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NAMES THAT CARRY HISTORY.

What's in a name? Sometimes there is a great deal. Although Shakespeare added: 'That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet,' there are some names in ringing which would not sound half so sweet to the ringer's ear were they to be changed. Bell ringing, it has often been said, has a language of its own, and it is quite true that it employs common words in quite Where these terms have a special and unusual way. come down to us through centuries it would be almost sacrilege to change them. They may be quaint, like Grandsire, or curious, like Treble Bob, but no one, we imagine, would now dream of altering them. In the same way, there are ringing societies which have continued through many generations; that have filled a con-Their titles are a spicuous place in ringing history. heritage from the past and their members to-day are only It will therefore strike the majority of ringers as strange that anyone should even call these names into question.

It takes all sorts of people to make a world, and there are some who, in the sacred name of progress and modernisation, would tear down everything that our predecessors built up, merely for the sake of change. We do not desire to attach importance to the letter of a correspondent, which appears in another column, because, to begin with, we are sure he is one of a very small minority, even if he is not the only one, who would like to see the titles of some of our old societies brought 'up-to-date.' It is not for that reason that we refer to it here. Amos shows a very confused idea - we might even go further and say complete ignorance—of the origin and status of the societies he particularly singles out, but we refer to the subject because it gives opportunity to remind ringers, and particularly young ringers, that in these titles history is writ large. To those who have studied ringing history there is a world of meaning in the titles of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and even of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. The two former have come down to us unchanged from the early days of ringing, the last named perpetuates a connection which for nearly two hundred years has centred round the church that is still the core of the organisation which a few years ago was expanded to take in ringers in the diocese of Birmingham. To students of the past and to the majority of lovers of the present, a change would be unthinkable. The College Youths and the Cumberlands retain their ancient organisation and the former much of the ritual that has marked their proceedings for cen-(Continued on page 758.)

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turies. 'St. Martin's' implies a whole volume of ringing history to those who know. Among the many diocesan and territorial societies that have grown up in the last half century or so, there are not the same traditions to be maintained, but the Exercise would lose one of its most precious possessions if, for the sake of mere modernisation, the identity of these old societies were lost in newfangled names. Even if our correspondent's arguments had any real foundation—which they have not, they are only misapprehensions—there would still be no reason why these names, which link us with the past—even with the foundations of our art—should be cast aside just because they do not fit to-day's circumstances. There are many parallels which we could quote, but the preservation of these old names needs no justification.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes, At the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES; Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS	Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
CHARLES T. COLES		*WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	
BURLEY P. MORRIS		JAMES BENNETT	
GRORGE R. PYR		JAMES GEORGE	
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK		ALFRED J. HOUSE	
Composed by Grorge T.			
First neal on ton he	lla Run	or as a compliment to Mi	- James

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James George, a few days before his 82nd birthday, which occurred on November 27th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes, T

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

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ERIC G. BENNETT	T	reble	GEORGE ARCHER	***		5
*WALTER ELSEY	***	2	ALBERT G. HARRISON	***		6
*FREDERICE R. ROPER		3	CLEMENT J. MORE			7
WILLIAM MUSE		4	WILLIAM STEGGALL	***	7	CHOP
Commenced by Manager /	S		C	T		_

Composed by Nolan Golden. Conducted by Eric G. Bennett.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

ALTON, HANTS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

		Tend	it to f	;wt, 111 E.			
Percy J. Dyke		T	reble	CHARLES H. POLLEN	***	144	5
				REGINALD W. REX			
				HARRY W. SMITH			
				RICHARD T. HIBBERT			
Composed by J. W.	. W	ASHB	ROOK.	 Conducted by R. T. 	HIE	BER	T.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANGASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours,
At the Church of Immanuel.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; Tenor 11% cwt.

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JAMES PARR			Trebl	FRED HINDLE	***	 	5
				*FRED READ			
				ARTHUR TOMLI			
				Јоверн А. Том:			
C	1 TT 7	177		Conducted by Anny	T	 	

Composed by H. W. WILDB. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

CHURCH BELL

ESTABLISHED 1763

WOODFORD, LONDON. THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH	LINGFIELD, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHERN DISTRICT.)	On Wednesday, November 20, 1935, in 1 hree Hours and Two Minutes,
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,	AT THE CHURCE OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,	Tenor 16 cwt.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;	MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble Kenneth Snelling 5
Tedor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. CHARLES A. HUGHES Treble RAYMOND G. COUSINS 5	KEITH HART 2 JACE M. CRIPPS 6 WILFRED WILLIAMS 3 NELSON ELLIOTT 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 2 JOHN H. CRAMPION 6	GRORGE OLLIVER 4 OLIVER SIPPETTS Temor
ALFRED PRIOR 3 JAMES G. A. PRIOR 7 ALFRED PRIOR 4 WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor	Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS, First peal in the method on the bells.
Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.	TWYFORD, BERKS.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Bert W. Brighty, of the local com-	THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
pany. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells. FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.	On Wednesday, November 20, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute, At the Parish Church of St. Mary,
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.	A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours,	Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.
AT THE CHURCE OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5049 CHANGES	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble WILLIAM HENLEY 5
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt.	MARIE R, CROSS 3 HARRY WINGROVE 7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN Treble JOHN FORD 5	GORDON CROSS 4 RRV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor
WALTER MARTIN 2 JOHN J. CREASY 6 WILLIAM J. GROOM 3 GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7	First attempt for a peal of Surprise. † First attempt for a peal of
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4 WILLIAM LAST Tenor	Major and first touch in a Surprise method. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt. Rung in honour of the christening of
Conducted by George Wightman. • First peal in the method and first attempt.	the son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.
ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.	WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.	On Thursday, November 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;	A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 121 cwt.
Tenor 134 cwt.	LEONARD SHAW Treble BERTIN RAISEY 5
ROBERT G. LEWIS Treble GEORGE TOMLINSON 5 GEORGE ELLIOTT 6	WILLIAM A. WOOLLER 2 J. ALBERT HELLIWELL 6 VICTOR C. COPLEY 3 JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
THOMAS HURD 3 *ANDREW THOMPSON 7	FRANK WADSWORTE 4 JOHN A. BREARLEY Tomor
HARRY CARNWELL 4 CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor	Composed by P. O. Bixey. Conducted by John A. Breakley. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Charles Reginald Andrews, B.A.,
Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE, * First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.	the new Vicar of Wortley, who was inducted on October 15th, 1935.
BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.	BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.	On Thursday, November 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in 1 wo Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;	A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.	WILLIAM SHORT Treble *HAROLD V. COOPER 5
JOHN E. S. MORETON Trebis JOHN W. TAYLOR 5 FRANK W. PERRENS 2 MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 6	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2 WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3 ERNEST STONE 7	DANIEL T. MATEIN 3 ROBERT MATTHEWS 7 WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4 THOMAS HEMMING Tonor
"Hugh C. Burt 4 William Stote Tonor Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens.	Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
• First peal of Bob Major.	First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Potter, a member of the local band.
BUSHEY, HERTS.	NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Tuesday, November 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,	THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,	On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF ERYRI MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;	A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. OHN E. ROOTES Treble FRANCIS KIRK 5	Tenor 16½ cwt. EDWARD J. BEER Treble T]AMES G. POWELL 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2 FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6	EDWARD J. BEER Treble † James G. Powell 5 RICHARD A. CONSTANT 2 GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
Walter Ayre 3 Maurice F. R. Hibbert 7 Christopher W. Woolley 4 "Harold G. Casemore Tenor	*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 3 HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.	WILLIAM GORRINGE 4 HARRY HOVERD Tenor Composed and Conducted by E. J. Beer,
* 100th peal. This is the first peal in the method, which is an	 First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Mr. F. Draper, a mem-
culargement of Bristol Surprise, the treble having a double-dodging nunt. A birthday peal for the daughter of W. Ayre.	ber of the local band.
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHORCH OF ST. PETER, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, A PEAL OF CLAYBROOK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES; A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES; Tenor 16 cwt. Tenor 14 cwt. WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE Treble | RICHARD F. ROB 5 KENNETE A. ROE... ... 2
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 3 4 EDWIN LLOYD Conducted by F. H. DEXTER. Composer unknown. The first peal in the method. This method is by Joseph S. Carter. Rung as a birthday compliment to the donor of the bells. GREAT YARMOUTH. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE. On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes, THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS, A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES; AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA, Tenor 301 cwt in C share A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 142 cwt, in F. *TACK PARISH Treble | GEORGE L. PEREINS 5 FRANK WARRINGTON ... 2 FRANK W. LACK 6 ELLIS CLARKS 3
HENRY J. PARKER 4 JOHN PERKINS HERBERT FIELDS Tenor First attempt for a peal of Double Norwich. An 81st birthday Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON. First peal on eight bells. The conductor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. The composition, an uneven five-part with the 2nd never in sixth's, is now rung for the first time. EALING, MIDDLESEX. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes AT CBRIST CHURCH, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BATTIST, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt. A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in A. GEORGE F. SWANN ... 3 SAMUEL GROVE WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4 JOHN BASS ... Witness—Frederick Molinbux, This peal was rung 'silent' and is the first 'silent' peal rung for the association. A birthday compliment to C. Skidmore. THAME, OXON. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY. On Saturday, November 23 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute. A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5054 CHANGES; AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, A PEAL OP STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. GEORGE A. KING CHARLES CAMM Tenor

