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## SILENT BELLS.

The continued popularity of the annual dinner organised by the Bristol United Guilds was evidenced on Saturday by a record gathering. If the Guilds do nothing else during the year, they are entitled to our gratitude for the opportunity which they provide for ringers, not only from many parts of the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol and Bath and Wells to meet and compare notes, but also from distant parts of the country to come together for that refreshing social intercourse which plays so valuable a part in cementing the real fraternity of the Exercise. The Guilds have, however, done other work than this. Several churches in Bristol have benefited in the past from their efforts to provide ringers, but the city which, for its size, is probably better off for bells than any other, still has many silent rings. It is not easy in these days, when the populations of our great cities are pushing farther and farther out into the country, to obtain ringers for many of these central churches—congregations are dwindling rapidly, ringers are disappearing. But such opportunities as there are to organise ringing can better be done by amalgamations like the B.U.R.G. than by any other means. There is still scope in Bristol.

On the other hand it is disappointing to find that bells which might otherwise be rung are put on the 'silent' list, as are those at the famous Temple Church, with its leaning tower, because someone has said it is only safe to ring the bells five or six times a year. The president of the Central Council, who was one of the speakers at the dinner, seized the opportunity to challenge this absurd fallacy. He pointed out, as he has done on previous occasions, that if it is safe to ring the bells half a dozen times in a year it is safe to ring them fifty times. Either a tower is safe or it isn't. If it is not safe, it should be made safe and the bells should not be rung until it is. If it is safe, then there is no engineering or architectural reason to limit the number of times the bells should be rung, or the period for which they should be rung. If ringing the bells once a week is likely to damage a tower, so will ringing them once in two months. A period of silence is no remedy for the recuperation of the fabric, and the average ringer finds a difficulty in comprehending the grounds on which the 'experts,' who advise these things, base their ideas. If there is risk of a tower collapsing it is as likely to collapse when the bells are rung only at long intervals as it is if they are rung frequently, and it is no place for ringers to follow their art. It is the duty of Church authorities to see that their towers are safe for the purpose for which they are intended and, if not, to make them so. There have, however, been cases where the excuse of a weak tower has been made to cover the objection of someone in authority to bellringing.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
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On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,  
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 8
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 3	RUFERT RICHARDSON ... .. 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 10
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 11
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Robert K. Knight, of Leyton (late of Gloucester and Walthamstow), who celebrated his 90th birthday on the previous day.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 6
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 2	ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 7
DANIEL T. MATEIN ... .. 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 8
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 4	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 9
ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 5	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal was rung after meeting short for 5,080 Stedman Cinques in honour of the 80th birthday of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.O.L., Master of the Guild.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS MAGGIE J. JOHNSON Treble	JOHN HALL ... .. 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 2	J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... .. 3	FRANK SADLER ... .. 8
ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... .. 4	HARRY PRICE ... .. 9
RALPH HARRIS ... .. 5	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th upon their engagement.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... .. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
MARCELLUS J. DIGBY ... .. 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
FRANK E. WALKER ... .. 4	JOHN WHEADON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first peal in the method.

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On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PERCY NEWTON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	*WILFRED EDWARDS ... .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, of Beaconsfield.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILFRED J. MOSS ... .. Treble	STANLEY HARRISON ... .. 5
MRS. ANNIE POTTER ... .. 2	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 6
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
JOSEPH LITTLER ... .. 4	ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.  
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gudgeon, of Worsley.

LOUGHBOROUGH,  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 7, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 6½ cwt.	
JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	*LEONARD WHITEHEAD ... 6
DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. 3	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 7
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 4	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.  
\* 50th peal of Stedman Triples. Mr. Whitehead has now rung each of the ten bells in this tower to a peal.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REEVES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20½ cwt.	
HARRY F. HOLDEN ... .. Treble	*ALAN D. STEEL ... .. 5
*HAROLD HOUSON ... .. 2	*JAMES WILLIAMS ... .. 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7
*MATTHEW BUCKLEY ... .. 4	CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.  
\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell peal to the Right Rev. D. H. Crick, who is leaving Stoke to take up his duties as Bishop of Stafford; also as a birthday peal to Mrs. Langford (wife of the 3rd ringer) and the tenorman.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINELW ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
*WALTER PAUL ... .. 3	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	HAROLD G. CASEMORE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by H. G. CASEMORE.

\* First peal in the method.

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On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FELICITAS,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.	
HENRY WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	PHILIP J. HITCHENS ... .. 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... .. 2	CYRIL E. LANXON ... .. 6
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
JOHN WOOD ... .. 4	EDWARD SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

Arranged for the conductor, from Manchester, who was elected a member of the Guild. Rung within the Octave of Epiphany, and as a birthday compliment to the Misses E. J. G. Angwin and L. Willoughby and Mr. G. E. Lanxon, all of Truro, whose birthdays occur within that octave.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.	
GEORGE WENT ... .. Treble	GEORGE KNIGHT ... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	ARTHUR HAWKINS ... .. 6
DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 3	EDGAR W. LUFF ... .. 7
ARTHUR L. LUCAS ... .. 4	GEORGE HAWKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

Rung as a farewell peal to Canon Edward Morgan, M.A., for ten years Vicar of Usk, who retired on January 7th. It was largely through his efforts that the bells in this tower were recast and augmented to eight. The ringer of the seventh has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. Fiftieth peal for the association by D. G. Clift.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.	
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. Treble	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5
ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
ALFRED PYE ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to R. K. Knight, of Leytonstone, aged 92, and also the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd, the band wishing them 'many happy returns.'

SOBERTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY Treble	REGINALD A. REED ... .. 5
GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 3	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 7
WILLIAM LINTER, SEN. ... .. 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal called by Mr. Williams from the same bell. The band are indebted to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Godefroy) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G.	
WALTER R. FARROW ... .. Treble	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... .. 2	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 6
*ALFRED W. BROOME ... .. 3	HENRY TOOKE ... .. 7
HAROLD QUATRILL ... .. 4	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

## WOOLWICH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS H. CULVER ... .. Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	JAMES HURRELL ... .. 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 3	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 7
ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by B. W. ALDRIDGE.  
First peal of Major as conductor.

## GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... .. Treble	MAURICE J. LING ... .. 5
ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 2	ERNEST DURRANT ... .. 6
EDWARD B. SMITH ... .. 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT ... .. 7
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 4	EDWARD E. DAVBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. E. DAVBY.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Maurice J. Ling.

## KINGSTON, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 27 cwt.

F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... .. Treble	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... .. 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN ... .. 2	WILLIAM A. HOULTON ... .. 6
*ARTHUR G. ROSE ... .. 3	ARTHUR V. DAVIS ... .. 7
†LOUIS J. LOCKYER ... .. 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by Wm. E. CHEATER.  
\* First in the method on eight bells. † First peal in the method.  
First peal in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 2	JOHN COOK ... .. 6
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 3	PETER CHARMAN ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

## CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert.

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN A. BROWN ... .. Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 5
*GEORGE WALL ... .. 2	WILLIAM SHERRATON ... .. 6
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.  
\* First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Story, J.P., who was 75 on January 14th, and to Mr. Richard Thompson, jun. Both are members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## NEWTON HULL, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Double Court and Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*W. AMOS ... .. Treble	†H. WILSON ... .. 4
JAMES SYMM ... .. 2	*JOHN SYMM ... .. 5
*J. AMOS ... .. 3	*R. THOMPSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES SYMM.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Mr. Thompson is an old Newtonian, now living in Newcastle. The remainder of the band are all service ringers at St. James' Church. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 50th year as a member of the above association.

## WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's, five 240's of Pitman's and 11 of Morris'. Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE H. BAILEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. COUSINS ... .. 4
ALFRED E. PARKER ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
*JOSEPH PRINCE ... .. 3	THOMAS G. STOKES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome home to the Australian tourists.

## MAIDWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, consisting of 2,520 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, the middle 720 being spliced at halfway single. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

A. NORMAN GEARY ... .. Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 4
ALBERT L. WARD ... .. 2	JOHN H. BLUFF ... .. 5
PERCY AMOS ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on the bells since restoration. A birthday compliment to Mr. P. Amos.

## WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*HARRY THELWELL ... .. Treble	†JOHN BROUGH ... .. 4
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods.

## TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(MARSHLAND BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, 720 of St. Clement's, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*JOHN RODWELL ... .. Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... .. 4
†RONALD THAXTER ... .. 2	*LEWIS BUSH ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal and first attempt.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 9, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven extents with the 5-6's at back stroke. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

ERIC A. STEVENSON ... .. Treble	HARBERT C. READ ... .. 4
*A. FREDERICK BOYCE ... .. 2	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of London.

LITTLE DEWCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. David,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Treble	JOHN WEBB ... .. 3
HENRY SYMONDS ... .. 2	NICHOLAS D. REECE ... .. 4
HENRY J. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on these bells. After the peal the Vicar (the Rev. G. J. Saywell) provided refreshments, which the ringers much appreciated.

RIGBY, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Seven extents: (1) Spliced Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Spliced Double Oxford and Thelwall; (3) Spliced St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) Spliced College and Wavertree; (5) Double Court; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNESS ... .. Treble	JACK BRAY ... .. 4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... .. 2	GEORGE L. HALL ... .. 5
ELVIN HOWSAM ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. Tenor

Conducted G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in twelve methods by all the band and in the district.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire with 14 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*KENNETH J. BOWDITCH ... Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. 4
*CECIL H. SMART ... .. 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 5
HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 3	WALTER J. GOSNRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

\* First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells since their augmentation from five, and believed to be the first on them.

FULMER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Being a 720 each of Netherseale Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

FRANK CORKE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4
LEONARD STUWELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTZBRIDGE ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung with half-muffled clappers to the memory of Daniel Webb, for 36 years vergier at this church, who was interred earlier in the day.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES F. MEE ... .. Treble	KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 4
EDGAR RIVERS ... .. 2	CHARLES SHEMMING ... .. 5
STANLEY G. MOSS ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

LILLINGTON, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin,

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

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN THOMPSON ... .. Treble	HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 3
E. T. PAUL FIELD ... .. 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
*ARTHUR G. CHUBB ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

\* First peal. First peal in three methods as conductor. First peal on the bells.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

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

Being seven spliced extents in 40 methods, viz.: (1) Melandra, Castleton, Bucknall Peveril, Beeston, Leasowe Delight; (2) Chepstow, Dover, Balmoral, Skipton, Fotheringay Delight; (3) Rostherne, Ely, Wilmslow, Knutsford, Bogedone Delight; (4) Crowland, Canterbury, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh Delight; (5) Marple, Newdigate, Taxel, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden Delight; (6) Braintree, Charlwood, Humber, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby Delight; (7) Oakley, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury Treble Bob and Disley Delight. Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH C. LEWIS ... .. Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 4
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.

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BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 8, 1935, in Two Hours and Two Minutes.

At 130, HARROGATE STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6
JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 3-4	MRS. JAMES COTTERELL ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by Mrs. JAMES COTTERELL. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cotterell.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

In St. MARGARET'S BELFRY.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. 9-10
PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 5-6	JOSIAS MORRIS ... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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## MR. AND MRS. A. A. HUGHES.

### SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The whole Exercise will join in congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who, to-morrow, celebrate their silver wedding.

They were married at Hackney Old Church on January 26th, 1910. As head of the firm of Mears and Stainbank, whose business has been in continuous existence since 1570, Mr. Hughes is known throughout the country. He has actively identified himself with ringing in London for many years. He was a pupil of Matt. Wood at Bethnal Green, and has always been ready to render service wherever he could



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MRS. HUGHES.

usefully give his aid. After the restoration of the bells at St. Lawrence Jewry, Mr. Hughes instructed a band at this church, and he is still a member of the company. Mr. Hughes was Master of the College Youths for five years during the war period, and succeeded his father as hon. treasurer of the society, whose traditions he is ever anxious to uphold.

Mrs. Hughes came of a ringing family. She is the only daughter and youngest child of Mr. William D. Smith and the late Mrs. Smith, and was born at Hackney. Her father was the fourth generation of his family connected with ringing. Mrs. Hughes is an accomplished musician and many ringers' gatherings have been delighted and entertained by her skilful handbell ringing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have three children—two sons and a daughter.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHERN BRANCH AND KIDDERMINSTER BELLS FUND.

The first meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at the Black Country town of Lye, which is situated on the main Birmingham-Stourbridge road about two miles from the latter town.

The tower of this church contains the lightest ringing peal in the world, the tenor weighing only 3½ cwt. and the treble about 28 lb. It is amusing to watch even experienced ringers 'perform' on these 'dancing dolls,' which, incidentally, were cast abroad by Severin van Aerscholt, of Belgium.

The proceedings commenced with a service, conducted by the Vicar of Lye (the Rev. W. Smith). The main theme of the Vicar's sermon was the duty of the individual ringer to his own tower on a Sunday. He said that if a ringer was due to ring for Sunday service at his church, then that ringer was failing in his duty to God, his Church and his fellow-ringers if he allowed any other engagement to interfere with his attendance at church.

After service the members were very kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar and local ringers, the members present numbering 80.

At the meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, there being also present Mr. Tom Hemming (Ringing Master), Mr. William Short, Mr. C. W. Cooper (librarian) and Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. Robert Matthews (vice-presidents). The only item of business dealt with other than formal matters was the question of the Kidderminster appeal. It was pointed out that the response of the towers in the branch was very disappointing, and members were urged to make it known that there was still £40 to be found.

It was decided, after discussion, to give the collection taken at the service to this fund, and Mr. Harry Mason kindly doubled the amount collected. The allocation of this collection was, of course, contrary to the usual practice, which is to give it the Central Belfry Repairs Fund, and it is not intended to create a precedent.

The Vicar and local ringers were warmly thanked for their kind hospitality.—The Vicar, in reply, said that it had given them great pleasure to welcome the association to Lye, and he hoped it would not be long before they came again.

It is proposed to hold the next meeting at Glent in June.

## BELLS FOR PERTH.

### THE PRIME MINISTER AT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

A carillon of 35 bells is to be installed at St. John's Church, Perth. The bourdon of the carillon is an ancient bell of 30 cwt., but the rest have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at the Croydon Foundry, where, on Thursday week, they were inspected by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald. The Prime Minister was accompanied by his close friend, Sir Alexander Grant, and amongst those present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon (Ald. and Mrs. J. Trumble), the Bishop of Croydon (the Rt. Rev. Edward S. Woods), Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, Mr. George Cadbury, Mr. Melville Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Norie-Miller, the Lord Provost of Perth, and Mr. J. Henderson Stuart, M.P. for Perth.

The origin of the ancient bourdon bell, known in Perth as the 'Seven Hour Bell,' was unknown until Mr. Cyril Johnston made an investigation and discovered that it had been cast as far back as 1504 by Waghevens, of Malines, Belgium. Mr. Johnston explained to the Prime Minister that this bell was of beautiful tonal quality, and after being scientifically tuned was probably the finest specimen of the bellfounder's art in the British Isles.

In his short speech, the Prime Minister said he congratulated Mr. Johnston on his handiwork. He had heard a great deal about the foundry, and when told about the wonderful bells for a church in Perth, and that the Provost of Perth was coming to inspect them, he could not refuse to come down. Perth was one of the most sacred cities of Scotland. It had great traditions, and his heart was in Perth. He was particularly interested in the ancient bell, over 400 years old, which he understood was the finest example of bell making art in this country, and probably the world.

Mr. MacDonald subjected the ancient bell to close attention. He climbed inside the framework and carefully inspected the design moulded round the bell, which Mr. Johnston told him was a wonderful example, worthy of any modern foundry. A saint figured on the bell came in for a discussion, into which the Bishop was drawn to pronounce judgment as to which saint it was.

Mr. MacDonald was introduced to Mr. C. H. Down, an erector of bells, who has travelled in many parts of the world on behalf of the firm. He chatted with him about his experiences in America. Then he was taken to see the various processes through which a bell must go in order to secure the scientific tuning, the explanation of which, by Mr. Cyril Johnston, aroused considerable interest and discussion between the Prime Minister and the Bishop.

