
E. ALEXANDER PRICE 2	† HERBERT W. PRICE 5
* ERNEST R. NORTON 3	† ERNEST G. PARSONS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT A. T. PRICE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal and first attempt on the bells. Rung by a local band 15 months after the addition of the new treble. Ernest G. Parsons was elected a member prior to the peal. First peal as conductor.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

OLIVER BARNARD 1 Treble	JOHN WELCH 4
ROBERT HOWARD 2	SIDNEY CARTER 5
BARNARD PATMORE 3	WILLIAM TACK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM TACK.

First peal as conductor.

KIRBY LONSDALE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN N. KIRKBRIDE Treble	* JAMES T. SKEATS 4
ERNEST OVERSBY 2	DAVID G. BATESON 5
RICHARD T. BATESON 3	EDWIN JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

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

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS RICKETTS, OF SWINDON.

A WELL-KNOWN WILTSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Tom Ricketts, many years ago a prominent member of the Swindon Parish Church Guild, who passed suddenly away on January 20th. Deceased was a native of Kempsford, Glos, where he learned to ring, and, coming to Swindon at the age of 20, was one of the members of the Parish Church Guild when Mr. E. Bishop went to Swindon to 1889 from Lancashire. He soon became a capable eight-bell ringer, taking part in the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob by the Guild. He became a very active ringer and conductor, visiting various towers in the vicinity and calling the first peal for many ringers who later became well known in the Exercise. He had rung about 100 peals in all and conducted a large number of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

When the new peal of six was installed in St. Mark's Church he left his old friends and took over control of that tower.

A safe ringer and a splendid striker, he formed one of the band that rang many peals of Stedman Triples under the leadership of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who often expressed his willingness to go anywhere with the Swindon men. The deceased was in his 69th year and some years ago had a seizure which ended his career as a peal ringer. His last peal was Stedman Triples, rung in November, 1918, at Swindon Parish Church as a thanksgiving at the conclusion of the Great War, and conducted by his old colleague, Ernest Bishop. R.I.P.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, January 16th, when the following towers were represented: Barrow-in-Humber, Burton-on-Stather, Bigby, Elsham, Grimsby (St. James' and St. Andrew's), Killingholme, Mablethorpe, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby. Mr. W. Bramwell, of Grimsby, and other unattached members were also present. Members took advantage of the bells during the afternoon. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Hedley Burrows), who gave an interesting address based on the Stedman Tercentenary. He also gave the members a warm welcome. Mr. H. Rustby presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church House, 36 members sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the president (Canon H. T. Parry, R.D.) presided, supported by the Rev. Hedley Burrows, Vicar.

The secretary's report showed that the district was still 'going strong,' having maintained its members and increased its peals for the year.

The officers elected were: President, Rev. Canon H. T. Parry, R.D.; secretary, Mr. H. I. Mingay; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Bray; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. G. Blanchard; representative on general committee, Mr. C. W. Taylor, the towers to elect their own members for the district committee.

One hon. member from Grimsby, two performing members from Grimsby, five from Grimsby and one from Scarby were elected, and the election of three members of Mablethorpe, who were proposed prior to a peal attempt, was confirmed by the meeting.

The president and Mr. W. H. Heyhoe then presented the accounts of the district bell fund.

The president proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address and welcome to them, also to the caterers and Mr. Rustby for presiding at the organ.—The Vicar suitably responded.

Mr. J. Bray proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the president for presiding over the meeting. He also referred to the honour which has been bestowed on the president of a stall in Lincoln Cathedral, which had been well earned.—The president suitably responded, and further ringing was then continued on the tower bells till 9.15.

Places and dates of meetings selected for the year were as follows: Barrow-on-Humber, April 2nd; Ulceby, May 14th; Bigby, June 25th; Burton-on-Stather, July 9th; Appleby, July 30th; Elsham, August 20th; Waltham, September 10th; Scunthorpe, October 29th.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EDENHAM.

A very successful gathering was held at Edenham on Saturday, January 16th, it being the annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. About 40 ringers were present from Spalding, Pinchbeck, Bourne, Peterborough, Hough-on-the-Hill, Market Deeping, Morton, Folkingham, and the local band. Through the kindness of the Rector, the Rev. D. Rowlands, the good-going peal of eight were available during the afternoon and evening. The bells were employed in a variety of methods, ranging from Plain Bob to Cambridge and London Surprise. Service was held in the ancient and well-preserved church, the Rector, Rev. D. Rowlands, officiating. The lesson was read by the Master of the Guild (Rev. H. Law James), and the address given by the Rev. E. Bankes James.