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble | THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2 | SIDNEY T. HOLT 6 ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2 WILLIAM DYER 3
DBNIS R. MORRIS 4 Conducted by SIDNBY T. HOLT.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES:

Tenor 14 cwi	t. 3 qr. 21 lb.
KENNETH LEWIS Trable	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FBRNLEY 2	LIONEL CLOUGE 6
WILFRED STEVENSON 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor
Composed by A. Knights (122).	Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung in connection with the c	centenary celebrations of Norbury
Sunday Schools. This composition	is now rung for the first time

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

*HAROLD HOUSON	Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY		+++	5
THOMAS HURD	2	*JAMES WILLIAMS			6
ROBERT G. LEWIS	*** 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING	G		7
*MATTHEW BUCKLEY	101 4	CHARLES H. PAGE	- 17	7	enar
Composed by J. THOR	P.	Conducted by CHARLES	H.	PAG	E.
First peal and first a	ttemnt in	the method.			

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HENRY TOOKE	***	7	roble	NOLAN GOLDEN		5
GEORGE MAYERS	***	***	2	*ALFRED J. MOY	144	6
ARTHUR G. KING	***	***	3	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD		7
ALBERT G. WARNES		***	4	GEORGE BAILEY	7	69101
Compose	d an	d Co	onduc	ted by Nolan Golden.		

compliment to Mr. Arthur King, of Royston, father of the ringer of

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

GEORGE M. KILBY	T	reble	ERNEST C. S.	TORNER	5
JAMES H. RIDING	***	2	HARRY KILBY	*** ***	6
*J. EDWARD CHURCHILL	***	3	J. ARMIGER T	ROLLOPE	7
CECIL C. MAYNE					
Composed by J. J. B. LA:	TRS.	Co	nducted by E	ENEST C. S.	TURNER
First peal in the met	hod.	First	peal in the n	nethod as co	nductor.
	Driver a	200	OTTORT		

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

Tenor	13 Cwt.
JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	STEPHEN H. HOARE 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Temor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON.	Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
Believed to be the first peal of S	surprise on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Tuesday, October 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Stedman, eight of 20 of Grandsire, with 22 different callings.	of Old, ten of Plain Bob and Tenor 6 cwt. 8 lb. in B.
RONALD G. BECK Treble "EDV	VIN H. NASH 4
WILLIAM SHERBORNE 2 JOSE	ври Т. Дунв 5
DAVID MACKAY 3 FRE	DERICK A. TARGETT Tenor
Conducted by RONALE	G. Beck.

* First peal.

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CHATTERIS, CAMBS. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.	WARBLETON, SUSSEX. THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
Un Wednesday, November 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes	On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Boing seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.	Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 103 cwt.
*ALFRED R. PAUL Treble STANLEY MURPHY 4 PERCY A. SMITH 2 WILFRED E. YOUNG 5	WILLIAM D. MURRELL Freble WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 4 WILFRED BUOTH 2 ARTHUR J. HART 5
PERCY A. SMITH 2 WILFRED E. YOUNG 5 WILLIAM SEEKINGS 3 FRANK WARRINGTON Tonor	FRANK H. HICKS 3 ARTHUR F. LEWRY Temor
Conducted by F. Warrington,	Conducted by A. F. LEWRY.
* First peal. It is 25 years since Mr. P. A. Smith rang his last peal. LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.	* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble and tenor ringers, and to Mr. A. E. Edwards, of Brightling.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.	Sussex. It was also rung to celebrate the 33rd wedding anniversary of the conductor's mother and father. First peal as conductor.
(BANBURY BRANCH.)	CLYRO, RADNORSHIRE.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary,	THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;	On Sunday, November 17, 1935, in I wo Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 67 cwt. (approx.).	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
"George Cuss I reble †Teomas Kirby 4 "Hanry Adams, jun 2 Frederick W. Pritchett 5	Twenty-one different 240's. Tenor 10 cwt.
*HERBERT ADAMS 3 ERNEST SHERWOOD Tonor	THOMAS BEAVER Treble G. JAMES R. PRICE 3
Conducted by FREDERICK W. PRITCHEIT.	ERNEST SALMOND 2 ALBERT E. JONES 4
First peal. † First peal in the method. SANDY, BEDS.	Conducted by J. P. HYETT.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.	OHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,	THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Monday, November 18, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5940 CHANGES:	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.	A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
*SYDNEY W. FOX I reble JOHN CHORCH 4 *EDWARD J. PRESSLAND 2 LEWIS H. BYWATERS 5	Being seven spliced extents, viz.: (1) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick and Munden; (2) London and Cunecastre; (3) Cambridge and Ipswich; (4) Surfleet and Beverley; (5) York and Durham; (6) Lightfoot and
CHARLIE BALL 3 HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor	(4) Surfleet and Beverley; (5) York and Durham; (6) Lightfoot and Wearmouth; (7) London and Wells. Tenor 20 cwt.
Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS. First peal and first attempt.	DAVID TARGETT ,, Freble DAVID MACKAY 4
GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.	E. JOHN TARGETT 2 RONALD G. BECK 5 LEONARD DUNFORD 3 FREDERICK A. TARGETT Tenor
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.	Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
O D . 1 37 1 40 4044 D .: 17:6: 6: 141 1	Conducted by Konald G. Daca.
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,	First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells,
On Saturday, November 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, AT THE CHORCE OF ST. ANDREW, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5840 CHANGES;	First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells, IDE, DEVONSHIRE.
AT THE CHOICE OF ST. ANDREW, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Bob Minor, and	First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells, IDE, DEVONSHIRE. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
AT THE CHORCE OF ST. ANDREW. A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Bob Minor, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob with different callings. 'Tenor 12½ cwt.	First peal of Spliced Surprise Minor by all the band and on the bells, IDE, DEVONSHIRE. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD. On Monday, November 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OP ST. IDA.
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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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Consisting of three extents of Oxfo	rd Treble Bob and four extents of
Kent Treble Bob, each called differ	ently. Tenor 20 cwt. in E nat.
MRS. H. BAKER Treble	Tom Saunders 4
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 2	LUTHER J. HONESS 5
HARRY BAKER 3	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenoy

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

First peal of all Treble Bob on these fine bells, and the third peal rung. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Richards, father of the ringer of the 2nd.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES,

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Chester and Munden; (2) Northumberland and Carlisle; (3) Beverley and Surfleet; (4) Durham and York; (5) Norfolk and Primrose; (6) Ispwich and Cambridge; (7) London and Wells.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble | *THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4 HORACE M. DAY ... 5 THOMAS L. BAIMBRIDGE ... Tenor ROGER W. DANIELS ... 2 WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

· Fiftieth peal. Arranged for Mr. Daniels, of Birmingham.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILO.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes, AT THE PARISE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINDR, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of three 7:	20's	of Oxford,	three of Kent and one of Kent and
Oxford Spliced.			Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.
			FREDERICK W. DAVIES 4
WILLIAM WILCOX	1+1	2	SMITE WOOD 5
†ERIC GILBERT	110	3	JAMES F. SMITH Tenor
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Conducted by W. WILCOX.