Mr. George Cadbury had kindly arranged for the Bournville carillonneur to give a short recital, and Mr. Clifford Ball and Miss Nora Johnston then proceeded to play some tunes with a rich Scottish flavour, which highly delighted the Prime Minister and the visitors from Perth as they stood inside the private office of Mr. Johnston. The recital revealed the fine tonal qualities of the carillon, which were much admired by the assembled audience.

After closely inquiring into the preliminaries attaching to the casting of a bell, Mr. MacDonald witnessed the pouring of the molten metal into two of a peal of eight bells being made for Headley, Hants, Parish Church. With some good-humoured chaffing, he tossed a silver coin in one of the bells, according to ancient tradition. As the molten metal streamed over the coin—a sixpence—Mr. MacDonald laughingly exclaimed, 'Now my poor friend is ruined.' He had a conversation with Mr. F. W. Seager, who is in charge of the foundry, and one of the workmen, Mr. S. H. Edwards, the latter afterwards expressing surprise at the remarkable interest of the Prime Minister in the technical details of casting, including allowance for expansion when casting.

Various ringing peals, chimes and clocks for the British Isles, India, South Africa, Jamaica, etc., were on view and were inspected with interest by the visitors. After partaking of refreshments, the Prime Minister, who had already long overstayed the time he originally intended to devote to the visit, bade farewell to the company. Outside over a hundred of the employees of the foundry were assembled, and heartily cheered him as he drove away, whilst the carillon rang out 'Blue Bells of Scotland.'

'I have had a most enjoyable time,' said the Prime Minister.

### THE CARILLON.

This carillon has been constructed to play thirteen tunes, mostly Scottish, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also constructed an electrically-operated clock to strike the hours and chime either Westminster quarters or the Guildford chimes. The curfew will still be rung on the ancient bourdon, and this will also be used for a call to church services.

The Lord Provost of Perth was greatly interested in a letter in the possession of the firm, dated 1882, and signed by the Lord Provost and committee of those days, concerning the former carillon machine erected by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The old bell, known as the 'Seven Hour Bell,' has been treated with special care, for it was still in a remarkable state of preservation in the tower where it had hung presumably for 430 years. The canons were of artistic though massive design, with a clear and delicate ornamentation on each 'ear' or lug. The authorities have accepted Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's suggestion to retain this, the most interesting of the existing mixed collection of bells in St. John's belfry, to serve as a ringing bell as well as the keynote of the carillon.

After a minute study of the bell on its arrival at the works, the bell-founders asked permission to hang it in an old-fashioned wooden headstock, thus preserving its former character entirely.

It is hung in a separate ringing frame of low side 'A' castings on steel girders, and the remaining 34 bells are hung 'dead' in a large steel structure, and the whole is connected with a clavier for carillon playing.

Another ancient bell, undated, has also been preserved in the tower; there are 13 small Belgian bells which are hung on framework outside the tower and are being left for ornamental purposes, as they are faulty in tone and tune.

The daily music of the bells is provided for by the patented electro-pneumatic mechanism, the tunes being played by an automatic paper band machine similar in action to a pianola, except that the punched paper rolls are in the form of endless bands. This machine plays the following tunes: 'God save the King,' 'Nae luck about the hoose,' 'A man's a man for a' that,' 'Corn Rigs,' 'The boatie rows,' 'Charlie is my darling,' 'Within a mile of Edinburgh Toon,' 'See the conquering hero comes,' 'Glory to Thee, my God, this night,' 'The day is past and over,' 'Sun of my soul,' 'Vicar of Bray,' 'Believe me if all.'

Inscriptions on the new bells are as follow:—

'In memory of John Alexander Dowar, First Baron Forteviot of Dupplin, born 6th June, 1856, died 23rd November, 1929, whose initiative and generous assistance did so much to achieve the restoration of St. John's Church.'

'In proud and loving memory of Lieut. Claud Norie-Miller, R.A.S.C., oldest son of Francis Norie-Miller, of Cleve, who was drowned by sinking of the Transport "Transylvania" on 4th May, 1917. Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.'

'In honoured memory of Patrick W. Gray, Sec.-Lieut., R.F.A., who was killed by a shell on Arras Front, France. B. 4th Apl 1898. D. 9th May 1917. The only child of Sir Albert Gray, K.C.B., K.C., of Bowerswell.'

#### FAREWELL TO TWO RICHMOND RINGERS.

The band at Richmond Parish Church, Yorkshire, has been depleted by the departure of two of its members. Mr. W. Best has gone to Chester, and Mr. C. Barker, who is in the Royal Engineers, has left Catterick for Gosport, prior to sailing for Hong Kong. A farewell quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on Sunday evening, December 30th, by T. Walton 1, W. Best 2, S. Thorp 3, T. Watkin 4, J. G. Kinchin 5, J. Todd 6, C. Barker 7, G. Holmes (conductor) 8. Alderman Albert Morton, the Deputy Mayor of Richmond, who has been a ringer for 48 years, made a presentation to each of the departing members, and Canon A. M. Sullivan, Rector, thanked them both for their past services.

#### ENTHUSIASM AT DEVIZES.

##### 25 TOWERS VISITED DURING THE YEAR.

Seventy-three members attended the annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Devizes on January 5th. Mr. E. F. White (vice-chairman), who presided, offered the season's greetings to all present, and gave a brief account of the work of the branch. He spoke of the serious illness of Mr. Heginbotham, and was glad to report he was well on the way to recovery, although he was sorry he would have to resign the chairmanship which he had so admirably filled for the past 12 years. A letter of friendly greeting and good wishes was read from Mr. Heginbotham, also apologies from the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. H. Gundry, Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett and Mr. J. Ralph, and the Ven. Archdeacon Coulter.

The Secretary, in his report, stated that the branch had held 12 meetings and visited 25 towers during the year. There was an average attendance of 34 per meeting, the number of ringing members totalled 237, and hon. members 20. This was stated as satisfactory, and together with the accounts were adopted.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Mr. E. F. White (Warminster), chairman; Mr. T. B. Holloway (Westbury), vice-chairman; Mr. W. C. West (Melksham), hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes) and Mr. J. Francis (Trowbridge), Ringing Masters; Mr. F. Green (Devizes) and Mr. C. F. Andrews (Trowbridge), committee. Westbury was decided upon for the next meeting (February 2nd). Amongst those who attended were the Rev. F. Ll. Edward, hon. general secretary, Mr. F. Green, assistant hon. general secretary, Rev. C. A. Plaxton, Rev. J. A. Sturton, Messrs. L. A. Wilson (Wootton Bassett), A. Taylor (Marlborough), W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), and C. Raison (Trowbridge).

Previous to the meeting a service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke (Rector), with Mr. H. H. Baker at the organ. Mrs. J. Stone was complimented on the excellence of the tea. A full quota of ringing up to Cambridge Surprise Major was arranged during the afternoon and evening.

#### BILLINGSHURST RINGERS' 'FIRST.'

The first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at Billingshurst, Sussex, by an entirely local band, was rung on Christmas Day. It was also the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by all except the ringers of 1 and 2, and R. Wood, jun.'s, first quarter-peal as conductor: J. Burdfield 1, A. Feist 2, C. Wood 3, R. Wood, sen. 4, T. Adams 5, W. J. Wicks 6, R. Wood, jun. (conductor) 7, W. Holden 8. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Billingshurst Church.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-morrow Mr. Edward Clapshaw, of Farnham, Surrey, celebrates his 90th birthday. He has been a ringer at his Parish Church since the year 1867 and captain since 1906. Although he has taken no active part in ringing for the past three years, on account of advancing age, he still holds office. Mr. Clapshaw will have the good wishes not only of his many intimate friends, but of the whole Exercise.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who has been a minor canon of Canterbury Cathedral for 57 years, has just completed 50 years as president of the Canterbury Cathedral Society of Ringers. His great work for ringing was done as hon. secretary of the Kent County Association for over 30 years.

Close upon the performance of a peal of seven extents in 39 methods, the Cheshire men have now accomplished a similar peal in 40 methods. In the present stage of splicing, only 42 methods are possible in seven extents, and we imagine it will not be long before this skilful band reaches the limit. In the course of this latest peal the method was changed no fewer than 65 times in the 210 leads.