Tea was served in the school, 35 sitting down. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. H. Law James.

The meeting expressed deep regret at the passing of the late Mr. W. Tilley, of West Deeping, who was an active member of the Southern Branch for many years, and the company stood in silence as a mark of their respect.

Mr. W. Tilley had resided at West Deeping for many years, and took part in the record length of Minor for Lincolnshire, rung at this church in 1927, consisting of 10,080 changes, in 14 methods, rung in 8 hrs. 20 mins.

Only one change was found necessary in the officers for the ensuing year. Owing to the president of the branch, the Rev. Canon Walker, of Barkston, having left the district, a new president was required, and the Rev. D. Rowlands, Rector of Edenham, was unanimously elected. A vote of thanks was extended to Canon Walker for his past services for many years.

One new member was appointed to the branch committee in the place of the late Mr. W. Tilley, J. Lunn, of West Deeping, being elected.

Two new performing members were elected: A. Cooper, of Deeping St. James, and Miss F. Humphrey, of Folkingham, H. Cook, of Folkingham, being accepted as a probationer of the Southern Branch.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Grantham, owing to these bells being unavailable for the annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the incumbent for the use of bells and the service, and to all who had contributed in making arrangements for a very successful meeting. Ringing was afterwards continued, and the fine ring of eight was lowered in peal about 9 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 16th. An early start was made with ringing at Shoreditch, where members and friends to the number of 40 assembled, and good use was made of these bells. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were brought round, but a course of Cambridge Maximus failed to materialise. The bells were lowered at 3.30, and a move was made to headquarters, where a large number were awaiting the end of a musical service in church. This being over, the belfry was occupied by over 70 members and friends. Touches of Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Maximus and Treble Ten were rung.

Tea, generously provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Pat McCormick), was served in the Crypt, 51 members sitting down and being joined by the Vicar.

Mr. W. H. Fussell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for their kind attentions, and this was carried with acclamation. The annual general meeting was then held, with the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) in the chair.

The Vicar welcomed the members in a cordial speech.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. A. Card) gave his report, which was adopted. The balance sheet was also passed as quite satisfactory.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; treasurer, Mr. G. W. Steero; trustees, Mr. A. Hardy and Mr. F. Smith; senior steward, Mr. C. Matthews; junior steward, Mr. T. Bevan; auditors, Mr. T. Newman and Mr. R. Bevan; and hon. secretary, Mr. G. A. Card. New members having been elected, the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the officers for their services during the year.—The hon. secretary thanked the members for their attendance and making the meeting a success, it being voted one of the best the society had held.

A further move to the tower was then made, where Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Maximus were accomplished besides rounds for the younger ringers. A course of London Surprise on the back eight brought to a close a most successful meeting.

SOUVENIRS OF STEDMAN TERCENTENARY

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

Souvenir ash trays, made from oak from St. Benedict's tower, price 2s. 3d. post free, from the hon. secretary of the Central Council, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH'S BIG MEETING.**

A splendidly-attended quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 23rd, no less than 70 members being present from 25 towers covering a very wide area. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the order of the day being only courses and short touches, so that all present could have a ring. The methods rung were many and varied, and ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, there being some excellent ringing.

The Guild service was held in the fine old Church of St. Peter conducted by the Rector, who also gave an inspiring and encouraging address on 'The Kingdom of God.' He contended that ringers, by their work, were helping to build up that kingdom, and he thanked them all for the service they were rendering. The hearty singing during the service was a delight to hear.

After the service the members adjourned to the Church School-room, where tea was served by the local ringers and their wives. Owing to the unexpectedly large number present some little difficulty was experienced with the catering, but with willing hands this was soon overcome.

The Rev. D. N. Dobson, Vicar of Mears Ashby and president of the branch, presided at the business meeting. Yardley Hastings was suggested for the next meeting, and 27 new members were elected, a hearty welcome being accorded to them.