First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor and the ringer of the fifth are aged 72 and 68 respectively. Rung by a local band, with the exception of Mr. Wilcox, who recently retired from active ringing.

STOKE PRIOR, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUXE,

A PEAL (OF GRANDS	IRE DOUL	BLES, 5040	CHANGES	
Being ten 120's					
CHARLES L. SAI	DLER	Treble JOH	H, THOMAS		3

JAMES P. HYETT 2 | VICTOR C. PREECE 4

JOHN J. WEBB Tenor Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

WRITING OUT METHODS.

Many beginners, we are afraid, do not do as much pencil and paper Many beginners, we are afraid, do not do as much pencil and paper work out of the belfry as they ought to do if they want to master the first stages of change ringing. This is a mistake. You cannot do too much study at home, and a careful examination of changes expressed in figures is of immense assistance when it comes to practical application in the tower. An instructor may be as lucid as you will in his explanations, but all he tells you by word of mouth you have to try and imagine in your brain, unless you can write it down. To do this or that when you begin change ringing on verbal instructions alone is not as simple as following directions given by word of mouth when you seek to walk the countryside from village to village. This is not always an easy thing, unless you have been plainly directed, but to attempt to find your way through a maze of 'paths' in a method, with little more than split seconds in which to make up your mind which step to take next, is to be asked to perform a very your mind which step to take next, is to be asked to perform a very difficult task, unless you have investigated your 'route' on a 'map' beforehand.

beforehand.

For this reason every beginner should be made to study a method before he is allowed to take a bell in it in the tower. His instructor should insist upon a pencil and paper lesson first. We have known beginners attempt to ring changes week after week with nothing to go upon but the perfunctory explanations given them in the tower on practice night. They have struggled valiantly but vainly, and have failed to 'see daylight.' We are convinced that the secret of the failure has been lack of study outside the tower.

A beginner may need some help in his first attempts on paper, just as he may need assistance when he comes to the practical application, but he will understand the subject best if he makes an effort unaided to build up the method he wants to ring. Here is a way in which he

to build up the method he wants to ring. Here is a way in which he may set about it.

Let him first begin with changes on three bells. If he writes out the figures 1.2.3 and is told that he may only change adjoining bells, he will realise that, when he starts, his first change must be either 2.1.3 or 1,3,2, and, again, he will at once see, or else he will immediately find out, that whichever pair (the front or the back) he first changes, he cannot change them next time, or he will be back where he started. Therefore, the next step demands that the opposite pair shall be changed, and if he started with 2.1.3, he must next have 2.3.1. If he began with 1.3.2 he must next have 3.1.2, and so on, until, after

If he began with 1.3.2 he must next have 3.1.2, and so on, until, after six changes, he returns again to 1.2.3.

The basis of 'changes' is to change each time as many pairs of adjoining bells as possible. When you have only three bells, there is only one pair that can be changed at a time. If you have four bells, there are two pairs which can be changed the first time, but if you change two pairs of adjoining bells the next time, you will return to your starting point. Therefore, when writing out changes on four bells, they have to be formed by changing two pairs and one pair alternately. You can see this in the following figures:—

If you continue to follow that plan, the eighth change will take you back to rounds, 1.2.3.4.

But there are 24 possible changes on four bells. How are we to get the rest? At every eighth change, instead of moving the middle pair, one or other of the other pairs is moved, and the two remaining bells, as it were, stand still. If we continue the figures above, we shall have after 4.3.2.1 the following:— 3.4.1.2 after 4.3.2.1 the following: - 3 4 1 2

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Then, instead of changing 3.2, which would bring us back to rounds, we change 2.4, and leave 1.3 as they are, thus:-

And from that point you can continue to change the bells first with two pairs and then with one pair, until at the eighth change again you change the back pair only. Pursue this course and the bells come round at the extent of the changes, that is 24.

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You can write out this 'course' if you like, but also try your hand at some of the other ways of arranging them. For instance, if at the fourth change, instead of the eighth, you change either the front or the back pair and allow the other two to 'lic still,' as it is technically termed, then, by repeating this at every eighth change succeeding, you can still get 24 true changes. Moreover, it need not be the fourth or the eighth change for the first of these 'shunting' operations. It can just as well be done at the second or the sixth. As

long as the succeeding places are eight changes apart, rounds will turn up satisfactorily at the 24th change.

Now, try the experiment, will you, on paper, and see in how many ways you can get the 24 changes? It may prove the foundation of quite a lot of knowledge.

RAYNE.—On Sunday, November 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: J. Carder (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. Renson 2, J. Gentry 3, R. Suckling 4, E. J. Claydon 5, H. C. Reason (first quarter-peal expendence) peal as conductor) 6.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

THE LATE SECRETARY.

The November meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Vorksop, when a large number of ringers attended. When the Worksop, when a large number of ringers attended. When the business meeting opened, the members stood in silence for a minute as a mark of respect to the late secretary, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, who

met his death in a motor accident.

The Chairman, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, referred to Mr. Stockdale's good work for the association.

It was decided that the assistant secretary, Mr. C. R. Smith, should

take up full secretarial duties until the annual meeting.

The following new members were elected: J. W. Raithley, Newark;

F. Vernon, Balderton; R. Harvey, T. Vessey, Miss K. Vessey and Miss

Mr. Baker, Gainsborough, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. A. Johnson for making the arrangements for tea, said that he felt he must thank the chairman for his interesting address at Nottingham on the previous Saturday.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening

The loss of their secretary is very much felt by all the members of the association. His genial nature and enthusiasm had made a wide circle of friends among ringers. He had great natural ability, which enabled him to do things thoroughly and well. He was a capable ringer and conductor, and was always anxious to encourage any band of learners. He would travel miles to draw another tower into the association. His peal record was as follows: Minor 16, Bob Major 3, Little Bob Major 1, Treble Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Royal 1, total 23 (conducted 18), in 8 towers.

BELLS THAT NEED OVERHAULING.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AT FELPHAM.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Felpham on Saturday, November 16th. There was a fair attendance considering what an 'out of the way' place Felpham is and the 'go' of the bells, which are sadly in need of overhauling and guides for the ropes. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A short service was held, at which an address was given by the

Rev. D. Manners.

Tea was provided by the parishioners, and the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, who gave the members a welcome.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. G. Buil, of Bognor Regis.