There was a great display of insignia at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner on Saturday. The chairman, of course, wore his chain of office, conspicuous for its many bells, on which are engraved the names of previous holders of the office.

Oldest of all was the official badge of the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, worn by Mr. E. P. Duffield, but chief interest seemed to be displayed in the decoration worn by the hon. secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

It was a badge worn only by a very select circle—members of the Guildford Guild who have rung a peal on the Red Sea. It is Egyptian in character with four links and a medallion, and the explanation of the various symbols which it bears greatly interested many inquirers.

Another badge was also on view, but not in the room. This was of much larger dimensions, and, under some circumstances, has practical uses. It was attached to the rear of a car owned by a well-known ringer. The same car carried a similar badge when it left the Golden Lion, at Wrington, at the conclusion of the Somerset tour last August.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, have now rung a hundred peals together. There are now numerous married couples in ringing, but few have achieved this distinction.

Miss E. Dorice Turner, vice-president of the North District, Ladies' Guild, has become engaged to Mr. H. Shelly, of Hensworth, Sheffield.

The peal rung at Middleton, Lancs, on December 31st, was the first peal and first attempt by James Ogden, the 6th ringer, not the 7th ringer, and the 7th ringer's name is James H. Bastow, not Baslow as published.

Did anyone who attended the meeting at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 12th, lose a gent's blue silk handkerchief? Mr. A. Evans, of 32, Powlett Road, Bathwick, Bath, found one in his pocket on arriving home, and will be pleased to return it to anyone applying for it.

## •WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

### SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT'S BIG MEETING.

A very successful annual district meeting took place at Southampton on January 12th, when over 70 ringers were present from a good number of towers. The members were particularly pleased to welcome again among them, after his long illness, the Master of the Guild (Mr. G. Williams).

Service was held in St. Michael's Church. This was followed by tea and business meeting in St. Michael's Church Hall. The Rev. A. O. Hopkins was voted to the chair, and was supported by his churchwardens, the Rev. E. Jones (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. F. W. Rogers (Guild secretary) and others.

The district secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) reported that 1934 had been a very successful year, both financially and otherwise. The membership of the district was 123, and there were prospects of the bands at Holy Rood (Southampton), Broughton and Sherfield English joining the Guild at an early date. Restoration work had been carried out at Holy Rood, Southampton, where the bells had been retuned and rehung; at Broughton, where they had been rehung and increased to six, and at Sherfield English, where the bells had been rehung. The outstanding performance during the year had been the ringing of the first local peal by the St. Mary's, Southampton, band. The members were very glad that Mr. G. Williams was able to take his place in the tower again after his recent serious illness of several months' duration. This announcement was emphasised by the members with loud applause.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. G. T. Tritton; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams; secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger; auditors, Mr. O. Fray; representative on committee, Mr. J. W. Faithful.

It was decided that meetings be arranged during the year at Broughton, Eling, North Stoneham, Sherfield English and the annual district meeting in 1936 at Southampton.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place in a variety of methods on the bells at St. Mary's and St. Michael's Churches.

The next meeting will be held at North Stoneham on March 2nd, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'



# BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

## RECORD GATHERING AT ANNUAL DINNER.

### THE CITY'S SILENT BELLS.

Once again the annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds brought together a large and representative gathering of ringers from many parts of the kingdom. A record number of nearly 220 attended the function, and the committee of Bristol ringers responsible for the event spared no pains to make the visit an interesting and enjoyable one. The arrangements were made by a committee, of which Mr. Edgar Guise is the energetic hon. secretary, and visitors had the privilege of inspecting the museum at Red Lodge, where among other very interesting exhibits is the original charter of St. Stephen's Guild



MR. SIDNEY G. RICHES,  
Chairman of the B.U.R.G.

of Ringers, granted by Queen Elizabeth. The restored bells at the famous Church of St. Mary Redcliffe were also a great attraction, and other ringing took place at St. Michael's, Emmanuel and St. Stephen's Churches. Tea was served at St. Thomas' School, and the dinner was held at the Cadena Cafe under the chairmanship of Mr. Sidney G. Riches (St. Werburgh's). The chief guest was the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol (Vicar of Temple Church), and others present were the Rev. J. M. Beddoe (Vicar) and the Rev. E. Davies (curate of St. Werburgh's), the Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas'), Messrs. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), E. F. Duffield (Master of the College Youths), A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. S. Romans (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mrs. Romans, Messrs. S. H. Wood, Stafford Green, J. S. Goldsmith, Miss French (St. Werburgh's), Mr. and Mrs. Ford (St. Thomas'), Mr. and Mrs. C. Read, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Manchester), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Messrs. S. F. Palmer, J. Holman and W. Naylor (Sheffield), H. H. Fearn and G. Fearn (Selly Oak), J. Hawkins and J. Thomas (London), J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Mr. G. F. Swanu, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ingram and Mrs. C. Bellfield (Erdington), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) and ringers and their friends from Swindon, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Gresford, Weston-super-Mare, Wrington, Barwell, Kingston Seymour, Castle Cary, Congresbury, Bath, Cardiff, etc.

### SILENT BELLS IN BRISTOL.

The loyal toast having been honoured, the Chairman submitted 'The Church.' Having mentioned that that as the first occasion on which they had had the Archdeacon of Bristol with them, he went on to speak of the activity of the Church in the Bristol diocese under the lead of the Bishops of Bristol and Malmesbury and other leading clergy, who had taken a great stand in such causes as peace, slum clearance, housing and other great social problems. Referring to the fact that the Archdeacon was chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance, the Chairman spoke of the growing demands on the Church by reason of the rapidly growing suburbs of Bristol, and, on behalf of the Exorcise, he thanked all those clergy and officials of the Church who, by constant care and attention to the good order of their bells, had ensured regular ringing for the service and had taken and retained an interest in the welfare of their own ringers. There were, however, many churches with magnificent but silent bells, and he wondered what the church councils in those cases were thinking of to allow that condition of things to continue Sunday by Sunday. He was not one of those who would listen to the old steeplekeeper, who had been at a church for years and years, and who said that ringers were not obtainable. They all knew that young ringers could be obtained, and as a beginning could be trained to ring rounds quite satisfactorily. Bells need be no longer silent. Once young men got

over the first difficulties of change ringing they became possessed of that peculiar fascination which was associated with the art, and which led them to climb the belfries and learn the history of some of the ancient ringers and pioneers of change ringing. They were bound to realise, when they saw those old peal boards, what a great art change ringing was, and they knew the scope there was for interest in the art, the theoretical, the mechanical and the antiquarian interest, besides and above all others that wonderful fellowship which existed among the majority of ringers, as manifested there that night (applause).

### WHY TEMPLE BELLS ARE SELDOM RUNG.

The Archdeacon of Bristol, who responded, said he had the deepest respect for ringers and their art. He happened, he said, to be one of the vicars of a church with silent bells (laughter). He could assure them that that silence was not due to the Parochial Church Council, because in their parish the Parochial Church Council had nothing to do with bells, and it was nothing to do with him either. His church was the Temple Church, with the leaning tower. They had had the tower thoroughly restored, and one of the greatest experts told them they must not ring their bells more than five or six times a year. The Temple Church was noted all over the world, because of its leaning tower. It was not at all pleasant to be known all over the world as being not quite straight (laughter), but such was the case. Some time ago something else happened and they must have them repaired before they could invite ringers into the belfry. They were hoping to raise the money so that the citizens of Bristol might hear the bells rung at least five or six times a year. Continuing, the Archdeacon paid a tribute to the Bishop of Bristol, who, he said, was a true leader, a man of wonderful sympathy, who, whenever he said what he thought, struck hard and struck home. The clergy longed for the sympathy of the laity; they wanted their prayers and their active help. Some were helping, among them the bellringers, but they wanted help in other ways as well—in the more spiritual and educational side of church work.