The report and balance sheet for the past year were presented and unanimously accepted, the president paying a fine tribute to the branch secretary for his good work. This was heartily endorsed by Mr. R. G. Black, general secretary of the Guild, and the members showed their appreciation by general acclamation.—The Secretary, replying, said the best thanks that could be given to him was for each and all to try and do their duty. He went on to thank them all for attending in such splendid numbers, as it augured well for 1932.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded those who had in any way helped to make the meeting such a success, on the proposition of the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, Vicar of Finedon, and seconded by Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Guild.

Amongst those present were Miss E. Steele and Messrs. Tysoa, Sharp and Townsend, of Bedford, Mr. A. King, Luton, Mrs. P. Humphrey, Miss Humphrey and Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, secretary of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is to be another 'All England' ringers' meeting at Croydon. Those who recollect the success of the huge gathering held there a few years ago will look forward to the coming event with eager interest. The date fixed for it is Saturday, April 2nd, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, by whose invitation it is to be held, are again making elaborate preparations for welcoming and entertaining ringers in large numbers from all parts of the country.

Aldershot has an enthusiastic band of young ringers, numbering nearly two dozen, the majority of them being in their 'teens or only just out of them. Aldershot wants bell ropes badly, but there are no funds available for the purpose. Not to be denied, however, the young folk organised a dance, which was held on Wednesday, in order to 'raise the wind,' and give the bell rope fund a good start.

Mr. Joseph Waghorn, sen., who last week celebrated his 89th birthday, sends his good wishes to all old friends, and 'hopes to meet them again when the sun shines.'

A new bell has been added to the ring at Preslute Church, Wilts, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. It is a memorial to the late Mr. J. F. L. Hardy, who died on March 30th, 1930. The dedication took place at the meeting of the Marlborough Branch of Salisbury Guild, and the founders were represented by Mr. S. R. Roper.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recast the old live bells and rehung them in a new frame for six in 1925. The tenor is a few pounds under 9½ cwt., and the new treble 4½ cwt. They are one of the finest peals of six for their weight in the country.

The peal of Stedman Doubles rung at Kingston Magna was conducted by H. J. Ralph, who is to be congratulated on the ability displayed in his first effort as conductor of a peal.

Thirty years ago next month the first peal by a local band was rung at Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex. The second local peal was rung last week. Both were conducted by that stalwart of Sussex ringing, Mr. R. J. Dawe, and Mr. A. J. Turner also took part in both peals. The peal last week was Mr. Dawe's 450th and his 150th on the bells, 60 of which have been ten-bell peals.

The attendance at the Northern Branch meeting of the Worcester-shire Association, reported last week, was 75, not 25 as erroneously stated.

DEBENHAM BELLS

RESTORATION TO BE CARRIED OUT.

The restoration of the bells at Debenham, Suffolk, has been put in hand, Messrs. Taylor and Co. having secured the contract. The bells are to be rehung in a steel frame with all new fittings and placed about 10 or 12 feet lower in the tower. While the work is in progress the bells will be removed to the foundry for sandblasting and tuning.

The total cost will be about £400, and it is felt that now that the order is definitely placed there may be a good many ringers who would like to help in finding the money. Donations towards this object will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham.

The following subscriptions have been already received: St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, £1 1s.; Ex-Sergt. James Bennett, 5s.; Miss Kitty Willers, 3s.; Ernest F. Poppy 10s.; Harry Parkes, 2s. 6d.; 'Welcomed,' 7s. 6d.; 'Ugly Suffolk Duckling,' 14s.; total, £3 3s.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT TO HOLD ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual meeting of the Leicester District was held at St. John-the-Divine's, Leicester, on Monday, January 25th. The ten bells were available for ringing from 7.30 p.m. to 8.45 p.m., and various methods were rung from Grandshire Doubles to Treble Bob Royal. A good muster of members attended from Husband's Bosworth, Weston-by-Welland, Wigston Magna, Anstey, Great Glen, and the various towers in Leicester. The business meeting was held in the Earl Grey, and opened with a few words from the vice-president, Mr. J. H. Harris, who wished the members 'a happy and prosperous new year.'

It was resolved that the general officers who served last year be re-nominated en bloc, as follows: Mr. E. Denison Taylor, president; Mr. William Willson, vice-president; Mr. W. White, treasurer; Mr. Ernest Morris, general hon. secretary. The retiring district officers were re-elected, viz.: Vice-president, Mr. James H. Harris; Messrs. F. H. Dexter and J. Grant, committee; Mr. Ernest H. Bagworth, local hon. secretary. Six new ringing members and three hon. members proposed were elected, and it was decided that a by-meeting be held at Gailby on a practice night (Thursday) on February 11th.