Mr. F. C. Merritt proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

HAVE WE ALL DONE OUR BIT?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed, through the medium of your valuable paper, to make an appeal? We are nearing the end of a momentous year in the history of our great Empire, and ringing has taken its share in that history in no small measure. It is usual for us to begin to overhaul our doings at this time of year, both in our occupations and our arts or sports, etc., and check up our faults and see what remedies we can apply in readiness for the coming year, and when the New Year arrives we make all sorts of good resolutions. Sometimes these materialise, but more often they are forgotten or broken. So much for the frailness of human nature. May I suggest we do something original, not wait for the New Year, but start right now with our overhauls and remedies in the great art of bellringing? With our overhauls and remedies in the great art of bellringing? Let us examine ourselves and ask ourselves, 'Have I done my bit?' and I venture to say our conscience will answer, 'No.' The great leaders will probably find some flaw in their duties in the various high offices which they hold, the ringer who has almost reached the top of the ladder, may pause, and ask himself, 'Have I helped my more humble brother one step up this ladder or gone to any trouble to help the nearby struggling band? The learner and more humble ringer can ask himself, 'Have I done my bit in attending practice, Sunday service ringing and home study?'

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The captain and conductor can ask themselves, 'Have I done my job well; have I given the keen and studious ringer a chance to call a touch or to ring his first peal or the first in the new method he is keen on?' And I venture to say we shall discover some shortcomings. Well, presuming we find that, why not start now to try and do better? To quote the words of a great ringing master, 'Be ready' for 1936; bury the hatchet of 1935 and make up our minds never to dig it up; foster the spirit of brotherhood and friendship and let the year 1936 be unique in the annals of bellringing.

ALFRED J. WHITTLE.

Donnington, Newbury.

QUARTER-PEAL OF DOUBLES IN 11 METHODS.

At Evershot, Dorset, on Sunday, November 24th, for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 60 changes of Original and 120 each of St. Dunstau's, St. Bartholomew's, Reading, St. Simon's, New Doubles, Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, Bob Doubles, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire: H. Groves 1, H. Smith 2, H. C. R. Vine 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 5, W. Groves 6. First touch in 11 methods by all, who are all members of the local band.



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BELFRY GOSSIP.

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ar. James George was 22 on Wednesday fast, and he will receive the congratulations of his hosts of friends upon the greatest achievement of his life. He has never been 82 before!

But you wouldn't believe it, after the way in which he rang the 9th at St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, in a 'birthday' peal on Saturday. He rang it as if he had been 22 all his life.

Joking apart, however, his performance shows how wonderfully preserved, mentally and physically, he is for his great age, and everyone will wish him still many years of health to enjoy the art of which he is so fond, and of which he is still so able an exponent.

Ladies and gentlemen, the toast is: 'Many happy returns of the day to Mr. James George!'

Fifty years ago, on November 16th, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon died aged 41. He was not only the founder of the Yorkshire Association, but his work for the art of ringing has laid the foundation of the knowledge of thousands of ringers who have succeeded him. He was buried in Ilkley Churchyard, and in the church a stained glass window is the memorial of the ringers of England.

Shalford Church bells, Surrey, will shortly be removed to Loughborough for recesting and angmenting to a ring of eight bells by John Taylor and Co. The six are to be turned into an octave with a lighter

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Last week, for the first time, a peal of Major was rung in a method on the Bristol plan, in which the treble has a double dodging hunt—a course of Bristol stretched out half as long again.

But why 'Eryri' for a title? It may be good Greek, or Welsh, or Arabic, for all we know, or is it one of the Rev. E. B. James' little jokes? We hope he will enlighten us.

Mr. Pet Cannon, who rang the tenor to a peal at Yalding, Kent, on Saturday, has now rung the four heaviest six-bell tenors in Kent to a peal.

to a peal.

The first peal on the bells was rung at Ashbrittle, Somerset, on Saturday. This tower is in the extreme west of the county, eight miles from any railway station. Three of the local band took part and rang their first peal.

After 18 years' leadership of Hilperton tower, Wilts, Mr. W. J. Mecs has resigned through ill-health. He has been a ringer for 61 years, and last Saturday a peal was rung in his honour.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Hagley, Worcestershire, last Saturday. There were some good old 'war horses' in the band, but the performance, all the same, is one upon which they may well be congratulated.

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The bells of St. John's Church, Croydon, are being broadcast next Sunday morning, December 1st, for the 9.30 a.m. service (on the National long wavelength only). This is a regular broadcast from Croydon on the first Sunday in each month.

The death of Mr. R. Bevan, an old member of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths, has occurred this week. The burial will take place at Highgate Cemetery on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 2 p.m. following upon the service to be held at St. Martin's Church, Gosnel Oak.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

A WHITSUNTIDE OPENING?

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The fund for the William Pye Memorial is mounting up and has now topped the first £100.

It would be an excellent arrangement if the memorial bells could be opened and the tablet dedicated on the Saturday before next Whitsun, for, with the Central Council meeting in London on the following Tuesday, representative ringers from all parts of the country would have a better opportunity of attending the ceremony.

If, however, the scheme is to be completed thus early, there is much to be done in the meantime, and subscribers must send their donations promptly. Approximately another £150 is needed, and it is hoped

promptly. Approximately another £150 is needed, and it is hoped that those who intend to contribute will do so at an early date.

The hon. treasurer of the fund is Mr. W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke

Street, Chiswick, W.4.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

USEFUL WORK OF REFERENCE.

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This useful publication is now in the printer's hands and will soon be available to ringers. The forthcoming edition is enlarged to some 160 pages, and contains, in addition to the 1,600 names and addresses of ringers, a mass of information concerning ringing organisations and church bells. It is a book which will prove indispensable to members of the Exercise.

Although it is now too late to add names and addresses to the personal directory, there is still time for others, who wish to secure a copy, to do so. The price is only one shilling, and this should be sent without delay to Mr. Edgar Guise, hon secretary of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, which is responsible for the publication. His address and further details about the directory will be found in our notice columns. notice columns.

This handy work of reference should receive widespread support if only as an encouragement to the enterprise of the B.U.R.G., but it ought to be in the hands of every ringer on its merits. More subscribers are needed if it is not to be published at a loss.

BAND OF RECORD BREAKERS.

folk, recently scored a peal of Dunwich Surprise Major. great loss in the company.

HELMINGHAM RINGERS' FINE ACHIEVEMENT. them should be mentioned the late Mr. Ernest E. Lan-The brilliant company who ring at Helmingham, Suf- ham, who died in July, 1934, and whose death created a



It is the thirtieth in which they have rung a peal at their own tower. For an eight-bell performance this must be a record for any company or tower.

This photograph is of the Helmingham ringers who have shared in the honour of this achievement, and with

The ringers in the picture are, left to right:-Back row: G. Whiting, G. Bennett, L. G. Brett, J. Bennett, A. E. Whiting. Front row: T. W. Last, W. G. Whiting, G. Pryke, L. C. Wightman.

SEFTON BELL FRAME.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We see it is reported in your issue of November 22nd that Mr. W. E. Caroe, in his speech at the College Youths' dinner, stated that the last time he was at Sefton Church, Lanes, he found a wrought-iron and steel frame.

As the bellhangers who carried out the rehanging of this peal in 1933, we beg to point out that Mr. Caroe must be under some mis-apprehension as to the material of which the frame is constructed. We provided a cast-iron framework, which material, apparently, Mr. Caroe approves of in the construction of a bell frame.

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IRON IN BELL FRAMES.

Dear Sir,—Some 18 months ago I went round Bunbury (Cheshire) Church with a London architect, who was interested in antiquarian matters, and had come to see some stone coffin lids placed in that church.

In the chancel is the tomb of Sir Hugh Calveley (period Edward III.) surrounded by some ancient wrought iron railings, which were, if I remember rightly, unpainted. I remarked how well preserved they were, and my companion said the reason was because 'wrought iron

were, and my companion said the reason has a resisted corrosion much better than cast iron.'

As Mr. W. D. Caroe, speaking at the College Youths' dinner, took another view, I should like to hear what any metallurgical expert in the Exercise has to say about iron as it applies to bell frames.