### A FALLACIOUS IDEA.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in proposing 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' said there was something very fascinating about the west country and west country ringing. He had enjoyed ringing in the west country very much indeed, and he enjoyed most of all the few occasions when he had taken part with Devonshire ringers in rising and falling and ringing call changes. He said that as a change ringer who was keen on change ringing. Some months ago he threw a pebble into the pond, and he saw by the previous day's issue of 'The Ringing World' that the ripples were still moving. He hoped they would continue to move. Referring to Bristol's 'silent bells,' Mr. Lewis said if the Bristol United Guilds were, as he hoped they were, as united during the year as they were that night, he did not think the silent bells were due to any action or lack of action on their part. There must be some difficulty with regard to the church authorities, be those authorities rectors, or vicars, or church councils, or architects. They had just heard the reason given why one of the peals of bells was silent except for five or six times a year. He thought it might be wise if he repeated some remarks he made at Warwick last Whitsun with regard to that particular reason. In most classes of machinery an engineer could estimate the probable life of the wearing parts, and he knew approximately how many hours or years of work he could expect from a particular machine, but he (the speaker) absolutely failed to see how an architect could prophesy how many hours' ringing a tower was going to stand except under one condition. If a tower had got definite cracks, and if after a peal was rung an architect could say that during the ringing lasting three hours the cracks had lengthened, say two inches, he could calculate after how many thousands of changes the crack would reach the ground and the tower get into a serious condition. But if a tower had no crack, or if it were cracked and they could not see any increase of the crack during ringing, it was not in the power of an architect to calculate how many hours of ringing a tower would stand. What he was driving at was this: If a tower were safe enough to enable the bells to be rung five or six times a year, it was perfectly safe to ring the bells 50 or 60 times—and he spoke as an engineer who had gone into the subject, and he was prepared to argue it with any architect (applause). If, added Mr. Lewis, an architect says he won't have any ringing at all, that's that and you cannot do anything more; or if a rector, who has the final say, says the bells are not to be rung, that's that, too, and you cannot do any more about it; but, if I can say so without offending the architect in question, by giving the decision, such as has been mentioned here to-night, he is, to put it bluntly, making a fool of himself (hear, hear).

### THE DAVIES MEMORIAL.

Continuing, Mr. Lewis referred to the work of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and said he would like, as president of the Central Council, to repeat what he said two years ago that the Council welcomed the return of the association to full membership. The great

event of the year had been the dedication of the wonderful memorial at Tewkesbury Abbey to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and, speaking for the ringers of all parts of the country, he congratulated the Gloucester and Bristol Association on the splendid success they made of that memorial. It was a great pleasure to all the ringers to be at that beautiful service in the Abbey and to hear the splendid ring of twelve bells. One local peal had been rung on the bells—a peal of Stedman Cinques. He hoped twelve-bell ringers would take notice of what the eight-bell ringers were doing, they having followed the lead of the six-bell ringers. It had been the practice of many six-bell bands for many years to ring 720 of a new method without previous practice. Eight-bell ringers were starting to do it, and in the last few months a number of peals in new Surprise methods had been rung, and, he believed, in most cases without previous practice in the particular method. He saw no reason why twelve-bell ringers should not arrive at that state of perfection of being able to look up a method and go straight into the tower and ring it with very fair success (hear, hear).

The toast having been honoured, Mr. S. Romans (Master of the association) replied. He said Mr. Lewis was quite right in saying that the outstanding feature of the year was the dedication of the Davies Memorial. The initiation of the scheme came from the officers of the association, of which Mr. Davies was a co-founder more than 50 years ago. A small committee was formed, with Mr. Guise as secretary, to carry the project into effect, and with the loyal support of the Exercise at large and their periodical 'The Ringing World,' over £300 was subscribed, which enabled a ringers' memorial provided by national effort to be placed in the Abbey Church which Mr. Davies loved so well. The thanks of all were due to the committee for the able manner in which they carried the matter through, and to the ringers throughout the country for their loyal support, which enabled them to perpetuate the memory of one who did so much for the Exercise at large and for the Gloucester and Bristol Association in particular. Just before Christmas a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung—the first on the new twelve—conducted by their old friend John Austin, of Gloucester (applause). He trusted there would be many more peals rung there. Unfortunately, just at that end of the diocese there was a lack of ringers. Tewkesbury could only produce a band of eight at present, but he hoped before long they would be able to muster a full band. As regards the association, he was glad to say it was still in a sound financial position, and they were gradually increasing in membership. During the past year the North Forest Branch had been reopened, after being inoperative for a number of years. He had heard very good reports since the reopening and they had made about 36 new members. He believed there were many honorary members as well. He hoped the association would go on and continue to prosper (applause).

The vice-chairman (Mr. A. J. Blackwell) proposed 'The Visitors,' whom, he said, they were delighted to welcome. He particularly referred to the presence of the Archdeacon and other clergy, and, in expressing pleasure at the presence of Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, congratulated him and Mr. Winney upon their recent successful broadcast in the 'In town to-night' series.

#### DOUBLE MASTERSHIP.

Mr. Duffield, who first replied, said Bristol had every reason to be proud of its fine old churches; proud of its bells—and it possessed a large number—and it ought to be proud of its ringers, such as they saw represented that night. It was a great pleasure to all the visitors to participate in their hospitality and enter into that jolly good fellowship. It had been a great delight to him to come again to Redcliffe tower and hear once more its fine peal of bells. They could now congratulate them on having these bells in excellent ringing order (applause). Mr. Duffield went on to refer to the very interesting visit which many of them had paid to the old Red House, and, continuing, said he was very proud to have been installed in the chair of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was also proud to be Master of the Essex Association. It might interest them to know that in Essex they were shortly to take a referendum of the members as to whether the association might not well identify itself more closely with the Diocese of Chelmsford by changing its name to the Chelmsford Diocesan Guild. There were many in the county who hoped the referendum would result in a decision so to change the name. Referring to the point made by Mr. Lewis on the safety of towers, Mr. Duffield said a case had come under his notice in Suffolk where a fine old peal of bells had recently been restored. A condition had been made, however, that they must not be rung for more than 15 minutes at a time, and after the 15 minutes they must cease for five minutes before being rung again. If anyone could tell him what lay behind that condition he would be pleased to hear it. In conclusion, Mr. Duffield extended a cordial welcome to any of those present to attend the annual dinner of the College Youths in November next.

Mr. F. J. Smallwood also replied to the toast. He said it was twelve years since he had been able to attend a dinner at Bristol, after having had luck enough to be present at the first and second of those gatherings. The success of the Bristol Guilds in carrying on these dinners had been a marvel to him and, he believed, to many others who watched closely the social side of ringing. He congratulated

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#### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

##### SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT HORNCHURCH.

In spite of the inclement weather, between 40 and 50 members were present at the meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association at Hornchurch, the first of the New Year. Early arrivals had the bells going to various methods until 4.30. The service was taken by the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, in the absence of the Vicar, and the company had the pleasure of hearing another splendid address by an old friend. Tea was partaken of at the King's Head, and was followed by the business meeting. Six new ringing members were elected and Leytonstone chosen for the place of next meeting, to be held, if possible, on March 23rd next.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. E. K. Waller) for use of tower and bells, the Rev. J. W. Eisdell for conducting the service and presiding at the tea and meeting, Mr. Page (the organist) for kindly accompanying the hymns, etc., at the service, and to Messrs. McDougal and Dale, of the local band, for making all arrangements.—This was carried with acclamation and responded to by Mr. Eisdell.

During the afternoon and evening members were present from Woodford, Romford, Leytonstone, West Ham, Leyton, Orsett, Prittlewell, Waltham Abbey, Hornchurch, Bentley, Bishopsgate, South Weald, Springfield, Chelmsford, Westminster, Sheffield, Brentwood, Fobbing and Dagenham, and touches in practically all standard methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise, were rung.

#### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Hunts Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, January 19th, at St. Ives, a good company being present.

The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar and was followed by tea.

At the business meeting, Mr. H. Parker was re-elected district secretary and Mr. H. Fields Ringing Master. Mr. S. J. Peck, Mr. S. Coleman and Mr. Lack were elected on the committee. One new member was elected. The tower was again visited and various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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lated them on the wonderful success which they achieved, and he hoped it would long continue (applause).