For the mid-quarterly meeting, Whetstone was selected, and the meeting will be held on Saturday, February 20th. The quarterly meeting will be held at Ratby on Saturday, March 19th. A discussion took place as to whether an annual dinner should be held or not, and it was finally decided in the affirmative. It was left to a committee, with the vice-president and local secretary, to get something done as soon as possible.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

MEETING AT HADLEIGH ADOPTS RINGING AXIOMS.

About thirty ringers turned up at the meeting at Hadleigh on January 23rd. When the minutes were read, it appeared that there had been fifteen new members elected at Woodbridge at the meeting on November 28th of the local band. It was now pointed out that this was certainly a record for this Guild, and probably for most if not all the other Guilds. This band that day created another record by chartering a bus to take them from Woodbridge to Hadleigh. Mr. Trotman, the Woodbridge captain, was congratulated by the chairman on the remarkable ringing attainments which he and his band had acquired in two years' time.

Arrangements were made for the annual meeting to be held at Sudbury on April 2nd, also for instructing the new ringers at Wattisfield and Hadleigh.

The secretary was asked to write to the B.B.C. and ask for change ringing to be properly announced, for more broadcasts such as that from Westminster Abbey on New Year's Eve, and for services and ringing from Suffolk churches to be broadcast.

The secretary read out eight ringing axioms on changes and mere rows, which he had compiled for the annual meeting. These were more detailed than the previous proposals, in which the Painswick tablet was mentioned. They were very fully discussed, and unanimously approved. It was suggested that these might be printed in the report each year, also that they might be laid before the Central Council, but these points were left to the annual meeting.

Many towers were represented, and there was much ringing both of the simpler and the more elaborate methods, not only on the tower but also on handbells.

THE RINGING AXIOMS.

(a) Ringing is expressed by rows of numbers, of which the figures follow one another, in the same order as the bells which they represent, sound.

(b) Any one of these rows is either a repetition of, or a change from, any other row.

(c) Change ringing is that which is represented by writing rows of figures, starting from a certain row (usually 'rounds'), and proceeding without any repetition until the ringing returns to the same row (usually 'rounds') again.

(d) The alteration from one row to another is counted as one change, therefore the number of changes is the same as the number of rows, if one counts the row that the ringing starts from and returns to (usually 'rounds') only once.

(e) If, however, there is one or more repetitions, the ringing is said to be 'false,' and in this case there are more rows than there are changes.

(f) In such case a claim to have rung the same number of changes as rows is a false statement. Anyone who makes or supports such a claim is not a fit person to be a member of a society or company of scientific change ringers.

(g) No such false statement, claiming that changes have been rung when they have not been rung, should be allowed on the walls of our churches.

MISLEADING PEAL BOARDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Rule 6 of the Suffolk Guild, which Mr. C. T. Coles quotes, is confined to the objects and rules, and does not allow the committee to remove a member for any other cause. Nothing either in the original proposals, or as now altered into the form of axioms, has any suggestion that they should be incorporated into the objects, or rules; nor do I see how it could be done. Therefore a member could not be removed under Rule 6 for this matter, and there is no other way specified for removing him. I think we may, therefore, take it that Mr. Coles' objections are now satisfactorily met.

With regard to the words 'true changes,' I have said nothing to invalidate such an expression. What I have said is that we cannot use the expression 'false changes' nowadays, because the two words contradict one another. But the words 'true' and 'changes' do not contradict one another. On the contrary they support one another. Therefore there is nothing wrong in using them together. The most one can say is that they are tautological.

With regard to those who are somewhat reasonably impatient with this correspondence, may I point out while the splitting of hairs is tedious, it is sometimes necessary. We have in this county at least two 'peal' boards which we do not want to see repeated. One gives the different methods rung in a 'peal' of Minor, but does not give the time. The reason is that there were 'intervals for refreshment' between the methods. The other 'peal' board does not give the method, the reason being that the rows rung were so-called 'call changes,' which is not change ringing at all.