W. C. RHODES.

Birmingham.

OLD BELLS IN SUSSEX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the Twineham band on ringing their first peal. I see that in your Belfry Gossip you say, 'It is interesting to note that the fourth bell in this tower is one of the oldest in the county. It is dated 1522.' That statement is hardly accurate, as there are between 60 or 70 bells older than 1522. The oldest was cast about 1250. There is at Beeding Church a peal of eight of which the 7th and 8th were cast about 1340.

G. P. ELPHIOK. Lowes.

WAR-TIME RINGER'S DEATH.

Mr. J. H. Wilson, who rang at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, during the war, when members of the regular band were at the Front, died lest week, and on Sunday, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: J. Lowden (first quarter-peal) 1, J. W. Brownrigg 2, F. Grisedale 3, A. Dawson 4, T. Wilson 5, F. Barnes 6, T. Hogarth (conductor) 7, H. Just 8.

ALRESFORD BELL RESTORATION.

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The following subscriptions towards the restoration work of Alresford bells have been collected by the secretaries of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Lord Bishop of Portsmouth, 10s. 6d.; Lord Bishop of Southampton, 10s. 6d.; Sir John Shelley Rolls, Bart., 10s.; the Mayor of Winchester (Councillor J. O. Hodder), 5s.; the Rev. Canon G. T. Andrewes, 2s. 6d.; Col. W. E. Briggs, 5s.; Mr. F. S. Bayley, 2s. 6d.; Twyford ringers, 14s.; Wonston Church Council, 5s.; Barton, 2s. 6d.; the Rev. Canon Goodman, 2s. 6d.; Hursley ringers, 3s.; Barton Stacey Church Council, 5s.; Barton, 2s. 6d.; the Misses Lock, 2s. 6d.; G. and Miss Noice, 2s. 6d.; Anonymous, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Gunner, 2s. 6d.; the Rev. H. W. C. Geldart, 2s. 6d.; Mr. G. Pullinger, 5s.; Major T. E. Baring, 10s.; Major A. N. Lovell, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Barrow Simonds, 5s.; Mr. H. J. Salwey, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. Paine, 2s. 6d.; total £7 16s. Further contributions would be gratefully acknowledged by the district secretaries, G. and Miss Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

APPLETON'S VETERAN RINGER BEREAVED.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN The sympathy of ringers will go out to the veteran Appleton ringer, Mr. George Holifield, sen., in the bereavement he has sustained by the death of his wife. Mrs. Holifield passed away on Monday at the

the death of his wife. Mrs. Holinein passed and age of 70 years.

Mrs. Holifield was known to many ringers who had visited the old Berkshire village, and, as the wife and mother of ringers, had a special interest in all that happened in the famous belfry, where many ringing records have been made. In most of them her husband shared. The funeral took place at Appleton yesterday afternoon.

DEATH OF MR. E. E. RICHARDS, GREENWICH.

A FORMER MASTER OF ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

The death took place on November 18th at St. Alfege Hospital,
Greenwich, of Mr. Edward Edmund Richards, at the age of 71 years, after a brief illness.

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He was the son of the late Rev. John Richards, of Winlaton, Northumberland, and took up change ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, in 1885. A member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. James' Society (London), he served as Master of the latter several years ago. For the past nine years he was in charge of the tower and bells of the Parish Church of St. Alfege, Greenwich, where, alas! half-pull ringing has ceased to be.

Mr. Richards had rung 93 peals in the Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob methods, and had called Holt's Original upon a few occasions. It is also upon record that he composed a three-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung once only, conducted by the late Mr. F. Cullum, sen., at Erith, Kent.

BELFRY. LADIES IN THE

MR. HAROLD WORBOYS BRINGS A HORNETS NEST ABOUT HIS HEAD.

The letter written by Mr. Harold Worboys, of Barking, which appeared in our last issue, in the course of which he appealed to the ladies to 'leave men to do just one thing in harmony together in this world 'has brought a veritable nest of hornets about his head. There are some spirited replies from the ladies themselves in the letters we print below:-

'ELIZA HAS COME TO STAY.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read two or three times your correspondent's letter re ladies in the belfry, I must confess I cannot understand his object in 'revealing his remarks to all College Youths.' What is the connection between the two, and what does he expect the College Youths to do in the matter? Youths to do in the matter?

What he reveals to the ladies is most enlightening. There is nothing wonderful in the brotherliness (?) of six to twelve men which disappears immediately a lady comes into the belfry, especially as we are told 'it is not the ladies' fault.'

The belfry is part of the church and not a social club, exclusively for mcn. If Mr. Worboys desires the company of men, I would refer him to the C.E.M.S. or one of the many other organisations where men get together.

I fail to see what good such a letter can do. While such a spirit of selfishness exists there can be no harmony whether ladies are present or not.

Anyway, Mr. Wa(o)rboys is barking up the wrong tree. Eliza has come to stay, and neither he nor the College Youths can prevent her.

The report of the Ladies' Gnild just published fully justifies our existence, and we mean to go forward. Therefore, brethren, let us

dwell together in unity.

Wherever there is a ladies' meeting in progress, in the Northern District at any rate (and I feel sure the same applies in other districts), gentlemen ringers will always find a welcome, and our sisterly regard for one another will not suffer by their presence. We have been applied to the sure between the sure of the sure of the sure between the sure

have had several joint meetings and always found them helpful and enjoyable, and hope we may have many more.

I. B. THOMPSON, Joint Hon. Sec., Northern District, Ladies' Guild

A REPLY TO THE 'HE-MEN.'

Dear Sir,—While sympathising with the point of view of your ringer correspondent from Essex on the subject of 'Ladies in the helfry,' I think it would be uncharitable to leave him in ignorance

of the other side of the question.

Can the team spirit—which he appears to advocate—not exist in a mixed band of ringers equally as strongly as it does in other walks of life where men and women co-operate with each other? For instance—serving on committees, dramatic societies, sports clubs, etc.

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Why single out bellringing as an art to be reserved exclusively for
men? Is it fair to the weaker sex to say, 'Thank you for doing our
work during the war. We know you became fascinated with the art
in the process, but kindly retire into the background now aud
graciously act as stop-gaps'? Surely a ringer holds the position
because of efficiency and not gender.

With reference to the remark implying that a woman in the belfry is a refined form of torture to thorough-going he men bellringers, if it were not for a personal dislike of rudeness, I might retort that there are members of the male species little more than a 'pain in the neck' to their fellow-workers both male and female.

Nevertheless, joking apart, I know of nothing more likely to produce a sense of pleasure in one another's company than the ability to bring a well-struck touch to a successful conclusion. I trust that your correspondent may be converted to a more tolerant attitude towards genuine churchworkers. MABEL A. WELTON. Bagshot, Surrey.

WHY NOT A MEN'S GUILD?

Dear Sir,—No doubt others shared my amusement on reading Harold Worboys' letter in 'The Ringing World.'

Does Mr. Worboys stop to think how often women are, directly or indirectly, the donors of the bells on which he rings? Has he ever realised that many of his own sex have women to thank for introducing them to the belfry and teaching them to ring?

If Mr. Worboys is so averse to women's presence in the belfry, why has he not followed their example and formed a 'Men's Guild'? Perhaps the trouble is that their abilities make him feel uncomfortable? comfortable?

Sorry, Mr. Worboys, but it would be as funny for us to ask the men to stay away, and just as rightful. If you want to be alone, why not take up a man's pastime such as Rugby or Association football?

Women don't intrude on these because they recognise them as men's pastimes.

In concluding, I must state that I have the gentlemen ringers at Mr. Worboys' local church to thank for many invitations to be present at their meetings during a stay in that district.