#### A PRESENTATION.

At this stage of the proceedings an interesting presentation took place, when the Chairman asked Mr. W. S. Emery to accept from the members of the Bristol Guilds a luxuriously upholstered lounge chair. Mr. Emery, the Chairman recalled, had been largely responsible for the entertainments at the annual dinners since they were first instituted. Mr. Emery had been a most helpful colleague, but he felt that at last he must now let someone else take up the duties so efficiently and so long carried out. This chair was some small recognition of Mr. Emery's services, and he asked him to accept it with their grateful thanks (applause).

Mr. Emery, who was received with musical honours, in expressing his thanks, gave an amusing account of some of his experiences in arranging the programmes for the B.U.R.G. dinners. It had always been a great pleasure to him to do anything he could, but as he was not now so closely connected with the musical world as he used to be, he felt compelled to leave the task to others.

Mr. F. Skidmore proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and, in referring to the return of the Editor from the recent Australian tour, offered congratulations to Mr. J. A. Trollope upon the way he had carried on the editorial duties during Mr. Goldsmith's absence.

In replying, Mr. Goldsmith referred to the Australian tour, and said that if they were successful it was because, as a band, they realised their limitations and attempted nothing which they were not capable of doing well. He said he was glad to hear congratulations offered to Mr. Trollope on the conduct of 'The Ringing World.' With him he would couple Mr. White (who undertook the sub-editorial work), for they both did remarkably well. In one thing this tour had relieved what had been to him a growing anxiety, and that was that after this experience he would feel that if anything unexpectedly happened to him, 'The Ringing World' need not necessarily depart with him.

The remaining toast was that of 'The Artistes,' proposed by Mr. H. Knight.

As is usual at this function, the musical programme was a great feature of the evening. During dinner a string quartette (Messrs. B. J. Guise, R. Wiltshire, I. Athersich and R. Amos) provided incidental music. Between the toasts handbell selections were given by St. Thomas' Guild, a monologue by Mr. M. S. C. Emery, and songs by Mr. G. Veale and Mr. H. Spikes. A course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by E. H. Lewis, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. F. Smallwood, J. Thomas and E. P. Duffield. The evening was a most enjoyable one.

Many of the visitors stayed the night in Bristol, and next morning paid a visit to Frowbridge to hear the new ring of twelve. They were given a cordial reception by Mr. Sam Hector and his band, some of whom rang their first touch of Stedman Cinques with the visitors.

# THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

## Incidents of the Voyage Home.

### THE PEALS ON THE INDIAN OCEAN AND RED SEA.

This article brings to a close the story of the Australian tourists who returned by way of the Suez Canal. It deals with the voyage home from Fremantle, incidents of interest at the ports of call and the lighter side of life on board ship.

The remainder of our voyage home was chiefly interesting by enabling us to revisit the ports at which we called on the way out, but four days after leaving Fremantle on the 3,000 miles run to Colombo we rang a handbell peal as a compliment to the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, in gratitude for the many kindnesses which they showed us. We were again unlucky in the spot we selected for ringing. We had had our eye upon it for a day or two. It was sheltered by the upper deck and situated well forward where we could get the benefit of what breeze there was going. It was also likely to be quiet, for most of the passengers—and there were less than 60 adults on board at this stage—were engaged in games and other amusements. We had not long been started, however, when a gang of the crew began chipping paint and loosening refractory bolts with hammers close to our ears. They kept it up nearly all through the peal, but we beat them. And it was topping ringing, too. We believe, almost, we could now ring through an earthquake, with the land heaving under us and buildings falling about our ears. At any rate, that is the feeling you get when you have rung for more than two hours on a rolling ship and such a din going on around you.

With so few passengers, and all of them sociable, life on board was very enjoyable. All our party took part in the games competitions. We were fated to meet in the early rounds of the draw, but none of us survived long except our deck quoits champion, Mr. Sharples, who was brave enough to help defeat his own wife in the mixed doubles and afterwards won the men's singles competition.

The night before we reached Fremantle there was a sensation on board. A lady passenger was found 'murdered' under one of the boats. The 'detectives,' of whom I was one, endeavoured to unravel the mystery, and on a later evening we put our prisoner on trial for his ghastly crime, the 'corpse' being one of the most interested spectators. There was a berobed judge, with counsel and jury, and Rupert was Clerk of the Court. The oaths he made the witnesses take set the court laughing. Mr. Sharples was foreman of the jury, and I have never seen a foreman show such levity when announcing a verdict of 'guilty.' The prisoner was sentenced to death and the execution fixed for Christmas Day, 1939. It was all great fun and passed a merry evening. But here is a note of real tragedy. The judge (a Mr. James, by the way) did not live to see Colombo. He died from heart failure the night before we reached port, where his brother was waiting to meet him.

Rupert is blossoming into a great actor. On a subsequent evening some of the 'bright young things'—there are others besides those in the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild—staged a boat drill burlesque, and Rupert, as a baby, had to fall overboard and be rescued from a shark-infested sea. He was a real 'scream,' as with 'dummy' in mouth and rattle in hand he crawled about the stage—which was one of the cargo hatches—before disappearing over the side. But it was even more funny when, with a two-inch rope round his body, half a dozen people, including the 'hero' (a lady, of course), who had 'plunged to the rescue,' tried to haul and push him back to safety, and afterwards resort to 'artificial respiration.' Those who know Rupert best will most appreciate the joke. For those who don't know him, I may say that while in Adelaide he wanted to get weighed on the 'jockey scales' at a big emporium. After putting 18 stones on the other side the attendant reluctantly had to admit that he could not weigh him, and gave him his penny back.

At Colombo we said a reluctant 'good-bye' to Mr. and Mrs. Sharples, who disembarked on their way to Karachi, to visit their son. We spent an interesting day in the town, of which on the outward journey we really saw little, as our time ashore had been spent in a visit to the old capital of Kandy, 75 miles distant. Having chartered a car, we were driven through the native quarter, where you get a real glimpse of the East. Little shops displaying the produce of the Orient; tumble-down shanties in which the people herd; streets crowded with natives of many types, loitering or squatting in the doorways; arguing in groups or bargaining with shopkeepers; men and women laden with goods, carried on their heads or suspended from the ends of a pole balanced across one shoulder. Some are fully clothed in the garments of the East; others are not, and through the narrow streets, obstructing all other traffic, crawl

the bullock carts, strange looking vehicles with hoods of woven palm leaves. It is to this quarter of the city that you must go if you want to see the real Colombo and not to the wide streets of the city surrounding the harbour front and lined with shops whose wares vie with those of Oxford Street or Regent Street, and whose salesmen are by no means unsophisticated natives, but very astute gentlemen ready to cajole you inside their stores and sell you goods at about four times their value. Unless you also want to be 'sold' you have to bargain in the Colombo shops, and even then you are never quite sure that you haven't been 'done.'

In striking contrast to the native squalor, the European part of Colombo is a place of sheer delight, with charming bungalows in gardens of tropical luxuriance. We drove among these, and, having seen other of the amenities of European life, realised that existence in Colombo may be very pleasant.

One of our most interesting experiences was a visit to a Buddhist Temple, in which, contrary to the practice prevailing at most similar places, we were admitted, having first removed our shoes and hats. There is an outer and an inner temple. Many images of Buddha adorn the interior and the walls of the outer temple are vividly painted with scenes from the life of the god, who, 600 years before Christ, renounced his life as a prince, took up the robe of a priest and founded a new religion. We were conducted round the temple by a guide, an educated native, who, aided by the paintings, succinctly explained to us the story of the Buddha that has been and the faith of his followers in the Buddha that is to come in the distant future.

Our tour also included a visit to the famous cinnamon gardens and a trip to Mount Lavinia—which, by the way, is a mere 'pimple' overlooking the sea and not a mountain as we had expected. Nevertheless, it is a rare beauty spot, with coconut groves lining the white sandy shore as far as the eye can see. It was at the hotel there—a hotel, by the way, on the most modern Oriental lines, both in style and charges—that Rupert began to assemble his herd of elephants. He has brought home over sixty of them as souvenirs, and Lincolnshire will be as well off for elephants as any county in England. They range from something you could wear on your watch chain to larger sizes, weighing many pounds.