It may be tedious to prevent the perpetration of such enormities, but it is work that someone has got to do. Moreover, I think I may claim, inasmuch as no one has contradicted me after all these letters, that the alteration of the word 'changes' into 'rows' in the Painswick, or similar, tablets, would remove all objections.

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

All secretaries of affiliated societies are reminded that subscriptions became due on January 1st, and should be sent to me at 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

Hon. members are invited to subscribe to the funds.

G. W. FLETCHER,

Hon. Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.

A very successful meeting was held at Trumpington on Saturday, when members were present from Barley, Cambridge, Chrishall, Elm-don, Exning, Fulbourne, Ickleton, Melbourn, Mildenhall, Newton, Over, Sawston, Great Shelford, Great Staughton, Stetchworth and some of the local band.

Service was conducted by the Rev. A. C. Moule (himself a ringer), who gave a helpful address based on the treble bell's inscription, 'Good people, come and pray.' He said people outside the church watched to see if ringers' lives through the week were consistent with the invitation they gave to 'come and pray.'—Mr. H. J. Hazel, A.L.C.M., kindly presided at the organ, in the unavoidable absence through illness of Mr. C. Haynes, one of the local band.

Tea, at which over twenty sat down, was served at the Green Man Inn, and was followed by a short business meeting, with Mr. B. D. Buttress, District Ringing Master, in the chair. Messrs. G. Haynes and W. Smoothay, of Ickleton, and Messrs. S. Mance, C. Plumb, sen., C. Plumb, jun., A. Reed, H. Skerman, T. Smith, J. Waller and J. Dallman, of Great Chishill, were elected ringing members. The Rev. R. A. Smith and Mr. G. W. Tottem, also of Great Chishill, were made hon. members. The belfry elections of Messrs. Gobeys and Williams, as non-resident members, were confirmed.

A discussion followed on the desirability of practising new methods at meetings, and it was decided to ask members to look up Double Oxford Major for the quarterly meeting on February 27th.

The company stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. J. Taylor, of Cambridge.

After passing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, handbells were brought into use, while some members rushed for buses and others returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 8.45 p.m. Ringing ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

HON. SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual general meeting of the Doncaster and District Association was held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 30th. There was ringing in the afternoon, and at the service in the Parish Church the preacher gave a welcome to the members and spoke in appreciation of services rendered by the ringers, not only to his own church at Doncaster but to the district in general.

The meeting held after tea in the Clergy House was presided over by Mr. G. Halksworth, the vice-chairman of the society.

The report read by the secretary showed that 15 peals had been rung for the society during the year. The accounts for the year were accepted and were considered satisfactory. The resignation of Mr. P. Gledstone as hon. secretary was accepted with regret, and Mr. C. H. Holmes, of 25, West End Avenue, Bentley, Doncaster, was elected in his place.

It was resolved to send a letter of appreciation to Mr. J. E. Cawser for the help he had given in raising the standard of the association.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and clergy for their help in making the meeting a success.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Fareham on Saturday, January 23rd, when members and friends attended from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Fareham, Farnborough, Gosport, Hedge End, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Titchfield, Twyford, Winchester and Wickham. The Guild's service was held in the Parish Hall, at which the Vicar, Rev. A. Cory, officiated and preached. Tea, served at Johnson's Cafe, was followed by the business meeting.

The report and balance sheet for the year were read and adopted, and all the officers re-elected for the ensuing year.

Eight new members were elected, viz., Miss Huxford and Miss Vance (Cathedral), F. Gulson and F. Penning (Swanmore), G. Pashingham, A. Cogle (Fareham), G. Bartlett (St. Mary's), and E. Sponge (unattached). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Havant on April 23rd.

After a lengthy discussion on the transference of some towers to strengthen the Alton District, a by-meeting was arranged for May 21st at Petersfield.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to the organisers. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire to Pudsey Surprise Major.

THE LATE MR. JAMES SHAW.

AN EXAMPLE OF FAITHFUL SERVICE.

As already briefly recorded in 'The Ringing World,' Mr. James Shaw, of Hyde, Cheshire, died on Tuesday, January 5th. He passed away in hospital after having undergone two operations for a complaint which was not considered serious. He recovered from the operations very well, but had a relapse and died in a few hours.