E. DORICE TURNER.

TAKEN AS A CHALLENGE.
Dear Sir,—Being a lady bellringer and reader of 'The Ringing World,' I take Mr. Worboys' column as a challenge.
In analysing it I take the first line, about realising that men wish to be together. We do realise it, but why should it be a belfry? And why should it appear wonderful for six, eight, etc., men to get

And why should it appear wonderful for six, eight, etc., men to get together?

I think it would be more wonderful still if five men got together in a six-bell tower and could not ring Doubles until a lady came along to make up the number and make ringing possible, which happens to be the ease in the tower where I ring. I might add that the men there are still brotherly one towards the other, do things in harmony and are quite satisfied.

and are quite satisfied.

I should like to put forward a suggestion to Mr. Harold Worboys, that if he would like to be with his own sex to do things in 'harmony in this world' without a lady making him feel as if things go wrong, why not join the Boy Scouts, or, if it's the exercise he needs, a good men's club where football is indulged in.

The belfry, from my point of view, is a place where ringers meet with one aim, to ring as 'the call to prayer,' and not to satisfy a mere whim of doing just one thing together as brothers.

Brotherliness is a natural faculty and needs no seeking.

'A LADY OF THE BELFRY.'

'A SPOT OF BOTHER.'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Worboys' (very apt name) letter is calculated to cause a spot of bother and serves no other purpose. If the ladies treat it with the contempt it deserves, they, at least, will be upholding that harmony that can be obtained only by pure unselfishness.

A. COPPOCK.

Nottingham.

NO CAUSE OF FRICTION.

Dear Sir,—I would flatly contradict Mr. Worboys' assertion that wherever ladies permanently step into the belfry trouble follows. Were this the case, it certainly would not reflect credit on the men or the boys of that band. I have in mind St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where ledies have formed part of the band since the Great War, and I have never heard they caused the slightest friction.

When I have rung there for service they have taken ropes that otherwise would have been idle. It often is my privilege to ring with the St. Mary-le-Tower band at Ipswich, and I am quite certain there is not a single member of that talented band that would wish their lady member, Miss Tillett, to resign so that they could be alone. And to say there is less brotherliness or that the belfry is less comfortable is say there is less brotherliness or that the belfry is less comfortable is

all nonsense. One goes there to ring, not to spin yarns.

I have rung in other towers where ladies form part of the band, and have never heard of n case where friction arose through it.

Eve. Suffolk.

COLLEGE YOUTHS FOR YOUTHS ONLY.'

Dear Sir,—I hope some day to be a member of that great society, the College Youths, and think it should be 'youths' only. However, to bar ladies from the belfry, 'No, a thousand times no.' Surely Mr. Worboys does not want to stop lady ringers altogether, and, as for feeling uncomfortable when a lady steps in, it should be just the opposite. In my humble opinion, a lot of—may I call it trash?—is cut out. No, Mr. Worboys, we cannot do without the ladies. Are you shy? I am.

Over Cambs shy? I am. Over, Cambs.

IN VERSE.

Mr. Worboys' letter was discussed last Saturday by some of the Bright Young People when they met at Bray. It has caused one of them to lapse into verse:—

We are the Bright Young People, Happy girls and boys;
When we go up into the steeple
There's no room for "crusty ' people.
We don't want your Harold Worhoys, He must realise

A 'touch' of 'rounds' or 'spliced Surprise,'

A 'fall in peal' to ope' your eyes,

All go to strengthen friendship ties, Of Bright Young Girls and Boys.

ERYRI.

FIRST PEAL IN METHOD ON UNUSUAL PLAN.

The first peal of a method with the strange looking name of Eryri was rung last week at Bushey. It is a kind of expansion of Bristol Surprise by substituting a double dodging hunt by the treble for a Treble Bob hunt. The result is a course 336 changes long.

We print the figures of a lead below, but we are not sure that this is the first time the method has been published, although there is little doubt that the performance at Bushey is the first peal in a method on these lines. We believe the method itself was published in 'The Bell News' many years ago by another composer.

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TITLES.

MR. AMOS WANTS TO CHANGE OLD NAMES.

Sir,—During recent years there have been a number of change ringing guilds whose titles, having been thought to be rather out of date, have been changed to something more fitting with modern times. I have often wondered as the years roll by why this action has not been applied to the Ancient Society of College Youths, whose present title seems to me ridiculous, and is thought to be curious by people outside ringing when asking what the society consists of, and being

outside ringing when asking what the society consists of, and being given the answer that it is made up of ringers of all ages, in all parts of the country, and that its headquarters are in London. They ask, as I do, why use the word 'College' when not 5 per cent. of its members have ever been to a college, and why 'Youths' when it consists of men of all ages, some of them over 30 years of age? Similarly they ask of the Cumberland Youths, why 'Youths' and why 'Cumberland' if the society has no connection with Cumberland? The 'St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham' is another whose title seems obsolete and ridiculous. Why 'St. Martin's 'Guild if St. Martin's is not the Cathedral Church? Would not 'The Birmingham Diocesan Guild' sound much better? Five years ago it was suggested splitting the Midland Counties Association up into diocesan guilds. Who, then, would have suggested naming the Leicester Diocese 'The St. Margaret's Guild for the Diocese of Leicester,' or the Derby Diocese 'The St. Andrew's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham'? Why, then, 'St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham'?

Northampton.

Believing that Mr. Amos would like to know the feeling of the College Youths about his suggestion that the title of the Ancient Society should be changed, we showed his letter to one of its members and this was the part of the comment which came within the per-

and this was the part of the comment which came within the permitted scope of cold print:—

'There are many things in ringing besides the title of the Ancient Society of College Youths which have seemed ridiculous to Mr. Percy Amos, and many other things in it thought to be curious by people outside the Exercise. How they like to poke fun at us over our "Grandsires" and "Bob Majors," as they love to style them!

'But why should Mr. Amos think the title of the College Youths so ridiculous? Presumably he has read the history of it—or hasn't he? And after all is it so much of a misuomer ges he wants to think

he? And, after all, is it so much of a misnomer as he wants to think it—is it any more a misnomer, for instance, than his own name? He is not one of the prophets—the real prophets, I mean—but no one says his name is ridiculous.

says his name is ridiculous.

'Let us, however, just look at this title of "Ancient Society of College Youths." Seeing that the society is almost three hundred years old, you cannot get away from the fact that it is "ancient," can you? And most of the members to-day are youths; some are youths in years, some are youths in spirit, and still entitled, I think, to call themselves by that description. But what about that word College? That is where, I think, Mr. Amos has slipped up rather badly. I do not imagine that those who gave the society its name had any intention of limiting the membership to college students or graduates. No, Mr. Amos has got hold of the wrong end of the stick. The society derived its name from the College of the Holy Ghost and Hospital of God's House, founded by Dick Whittington in 1424. This College was situated upon the east side of College Hill, in the city of London, and adjoining it was the Church of St. Martin, in the city of London, and adjoining it was the Church of St. Martin, where the College Youths first practised. This church was swept away in the Great Fire. There is no College now on College Hill, but the thoroughfare retains its name, and so have the College Youths, with as much justification as the city authorities retain the name of the

Street.

But even if all this did not justify the retention of the old name of the society, it would still be an act of great presumption, if not impertinence, on the part of Mr. Amos to suggest that such a famous old title should be discarded.

'And the same may be said of his criticism of other societies. Mr. Amos should read their history. The Cumberland Youths were never associated with the county of that name. The title of "Cumberland" was conferred on the society as an act of favour by the Duke of Cumberland.

'As to St. Martin's Guild, the members can be left to deal with Mr. Amos. If they do, the men of Birmingham can be trusted not to put too fine a point upon their language. St. Martin's has been the centre of ringing in Birmingham for nearly 200 years, and the real trouble, if any, which Mr. Amos should seek to put right is not to change the title of the Guild, but to get the ecclesiastical authorities to change the Cathedral. It should be St. Martin's and not St. Philin's Philip's.