Six days after leaving Colombo, the 'Bendigo' called at Aden, chiefly to refuel. While she was taking in 2,000 tons of oil for her furnaces—she consumes over eighty tons a day—we had a few hours ashore, and wandered round the native quarter and the bazaars, seeking subjects to photograph. Rupert added some interesting material to the films which will later on be shown at the Surfleet Cinema. It was not so hot in Aden on this occasion as when we called there last—it was midwinter, but the thermometer must have been somewhere up in the eighties. Over eighty thousand people live in the Aden territory, and, apart from the military, less than 50 are Europeans. Rain seldom falls there, and, except for a small public garden with some stunted trees kept alive by much watering, nothing grows there, for the town is built upon volcanic rock.

The Red Sea has no terrors at this time of year. One might be yachting on the Mediterranean at its best, and as the ship got nearer Suez the weather got notably cooler. Throughout this tour it has been one of Rupert's ambitions to ring a peal on the Red Sea, and on Christmas Eve this ambition was gratified when he called another peal of Bob Major on handbells. There was a chilly breeze blowing when we started immediately after breakfast, and as our clerical member was afraid of the discomfort of the wind, we got one of the crew to rig us up a canvas screen. The padre, however, came prepared, and wore his overcoat—but he forgot his socks, and so all through the peal he had the wind whistling round his bare ankles.

As I have written before, there are many kinds of entertainment for the passengers on these ocean liners, and we have had them in considerable variety, but the afternoon of Christmas Eve provided us with the best of all. There were about a dozen children on board, whose ages ranged from six to twelve years. Entirely by their own initiative and ingenuity they gave us an entertainment of songs, recitations and sketches. The items followed each other in rapid succession, and provided the passengers, and many of the officers, including the Commander himself, with an hour of genuine fun. Not the least entertaining of the items was the unconscious humour of a completely unembarrassed young man who was going to recite, but entirely forgot the words.

Our Christmas Day was, in some respects, the most novel that we ringers have ever passed. We spent part of it in the Gulf of Suez



and part on the Suez Canal; and the weather was like the most perfect June day in England. Our 'day' began at midnight, when a special choir, accompanied by many passengers, sang carols in different parts of the ship. There was the traditional lantern man, who, with 'snow' on his hat and shoulders, carried a lighted lantern on a pole and led the procession round the ship. The singing was led by a violin. Then at 6.30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and I made another round of the cabins with the handbells, and sang carols, which, apparently, gave great pleasure to everyone. At any rate many of the passengers said how delightful it was to hear the handbells, and one gentleman, who has lived most of his life in the East, said the bells woke him up, and he wondered, for the moment, whether he had gone to heaven during the night! Knowing him, I can imagine his surprise.

The Rev. E. B. James conducted an early celebration of Holy Communion, and the young folks on the ship were not slow to let us all know that this was a children's festival. Overnight the public rooms had been decorated by the stewards, and throughout the day we were a gay company. But what a difference to England marked our surroundings. We reached the entrance to the canal at 10.30, and we waited for four hours for our turn to pass through the narrow cut which joins Europe and the East. The sea sparkled under the brilliant sun, which shone from a cloudless blue sky, the town of Suez, with its domes and minarets, shone white, and the reddish-brown sandstone mountains on the Egyptian coast were slashed with black shadows where the deep rocky clefts score the hillsides.

In the afternoon the children were full of excitement at the expectant arrival of Father Christmas, who duly came aboard, in fur-trimmed red robes, with flowing beard and a sackful of toys slung over his shoulder. After distributing the gifts, he led a noisy trumpet-blowing crowd of youngsters round the ship and back to the lounge, where a big Christmas tree laden with presents for them was stripped and cheers were given for Father Christmas. I don't think I deserved them; but it was good fun.

Lunch and dinner were festive meals for the grown-ups, and the day ended with games on the deck and community singing, until one by one the tired out passengers disappeared to their cabins, and a few of us, who had seen Christmas come in, saw it go out at a spot only a few hours journey from the scene of that first great Christmas morning.

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The event of Boxing Day was a fancy dress carnival, and there was a wonderful parade of costumes, both picturesque and original. The Rev. E. B. James was made up as an Egyptian Policeman, complete with fez and shorts. His best friends would not have known him. Rupert as 'departed spirits' was equally unrecognisable, except for his bulk. His difficulty was that he could not see to eat his dinner—fancy dress had to be worn at this meal. Mrs. Richardson, as an Eastern lady, vied with all the rest in the picturesqueness of her costume, while for myself I was content to reappear as 'Father Christmas, returned empty.'

At Port Said and Malta, Rupert and I went ashore in search of pictures. At the former place we got some good photographs in the native quarter. At Malta we were not so successful, and Rupert has a grudge against a local photographic dealer, who fobbed him off with films that would not run through his movie camera. The dealer, with that cunning which dominates these Southern and Eastern peoples, had not got what Rupert asked for, so packed him up something else, and it was not until too late that the discovery was made. We had only two hours ashore, but in the last few minutes that dealer got a piece of Rupert's mind, and he knows what one customer, at any rate, thinks of him.

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Except for the bad day we had after leaving Melbourne, the sea up to this time had been very kind to us, but after leaving Malta we had 'the worst day yet.' The sea got up mountains high (that is how it is romantically described) in a north-west gale, and we had a real taste of stormy weather. As the day wore on the decks were untenable, and so were the meal tables. I have read stories of ships being shaken from stem to stern. I can now believe them. We 'shipped 'em green,' as the sailors say. One big sea struck the ship by the bridge during the afternoon, broke some port hole windows and literally knocked the vessel sideways with two terrific bumps, which caused some people to think she had struck a rock. Some of the crew in their quarters forward were rolled out of their bunks. Decks were flooded, but the stout-hearted 'Bendigo' shook it off and rolled and pitched along as if nothing had happened. Before he left England Rupert said he would like to ring a handbell peal with all the ringers seasick, but after his experience on this occasion he has altered his mind. The gale subsided in the night, to everyone's relief, and we were all very brave sailors the next day, telling each other how finely we had weathered the storm. I fancy some of the tales were as good as fishermen's yarns.

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New Year's Eve brought further scenes of revelry, and midnight struck in several places on the ship. From the bridge, sixteen bells were sounded, eight for the old year and eight for the new. We signalled the occasion with three courses of Bob Major on handbells rung in the lounge, supplemented a little later with Grandsire Triples in the smoke room, where conviviality reigned supreme. New

Year's Day, in the course of which we passed Gibraltar, was a perfect summer's day, and as we came through Trafalgar Bay and turned northward at Cape St. Vincent, we really felt that the last lap of our long journey had begun, and speculation was rife as to what hour we should drop anchor in Plymouth Sound, for many of the passengers, including Mr. James and myself, had determined to disembark at the western port.

As on our outward journey, the Bay of Biscay was very kind to us, but the time we had lost in the earlier storm we never fully made up against the head winds we experienced. For the first time we made a late arrival in port. It was 2 p.m. on Friday, January 4th, when we dropped anchor in Plymouth Sound and the tender came off to meet us. And there on board was Mr. Ernest Marsh, who had come off with his daughter to greet us and give us our first English welcome.

Then after 16 weeks together, Mr. James and I parted company with Mr. and Mrs. Richardson and Enid, and left them to complete the journey up channel to London, which they reached next day and finally arrived at St. Pancras Station at 3 p.m. on the 5th. Without hesitation I can say that these 16 weeks have been the most wonderful of our lives—weeks of intense interest, wonderful scenes, novel experiences, and no small measure of success in ringing, but above all leaving wonderful memories of hospitality and lasting friendship made with kinsmen across the seas. The tour was largely a venture of faith; it has justified itself beyond expectation.

THE EDITOR.

#### THE 'NEW ZEALANDERS' ARRIVE.

The section of the tourists who, having visited New Zealand, made a round the world trip, landed in England on Tuesday evening. They were Messrs. W. H. Fussell, G. Martin, J. Hardcastle, W. Linter and R. Maude. The 'Raungitane,' by which they had travelled, reached Tilbury between 5 and 6 p.m., and the party arrived at St. Pancras Station at 8.45. Here they were met by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who came to bid them 'welcome home' and to make sure there were no missing members. There was only just time for cordial greetings before Bill and George disappeared into a taxi so that they should not be late home, but Joe and Ralph had to wait until the small hours of the morning for a train to Bradford, and the other William determined to stay the night in London. In the short time available it was learned that the party had a great time in New Zealand, spending nearly a week at Auckland and a week at Christchurch. The only ringing done was at the Cathedral at the latter city, where two peal attempts were made, one being lost through a rope slipping wheel and the other, to everyone's great disappointment, after 3 hours 15 minutes ringing. The method was Bob Major on each occasion.