The deceased was 70 years of age and had been a ringer at St. George's Church, Hyde, for the long period of nearly 57 years. He commenced to ring when quite a boy, and rang his first peal in January, 1879, and his last peal in May, 1930. The latter was a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Hyde by an entirely local band as a compliment to him on the completion of 55 years' service ringing there. A stone tablet has been placed in the tower recording this peal. Mr. Shaw was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild from its earliest days, and before the advent of the Guild he rang many peals for the old United Counties Association and the Northern Scholars. He never kept a record of his peals, but the number was between one and two hundred, and ranged from Minor to Maximus. He rang in the first peal of Stedman Triples for the Chester Guild and also in the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells at Ashton-under-Lyne.

Always a first-class striker, he insisted on this being the first consideration when ringing, and often said he did not care what the method was so long as the striking was good. He would always have good rounds before the bells were sent into changes, and if the first change was not a good one he would call rounds again. He was one of the band of Hyde ringers who won the United Counties' Association eight-bell cup outright, and took part in many prize-ringing contests in Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire and Derbyshire in the '80's and '90's of last century. He was also a member of the Hyde handbell ringers, and took part with them in many contests at Belle Vue, Manchester, and elsewhere. He regularly attended the meetings of the Chester Guild and the Lancashire Association, and rarely missed a meeting of the local branches. A man of reserved disposition, he was esteemed by all who knew him.

The funeral took place on Friday, January 8th. The service was held in St. George's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, chairman of the local branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and a friend of many years standing. He also officiated at the cemetery, where the interment took place. The deceased was carried to his last resting place by six of the local ringers. Many ringers from neighbouring towers attended, and Messrs. J. M. Simon and A. Bancroft, churchwardens, amongst other parishioners and friends, were present in church. After the interment the bells were rung muffled to various touches, including a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by W. Blackhurst 1, R. Davies (Didsbury) 2, J. H. Brierley 3, H. Norgrove 4, T. Wilde (conductor) 5, S. Bowker 6, B. Thorpe (Ashton) 7, A. Hough 8. On the following Sunday the bells were rung muffled for both morning and evening services, and the acting Vicar, Dr. T. M. Waltenberg, M.A., made reference to Mr. Shaw's long and faithful service. The hymns, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' and the deceased's favourite, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' were sung, and after the evening service the organist (Mr. G. W. Oldham) played the Dead March in 'Saul.' A muffled peal was rung to Mr. Shaw's memory on Saturday, January 16th.

So now we leave him, grateful for all he has done for ringing and ringers, and for the faithful service he has rendered to his church. It is pleasing to record that one of his great wishes has been fulfilled, namely, that he would be able to leave a good band of ringers at his home tower when he set his bell for the last time. May the example of service which he has set be widely followed. R.I.P.

AN APPRECIATION.

By the death of Jim Shaw the Exercise is very much the loser; although he did not develop to any extent the higher methods, he cultivated striking in every sense of the word. The smile on his face during a well-struck touch was something to behold. His features were far more eloquent than speech, and one need not ask if the ringing suited him: when his head was cocked slightly on one side you had to do your best. A typical North Cheshire man, he had the homely characteristic of the district. He did not appear to have any ambition to be one of the 'big nobs,' but his presence was a source of strength and his gentle demeanour gained for him that respect which was his due. With his early ringing activities I am not fully conversant. That he had taken part in many prize ringing competitions as a member of the Hyde company is common knowledge among his many friends, and, despite the high standard of striking that that band had attained, he did not belittle the efforts of others. He criticised, certainly, but in a most helpful manner, and any learner who showed keenness found in him a guide and helper. He was not arrogant, neither was he a tyrant in the belfry, but had that happy knack of expressing his opinion without dancing about, although an occasional stamp of the foot added emphasis to his words. Many have rung more peals than he; that he enjoyed a good one goes without saying. One can safely assume that each of his peals was a good one, and, like his life, clean and true.

On both sides of the Mersey will he be missed particularly, apart, of course, from Hyde. At any meeting one would invariably find him (Continued in next column.)

ASSTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR.

The first peal of Asstead Surprise Major, a method produced by Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, was rung at Asstead on Monday, January 18th.

Asstead Surprise is a variation of 'Brighton' Surprise by the addition of 7th's and 2nd's places. The method deserves attention, for, with tenors together, it has a clean proof scale, the bells are always in proper coursing order in front and behind, it is a double method, and compositions can be had in 1, 2 or 3 parts with the 4th, 5th and 6th only in sixths' place.