'What a wonderful world we should have, if Mr. Amos had his

BIRTHDAY.

On Saturday, November 23rd, at St. Anthony-in-Moncage, Coruwall, 720 Bob Minor was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. R. C. Williams, the sceretary for the Truro District of the Truro Diocesan Guild: E. Sanders 1, W. H. Southeard 2, G. W. Taysom 3, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 4, C. E. Lanxon 5, F. E. Collins (conductor) 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION'S ACTIVITIES.

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The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at Bocking on Saturday week, when, despite the inclement weather, 61 ringers and friends attended, including Mr. E. P. Duffield, Master of the Association, and Mr. L. J. Clark (general secretary), the following 22 towers being represented: Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Braintree, Bocking, Dunmow, Great Bardfield, Rayne, Sible Hedingham, Colchester, Wickham St. Paul's, Brentwood, Maldon (All Saints'), Chelmsford, Springfield, Kelvedon, Witham, Great Tey, Pebmarsh, Colne Engaine, Halstend, Ford End and Sawbridgeworth. The ringers attended service, at which the address was given by the Dean (the Very Rev. E. Rogers, O.B.E.), and a collection on behalf of the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 16s. 9d.

Tea was partaken of at the Workmen's Hall, kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Courtauld. The arrangements for this had been made by local ladies. Dean Rogers presided.

At the business meeting which followed Mr. F. Ridgwell (district secretary) read his report on the activities in the district during the past year. Five meetings had, he said, been held, viz., at Finchingfield, Kelvedon, Pebmarsh, Greenstead Green and that at Bocking there having been an average attendance of 43. Thirty-five peals had been rung in the division, and four honorary members, seven ringing members and three probationers had been elected. Mr. Ridgwell thanked all for their attendance at the meetings, which helped to make the gatherings so successful, and he especially thanked the correspondent of each company for the assistance rendered by collecting subscriptions and forwarding them.

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make the gatherings so successful, and he especially thanked the correspondent of each company for the assistance rendered by collecting subscriptions and forwarding them.

Mr. Duffield spoke of the pleasure it gave him to visit the Northern Division. He did not know of any division where there was more unity and activity; it was, indeed, a really live division. They were fortunate in having two centres like Earls Colne and Braintree, where high standard methods were rung and there was excellent striking. He referred to the indisposition of Mr. Keeble, of Feering, and suggested that greetings be sent to him from that meeting, a suggestion which was unanimously agreed to.

The election of officers followed. Mr. A. A. Saunders (Greenstead Green) was re-elected District Master and Mr. F. Ridgwell (Earls Colne) district secretary, and both returned thanks.

Three new ringing members were elected. It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Coggeshall about January 25th next.

On the proposition of the District Master, thanks were passed to the Dean for the use of the hells and his excellent address.—Mr. Duffield moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for having prepared so enjoyable a tea, and Mr. L. W. Wiffen expressed thanks to the Master and general secretary for their attendance.—The Dean, responding, said he would convoy to Mr. Courtauld the thanks of the meeting for the use of the hall.

The following methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening. Bob Minor. Stelland Triving Deal Main Kent The Line.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT BENHILTON.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT AT BENHILTON.

The last meeting of the year of the Southern District was held at All Saints', Benhilton, on Salurday, and proved one of the most enjoyable that the district has held. About 45 members and friends attended during the afternoon and evening from Banstead, Reddington, Benhilton, Chelsea, Croydon, Epsom, Ewell, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham, Shoreham-on-Sca and Uckfield.

Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock and a good variety of methods was practised throughout the afternoon. A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. Willis, curate at All Saints', Benhilton (who is himself a ringer). He gave a very interesting address, and it was a pity that those people who complain about bellringing were not there to hear it.

Mr. Poole, the organist (another local ringer), presided at the organ, and the assistance of the choirboys made the service all the more enjoyable.

Tea was served at the Rendezvous Cafe, 36 sitting down to a very enjoyable meal.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. C. Willis being voted to the chair. The District Master expressed his desire to resign from office at the end of the year.

The secretary notified the members that the next meeting is the annual district meeting, to be held at Mitcham on Saturday, January 2511.

The meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to all at

Benhilton who contributed to making the gathering such a success.

The tower was again open for ringing, and the bells were kept going in methods to suit all tastes until about 9.15 p.m., when ringing closed with a finely struck touch of Spliced Surprise Major and the eight bells lowered in peal.

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BRAY TENOR UNCONQUERED.

Although there was plenty of water about, it did not prevent any of the forty smiling faces from meeting at Bray for the 'usual monthly practice' of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

There were several who wished to 'conquer' the tener, but, whatever they think, the bell is still there. Rounds (plenty of them), Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Spliced Kent and Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise were all rung. A 'tit-bit' from Amersham was tried, Spliced Cambridge, Norwich and London, but it came to grief in the last lead.

Thanks are due to David B. Hart for his arrangements, although it is hoped that he gets a few more bells for the next meeting.

A SUNDAY IN NORTHANTS,

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A very pleasant, though very wet, afternoon was spent on Sunday, November 17th, by a band of the N.U.T.S., visiting four towers near Northampton. The party, which included Mr. A. P. Cannon, of London, were shepherded by Mr. P. Amos, whose excellent arrangements satisfied everyone. A start was made at Cogenhoo (six, tenor 8\frac{3}{2} \text{cwt.}), and on an exceptionally good-going peal 720 Bob Minor was rung by S. Corby (first touch of Minor) 1, P. Amos 2, F. C. Tysoe 3, D. Cockings 4, P. Jones (first 720 of Minor) 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. Tea was very kindly provided by Mr. S. Corby at his house, and a move made to Whiston. On this grand-toned peal of five (tenor 17 cwt.) several 120's of Doubles were rung. The bells go very well, considering the 70ft, of rope and no guides!

Ecton was the next tower on the list, but owing to a head-wind and driving rain the party arrived too late for a 720, and contented themselves with 120's of Bob Minor. The tenor weighs 18½ cwt., and the bells are of medium tone. In the tower is an old wall puinting of ringers, recently mentioned in 'The Kinging World.' The last tower on the list was Mears Ashby (tenor 11½ cwt.). The six bells have a medium draught, go well and are of excellent tone. After the service touches of Doubles were rung. The rain had now ceased, thank goodness, and it is presumed everyone had a safe journey home, tired but happy.

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ARMISTICE RINGING.

A half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at St. Helens, Lanes, with four covering bells: W. Lynn 1, P. Case 2, W. Johnson 3, H. Grundy 4, C. Blackburn (conductor) 5, S. Burrows 6, W. Parr 7, J. Hurst 8, J. Scott 10.

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On Monday, November 11th, at Wroxham, with the bells half-muffled, 720 London Surprise Minor: S. Nun 1, E. A. Stevenson 2, V. M. Ormerod 3, A. F. Boyce 4, H. C. Read 5, G. Bailey (conductor) 6.

On Armistice Day, at St. Edmund's Church, Warkton, with half-muffled clappers, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Lawrence 1, H. T. Eastbrook 2, Miss D. J. Moir 3, L. G. Toseland 4, A. S. Toseland (first 720 as conductor) 5.

On Monday, November 11th, at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Parker's Twelve-part; E. D. Poole 1, W. Sannders (conductor) 2, G. F. D. Pratt 3, W. Lago 4, G. L. Hewitt 5, J. Hanley 6, B. L. Jones 7, A. Garbett 8.