The travellers had a good voyage home and landed looking very fit.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Having in days long gone by enjoyed the very great pleasure of many 'ringing holidays' in all parts of Britain, I should be glad if you will kindly allow me the privilege and pleasure of most heartily congratulating the whole band who recently took part in what has surely been the most wonderful, greatly admired and I may say the most envied of all the bellringing excursions ever planned!

I am sure that every ringer in the land has been quite as keen and eager as myself to devour every word of the excellently written accounts appearing from time to time in 'The Ringing World' from the pen of our able Editor. The word 'interesting' is certainly not strong enough to express our appreciation of it. We have quite enjoyed every item!

When the outing was first talked about no doubt many were of the same opinion as myself that the result as far as ringing was concerned would be about three ordinary eight-bell peals, possibly four at the outside, but now we all know that the 'nett profit' has been no less than 13 peals—proving a figure far exceeding everyone's wildest imagination! It included a ten-bell peal, but my own humble opinion is that the 'crowning glory' of all has been the peal of Grandsire Cinques. Speaking from experience, it is a creditable and tricky performance under any conditions, but seeing that it was accomplished on the most important and greatest day of all during the tour, it was an especially gratifying achievement. A special word of appreciation is certainly due to the conductor of that peal, in rising to the occasion from a sick bed after that abominable influenza, travelling 500 miles by sea and land, and then standing up to it for the necessary time to ensure success!

The various achievements 'Down Under' reflect the greatest possible credit on the whole band, and all will agree that the impression they created at the magnificent receptions and important official functions has reflected glory on our own old home country, and will prove of lasting value to the Australian ringers.

Needless to say, one of my greatest pleasures would have been to form one of the party, but it was impossible to be away from business the necessary length of time during that period.

So now then, 'hats off' to the tourists in their wonderful successes, for the result is excellent, especially considering the many and almost unsurmountable and unexpected difficulties they have had to overcome by sheer united perseverance!

F. E. DAWE.



**NOTICES.**

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting will be held at the address below on Saturday, January 26th, at 3 p.m. The bells at Stoke Poges will be available from 6.30 p.m. for all ringers.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30 p.m., and after meeting St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Rose and Crown.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.40 p.m., 1s. each, to all those who advise me. Will local secretaries note committee meeting in vestry at 4 o'clock? Also to send me revised times of Sunday and practice ringing and list of quarter-peals rung during 1934.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting, Apsley, Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Come along and enjoy a variety of methods from Doubles to London Surprise.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Sat., Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Cafe, The Borough.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 26th. The bells (8), tenor 30 cwt., will be available from 2 till 4.25 p.m., and again after the meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon R. Brook, Vicar of Doncaster. Tea, 1/3, in the Memorial Hall, near the Church, at 5.15 p.m. The annual general meeting will be held in the same hall at 6 p.m. There are frequent train and bus services from all directions. The annual report will be available at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oundle on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m.—L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Major J. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 26th. St. Chad's (12) and St. Mary's (10).—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Castle Cary on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.10 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilborough (6 bells) on Sat., January 26th. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting when the balance sheet and report for 1934 will be presented and officers for the ensuing year elected.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Petersfield to-morrow, January 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at Halls Cafe, Chapel Street. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly meeting, Hinckley, January 26th. Bells (8) open from 2 o'clock. Committee 3.30. Tea 4.45 in Church Hut (1s. per head). Short service 6 p.m. Burbage Bells (8) open in evening.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

**MILTON KEYNES, BUCKS.**—On Saturday, February 2nd, at 4 p.m., the Bishop of Oxford will dedicate the new treble bell installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the ring to six.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due, and all ringers will be made welcome. If requiring tea, notify E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A joint meeting will be held between the Blackburn, Preston, Wigan and Fylde Branches on Saturday, February 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—All ringers welcome at Edenbridge, Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses. Trains leave Tonbridge 2.13 and 3.6 p.m. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells 2.17 and 2.39 p.m. Please notify me for tea by January 29th. Please note, subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough, Kent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5 p.m. in St. John's Hall. A good attendance is requested for this important meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Kids Grove on Saturday, February 2nd. Tea will be provided for all who notify Mr. J. A. Cook, 35, Third Avenue, Kids Grove, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than January 30th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Cold Higham (6 bells) on Saturday, February 2nd. Service 3.15, followed by tea and business meeting, when the balance sheet and report for 1934 will be presented and officers for the ensuing year elected. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

**SHEFFIELD.**—Re-opening of the fine ring of eight at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, which have been rehung and retuned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. A ringers' day will be held on Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3.30. All ringers will be welcome.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, Haddenham, Cambs, numbers for tea. All ringers welcome. Ladies cordially invited.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A by-meeting will be held at Uckfield on Saturday, February 2nd, for practice in plain methods. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 1s.). No rail allowance to this meeting. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success. Good train and bus service.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells open 2.30 to 9. Service 4 p.m. Meeting 6. All ringers welcome. Will those intending to come please notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elm-side, 42, The Drove, Sleaford.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. J. W. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. G. Shepherd). Tea at the Royal Oak Cafe, Tower Street, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 30th.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting is at Aylsham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available at 2.30. Marsham tower also open. Tea at 4.30 in the Church Room. Please give notice of attendance.—Nolan Golden, Ber-ridge House, 8, Waldemar Avenue, Norwich.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District meeting at Bures on Saturday, February 2nd, (six bells). Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30, at Mr. Baxter's tea room.—Harold G. Herbert, Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Whitechurch on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells from 5 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Please notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitechurch, for tea.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Pangbourne on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 9d. at 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Whitechurch tower will be open after tea. All honorary and ringing members are invited to attend. Please notify Mr. T. W. Palmer, Wigmore Lane, Theale, of the number for tea by January 31st.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside on Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting following. A postcard, please, by Wednesday, January 30th, will assist in arranging tea. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Dis. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.**—The annual meeting of the Guild will take place at London on Saturday, February 2nd. Ringing: St. George's, Borough High Street, 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, W.C., 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Lawrence's, Jewry, E.C., 4.15 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, E.C., 5.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Luncheon 1 p.m. (prompt) at Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, Strand (behind Adelphi Theatre), 2s. 6d. each. Social 7.45 p.m. to 11 p.m., at Bedford Head Hotel. Will those attending please notify Mr. N. S. Bagworth, Veranda Lodge, Hyde Park, London, W.2., not later than January 30th, and state approximate times of arrival and departure? Subscriptions for 1935 now due. Det.-Sergt. H. J. Poole, 326, Narborough Road, Leicester, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held on February 6th at Sunderland. Meet at St. Ignatius at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing both afternoon and evening at the above church.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, County Durham.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 4 and ringing till 5 p.m. Tea in Canteen at 5.30. Business meeting in Vestry Hall at 6.30, with ringing from 8 till 9. Shoreditch bells (12) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, February 5th. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 9th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Tea is kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Sun Hotel, price 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

**OXFORD SOCIETY.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier's Church on Saturday, February 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector 4.30 p.m. Method, Cambridge. For tea, notify the Rector, St. Francis Xavier's, 8, Salisbury Street, Liverpool 3, before Wednesday, February 6th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on February 9th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6 p.m.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, February 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each, to be applied for by Wednesday, the 13th, latest. St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10) and Cathedral (10) will be available from 4 to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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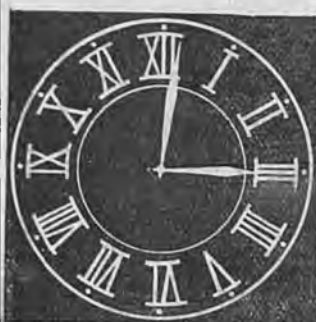
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