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District of Herts Association was held on Saturday week at Broxbourne. There was a good attendance, and much pleasure was derived from the presence of several London members, one of the results being ringing of a high order, including spliced Surprise Major. The opening touch of the afternoon was London Surprise, which in all probability constitutes a record for East Herts.

A very happy company sat down to tea at the Welcome, and the business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. G. Radley. Mr. G. Collern, of Enfield, was elected a life member, and Miss Radley, daughter of Mr. G. Radley, of the Broxbourne band, was also elected a member.

The tower was again visited, and good ringing done, all having spent a very pleasant time, from both the ringing and the social aspect.

NIGEL MORGAN-BROWN—PRIEST.

The death is announced, at the age of 72, of the Rev. Nigel Mackenzie Morgan-Brown, Rector of Bishop's Cleeve, near Cheltenham. Mr. Morgan-Brown became widely known in connection with St. Paul's Cathedral, where for nearly twenty years he held a number of appointments, including those of headmaster of the choir school, Minor Canon and Sub-Dean. He was an accomplished musician and tenor vocalist. In 1904 he accepted the living of St. Giles', Cripplegate, where he remained until 1919. In 1919 he was preferred to the Rectory of Bishop's Cleeve. It was quite an inspiration to hear him sing High Mass. On the Sunday after the funeral, Cripplegate bells were rung, half-muffled, to Grandsire Cinques for service. Previous to the ringing 'De profundis' was recited.

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present, and he enjoyed them, too, whether it be amid the pleasant surroundings of the Cheshire churches or at those churches in the Manchester district not so favourably situated, but more convenient of access. And after ringing was over he enjoyed the social company of his fellow-ringers. His very many reminiscences were generally interesting, they reminded the older hands of the 'good old days' and illustrated to the younger end the advantages of to-day compared with the difficulties they had to overcome. One of the proudest days of his life was when he saw St. George's noble bells cast at Loughborough in 1920.

F. P. J.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION CENTRAL DIVISION.

A highly successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, January 23rd, and was attended by nearly forty members from Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's and The Good Shepherd), Coleman's Hatch, Crawley, Cuckfield, East Grinstead, Hartfield, Heane, Lindfield and Turner's Hill. Ringing in various methods was done during the afternoon, and a service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. D. Trimming), who delivered an eloquent address on 'Ringing considered as a work and labour of love.' A collection taken on behalf of the Benevolent Fund amounted to 13s. This was followed by an excellent tea, provided by the kindness of the Rev. C. F. D. and Mrs. Trimming, to which all present did ample justice.

The Vicar, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) presided at the business meeting, when the following new members were elected: Frank Husman, Turner's Hill, and G. Parsons, Cuckfield; and the election of Messrs. W. Button (Rolvenden, Kent), W. Biddell (Hythe, Kent), and F. Jennings (West Croydon) as non-resident members was confirmed.

Mr. E. C. Merritt then moved a vote of congratulation to the Crawley band on their success in accomplishing a peal of Berkeley Surprise Major, remarking that if the keenness shown by this performance spread to other towers it would result in a quickening of life throughout the association.—This being seconded, carried, and acknowledged by Mr. O. Sippetts, the conductor of the Berkeley peal, Mr. Rickman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address in church, and for the kind hospitality, for which all present owed so much to him and Mrs. Trimming. This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar's acknowledgment brought the proceedings to a close.

Ringling was then resumed and kept up till about 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods brought round ranged from Grandsire Triples to Surprise Major, the most noteworthy item being two touches of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Major.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD DISTRICT'S BELL RESTORATION FUND.

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, January 16th, and was well attended by a representative gathering of some 40 members and visitors during the afternoon and evening. The bells were kept going to a great variety of Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise Minor methods, with varying degrees of success.

Tea, kindly prepared by Miss E. Steel and Mrs. Leader, was served in St. Peter's Hall, and all enjoyed the most excellent spread.

The annual business meeting was presided over by Miss E. Steel. The secretary (Mr. P. C. Bonnett) presented a report of the year's work, which stated that monthly meetings had been held, with a good attendance at all except two. Peals rung had increased from nine in 1930 to nineteen in 1931, and included four peals of Major, thirteen of Minor, and two of Doubles, while three members had conducted their first peal. One hon., four non-resident, and two ringing members had been elected and three members re-elected. During the year, on the proposition of Miss E. Steel, a fund was started in the district to be called 'The Belfry Repair Fund,' towards which members are asked to contribute a penny each at tea on meeting days, the funds to be devoted to any bell restoration in the district.