On Sunday, November 10th, for Armistice service at Cadoxton, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Williams 1, J. E. Bloxham (first quarter-peal of Kent as conductor) 2, D. Rees 3, E. Phillips 4, A. Devonald 5, G. I. Lewis 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday. November 24th, for the special jubilec service of the Southampton Football Club, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,296 changes): J. W. Faithfull 1, H. Smith 2, W. Squires 3, R. Curtis 4, T. W. Thirkell 5, F. Murseil 6, R. Brown 7, H. Reeves 8, N. Curtis (first touch as conductor on ten bells) 9, Raymond Curtis 10.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, November 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples in 47 mins.: B. O'Neill (age 14) 1, J. E. Taylor (age 14) 2, W. A. Cyster (age 15) 3, G. Gilbert 4, J. D. Taylor (age 14) 2, W. A. Cyster (age 15) 3, G. Gilbert 4, J. D. Taylor (age 15) (first attempt as conductor) 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. H. Limmer 7, C. A. Burgess (age 17) 8. J. D. Taylor is the fourth member of this young band to conduct a quarter-peal of Triples.

ANSTEY. LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: Miss I. Simpson 1, Mrs. A. Disney 2, R. S. W. Smith 3, E. H. Hutton 4, A. Disney 5, W. Bottrill (conductor) 6, I. J. Wade 7, Miss E. H. Cufflin (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringers of 5 and 6. Mr. R. F. Elkington kindly stood out for the visiting conductor at short notice. for the visiting conductor at short notice.

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NOTICES.

SURREY ASSOCIATION .- Southern District .- The next quarterly meeting will be held at Godstone on Nov. 30th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- South-Western Division .-The district annual meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Jones' Café to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me without fail.— E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at the Green Man Inn. -C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD) Farnham District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—A joint meeting will be held at ALDERSHOT on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Choral Service 5, followed by tea and business meetings in Parish Hall. All welcome. - H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild, C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road,

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—Re-opening service at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30th; preacher, the Rev. A. Rust, President of the Beds. Association. All ringers welcome. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. Arnold, Hazelmere, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, on account of tea arrangements? The ring of 10 bells has been tuned and rehung by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The

Conisborough meeting, due to have been held on Saturday, Nov. 30th, is postponed till further notice.—Ernest

Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley. SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Ringing from 3. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rector (Rev. E. C. Harris). Tea in the Church House at 5.15.-C. A. Phillips, Hon.

Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD .- December meetings: Dec. 1st, Sunday morning service, ringing at St. Clement Danes, Strand, 10 a.m.; Dec. 9th and 23rd, practices, St. Clement's, 7.30 p.m.; Dec. 22nd, service ringing, St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m.; Dec. 31st, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 8 p.m. All welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NORTH NOTTS .- On Monday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 p.m., the Bishop of Southwell will dedicate the new tenor bell which has been installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, to complete the

peal to six bells.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION .- Wednesday Afternoon Guild. - A meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute at 5 p.m.-W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary

Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637) .- The subscription of Is. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meet-

ings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on Dec. 5th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 24th, St. Michael's on the 31st, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- V.W.H. Branch .-A by-meeting of the above will be held at Buckland (8 bells) on Thursday, Dec. 5th, at 6 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. The meeting arranged for Nov. 23rd at All Souls', Bolton, has been postponed to Dec. 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. A special effort is requested to make this meeting a success. Meeting arranged Dec. 14th, at St. Bartholomew's, cancelled.-Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited .- F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 53, Anvil St., Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.-Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at

the Battle Axes. Business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—
The annual meeting of this division will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify Mr. T. Lincoln, Oxney Green, Writtle, by Thursday morning, Dec. 5th?—H. W. Shradrack, Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Southern Division. The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Belis (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., Is. each. Please notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Wickersley Road, Rotherham, by Dec. 5th, for same. - F. Clark and M. Wilson, Secs.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD .-Southern District.-The district annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Swansea, on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Wigan Branch. -The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m. Those requiring tea, price 6d. per head, please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, by Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Reports to hand. All ringers will be welcomed. This is a good tower and most methods will be rung.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Hon. Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .- North Norfolk Branch.-Meeting at Wynmondham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at Underwood's at 4.45. Please give notice of your intention to be present.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich. SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.
—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome. Holt bells available from 7 o'clock.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION. — The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch will take place at Charlton Kings on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Canon Edgar Neale). Business meeting 6 p.m. Will all those intending being present for tea please let me know by Dec. 4th?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.
—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday,
Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at
5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton,
St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel, P.R.H.A., at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform me by Thursday, Dec. 5th.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch, Hants.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at Greyhound Hotel 5.15. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock (6), Symondsbury (6). Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me not later than the 5th to allow arrangements for tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., P.O., Grappenhall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Notting-ham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. There are several members of the district still owing subscriptions for this year. I should be very pleased if they would kindly forward the same before the year is up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.
—The next meeting of the above branch will take place at Walsden on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Teas will be provided for all those who send in their names to Mr. H. Davenport, Spring View, Walsden, not later than Dec. 5th at 1s. per head. Please make this a good meeting by turning up. This means you! — H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Dis-

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Dec. 7th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during afternoon and evening. Service at All Saints' at 5 o'clock. Tea to follow, at the Christine Café, Is. per head. All will be heartily welcome. May we have a good attendance? — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please let us finish with a bumper meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Whissendine on Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Everyone will be given a cordial welcome. Kindly notify for tea to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at the Institute 6 p.m. Usual meeting after. Tower open till 8.45. Coaches stop close to church. Cheap tickets from all parts: rail or coach.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.

— The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Will all attending please make their own arrangements for tea. — E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday. Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends welcome. Please come to our last meeting of the year and make it a success.—C. I. Ball. Hon. Dis. Sec. 25. Tempsford Road, Sandy.

C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy. SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Worthen on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me by Tuesday, Dec. 3rd. There are buses from the Britannia, Shrewsbury, at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Return 5.45, 6, 7 and 8 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service and tea as usual. Please notify in good time those requiring tea. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFS. — The dedication of the bells will take place on Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 4 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District. — A combined practice will be held at Hereford Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (10) available 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Lodge, Fownhope, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnington on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please write by Dec. 5th to Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.—Tewkesbury Deanery.—A meeting will be held at Beckford on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary by Wednesday. — H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 7th. Bells available 4 p.m. Tea, 5.30, for all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Dec. 5th.-C. S. Ryles,

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. - Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Dorking on Satur-Service at 4.30 and tea after in the day, Dec. 7th. Church Room. The bells have just been overhauled. Please send numbers for tea to Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec. DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meet-

ing will be held at St. Peter's, Cradley, on Saturday, Dec. 14th, not the 7th as previously arranged. available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Dec. 10th. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. Reports to hand. A good attendance is

hoped for .- J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Steyning (8) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea (price 1s. 2d.) 5 p.m. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. Half rail fare, 3rd class return, allowed to this meeting. -S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., Ib, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Canterbury District.-A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. P. Lewis) on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Thursday, Dec. 12th?-Percy W.

Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD .-A combined meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Kindly notify me of your intention to be present by Dec. 11th .-Frank Conley, Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent. WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

-Western Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Worcester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 10th. — Fred

Hawkes, Duddage, Twyning, Tewkesbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Western Division. -The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th, at Bramley, Leeds. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. Apply Mr. S. Helliwell, 19, Warrel's Avenue, Bramley, Leeds, on or before Dec. 11th.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec., 40, Littlemoor, Queensbury, Bradford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- North-Eastern Division .-The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, in Church Hall. Will all those intending to be present please notify me at their earliest convenience.- J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-DON DIOCESAN GUILD .- N. and E. District .- Next meeting at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, usual terms, in The Good Shepherd Hall, at 5.30. Service at 7.30 and business meeting to follow. All requiring tea please advise me by previous Wednesday. All ringers welcomed. Nearest station, Clapton (L. & N.E.R.).—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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