Thanks were extended to the various clergy who had allowed the use of their bells, also those members who made local arrangements for the meetings, while the secretary was thanked for his work.

The balance sheet was presented and adopted and showed receipts £8 2s. 6d., expenses £1 10s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £4 12s., which was considered highly satisfactory.

The statement of the Belfry Repair Fund showed that £1 7s. had been collected, and this was devoted to Stagsden Bell Restoration Fund.

The election of officers resulted as follows: District secretary, Mr. P. C. Bonnett; district committee, Messrs. H. Stapleton, P. Inskip, W. Addington, W. Stapleton and P. C. Tysoe, the last two named to attend the general committee meeting.

New members elected were Mr. S. Garratt, Kempston, and Mr. W. Adams, Clapham, and Mr. I. Bryant, Clapham, re-elected.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells closed the meeting. Ringing was carried on until 8.30 p.m., several Surprise methods being practised.

Members were present from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Kempston, Harrold, Turvey, Cardington, Ravensden, Biddenham, Stagsden, Luton, Clifton, Biggleswade, Bozcat and Wollaston.

The secretary thanks all those members who have supported the meetings in 1931, and hopes that those who do not often grace the meetings with their presence will make a real effort to do so this jubilee year, so that it may be one of real progress.

The arrangements for meetings are made just as easy when there is a good attendance as when there is a poor one, while the success of the meeting is not comparable.

NOTICES.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at CROYDON on Saturday, April 2nd, by invitation of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Ltd. Further details later.

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. 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.

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 in Church Hall.—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 1/6.—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.—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.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

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 5, at the Magnet. Short business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

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.

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. — 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, 5, 1s. each.—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.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle St., 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.

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. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

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.

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.

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.

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.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, February 6th, at Whitchurch. Service at 4.30 in Parish Church. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Bells available from 2.30. 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 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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.

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.—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.

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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.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting which was to have been held on Saturday, January 30th, at St. James' Church, Birch, Rusholme, has been postponed until to-morrow (Saturday, February 6th). Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—S. Thompson, Hon. Sec.

WATFORD.—Saturday, February 6th.—Bells open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in Schoolroom near. Ringing after till 8.30. Cheap tickets by trains from all stations or by road coaches.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (City 4270.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Melling on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. — E. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Castle Oval, Kendal.

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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All welcome.—T. C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

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.

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.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Blackwell on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at a moderate charge. Please send numbers for tea to me by Wednesday, February 10th.—J. W. England, Welwyn, South Normanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 13th. Service at Parish Church at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea 1s. 3d. per head. Bells (8) available from 3. Visitors kindly inform H. Morgan, 40, Hawthorn Avenue, Gainsborough.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. each, for those who notify Mr. G. Broadhead, 1, Church Field Avenue, by Wednesday, 10th.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, February 13th. Bells of the Parish Church available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. Lawrence Church Room, Normandy Street, 5. Business meeting follows. Will all those who require tea kindly notify me by Thursday, 11th?—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society). — Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields (8), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Magnus the Martyr, London Bridge (10), 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; St. Clement Danes' (10), 3.45 to 4.45 p.m. Service St. Clement's 4.45. Tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, Strand, 5.30 p.m. Business meeting in Parish Hall, 6.30 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard, on Saturday, February 13th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Church Institute at 5 p.m. to those only who let me know by Wednesday, February 10th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service in church at 4. Tea 4.45. Please notify me for tea.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Wymondham, on Saturday, February 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea kindly advise me not later than February 11th?—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

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.

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?

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.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by the Rev. Canon Elsee. Tea served in the Schoolroom afterwards. Notify me for tea before Wednesday, February 17th. All ringers welcome.—Jas. W. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Ripple, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells (6) ready 2.45. Service 4 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, February 17th.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester and Bolton Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a social at Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street. As these are licensed premises it is essential that names be sent to 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, not later than February 17th. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—Donald Brown, Peter Crook, Hon. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 20th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, February 16th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Rooms at 5. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than February 16th?—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Rd., Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 44th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the

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