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HIGHER METHOD PRACTICES.

Few 'good resolutions' that are specially made for the new year are kept for long and lots of good resolutions for 1936 have probably already been broken. It applies to ringers and their ringing, as much as to other persons and other things, and yet, if there is to be progress, good resolutions are necessary sometimes. It is better, however, not to make them all at once; otherwise they may be too heavy to be borne—that, perhaps, is why so many of them crack at the beginning of the year. It is well, however, that ringers should from time to time determine to do something better in the coming days than they have done in the past. It is interesting as well as pleasing, therefore, to note that in the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association an effort is to be made to hold special meetings for the practice of more advanced methods. This, if carried out, will be found an admirable way, for those desiring to make progress, to go a step onward.

Where a band at any one church cannot be persuaded to go forward with something new, they frequently hold back two or three who are anxious to get on, but cannot do so for want of opportunity. Unless there happens to be a nearby tower where practice is possible with others like minded, the only chances are those offered by occasional district meetings. But district meetings cannot be monopolised by those who want the higher methods. They have to serve the interests of all, down to the humblest beginner, and it is unfair to take up an undue proportion of time for advanced methods. Indeed, it is far more in the interests of ringing to devote the bulk of the available time to elementary work.

The happiest solution of the problem is unquestionably that of special meetings for the advanced methods, where there are sufficient ringers desirous of putting these into practice. If the beginners and those in the early stages of method ringing could go to a district meeting, knowing that most of the time would be devoted to advancing their special interests, they would probably attend in greater numbers, and, on the other hand, advanced ringers knowing that there would be a special practice to meet their particular ends, would be more content to forego their higher methods. Again, if the meetings were divided in this way, those on the lower rungs of the campanological ladder would have no grievance against the men of whom they sometimes complain, because they imagine their own claims do not secure sufficient attention.

The special practice for the more qualified ringers is thus an excellent way of meeting a situation which some-

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times gives rise to a little discontent, if not to any deeper feeling. There is often a difficulty, at numerous attended meetings, in fitting in something for everybody so that all may get just one step further; special practices should at least halve the difficulty. But even here, some plan of procedure is necessary. Meetings of this kind can be largely wasted unless those who hope to profit by them know beforehand exactly what methods are to be practised. It is usually, also, a mistake to introduce too much variety. One method well practised is better than dabbling with half a dozen. Organised on right lines, these special practices can be of great value in raising the standard of method ringing without sacrificing the interests of the ringers of lower qualifications.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*KENNETH FORD 1	*DAVID MACKEY 7
ALFRED PEARCE 2	*NORMAN V. ANDREWS ... 8
*HARRY J. SANGER 3	HENRY PRING 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 4	*RONALD G. BECK 10
RICHARD CLARK 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE 11
GILBERT PEARCE 6	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cinques. 50th peal together by the brothers C. F. and N. V. Andrews. Rung as a prelude to the watchnight service.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
FRANCIS KIRK 2	LAWRENCE B. PORTER ... 7
ERNEST BRETT 3	CHARLES S. BORDEN ... 8
HAROLD V. FROST 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
JOHN H. B. HESSE 5	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN GRUNDY Treble	COLIN HARRISON 6
ALFRED BALLARD 2	FRED H. DEXTER 7
C. W. WOOLLEY 3	PERCY HARRISON 8
FRED W. HILL 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 9
*ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 5	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ERNEST SPILLER Treble	LOUIS HEAD 6
LEONARD MANNRING 2	FREDERICK A. LEESON ... 7
WILLIAM T. GRICE 3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 8
HARRY SPRINGATE 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... 9
HARRY BAKER 5	CHARLES H. DUNN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

A birthday peal for H. Springate.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOWTON, DEVON.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN TOTTERDELL Treble	JAMES DONSTAR 5
ARTHUR TAPLEY 2	WILLIAM REEKS 6
WILLIAM SELDON 3	ALFRED G. BETTS 7
ARTHUR GOODING 4	*JOHN KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by A. G. BETTS.

* First peal. Rung by the regular Sunday service ringers.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Owen,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE WHITE Treble	REGINALD WEST 5
DONALD COCKINGE 2	FRANK C. TYSOE 6
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	PEARL INSKIP 7
WILLIAM STOCK 4	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Arranged by H. W. GAYTON. Conducted by HENRY STAPLETON.

Rung in honour of the ordination at St. Albans Abbey, on December 22nd, of Mr. F. D. E. Burne, son of the Vicar of Bromham. He was formerly a ringer at Bromham.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 5
EDWARD C. BUCK 2	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN 7
WALTER D. POOLEY 4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

This peal was rung in commemoration of the King's Silver Jubilee and the coming of age of Miss E. Smart on December 18th.

BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*JOSEPH HUGHES Treble	JAMES E. BROWN 5
STANLEY CLIFFORD 2	GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE 6
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	*RICHARD RAINFORD 7
GORDON WHITTAM 4	WILLIAM LANGHORNE Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Major.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

CHARLES E. READ Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	WILLIAM NEWBERRY 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
WILLIAM SPARROW 4	ARTHUR H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by A. HARMAN.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	LAURENCE POULSON 5
*ARTHUR R. WOODARD 2	HARRY D. LISTER 6
GEORGE W. ABLITT 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
KEITH W. WHITTELL 4	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the tenor has now 'completed the circle' in this, his Sunday service tower.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

At the Church of the Annunciation,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 6
WALTER SMITH 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	*LESLIE KELLY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, Canon Serle, and to record the erection of the tower and installation of the bells during his incumbency.

BIGGESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburg,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR HAWES Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
EDWIN HIMS 4	REGINALD S. WYATT Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

Rung at the request of the Vicar, the Rev. W. O'Reilly, with half-muffled clappers, as a mark of respect to Mr. C. A. King, who was laid to rest at the above church previous to the commencement of the peal.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHARLES H. SONE Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
WILLIAM WENBAN 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 250th peal. Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. T. H. Jacques, B.A., L.Th., who is leaving for St. Mary's, Milton Regis. Rung after meeting short for Caters, Mrs. H. Baker kindly standing out. The composition, No. 424, is rung for the first time.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' THREE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

*KENNETH N. WHITE Treble	*NORMAN G. KNEE 5
MRS. W. C. WEST 2	SIDNEY HILLIER 6
*PERCIVAL W. HARDING 3	ERNEST F. WHITE 7
WILLIAM C. WEST 4	†HARRY N. KNEE Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Rung as birthday compliments to the ringer of the 5th (21st), wife of the ringer of the 7th, and mother of the ringer of the 2nd. Mr. E. F. White has now 'completed the circle' in the tower.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM COLLISHAW ... Treble	FRANK BELSEY 5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 6
†FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 3	VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E. ... 7
RONALD HUMPHRIES ... 4	ALFRED H. HAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDGAR HUMFREY Treble	CHARLES W. POLLEN 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	THOMAS J. LOCK 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 3	HARRY W. SMITH 7
REGINALD W. REX ... 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF BROOK'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... 4	*WILLIAM J. PRING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. John Clutterbuck, of Cardiff, on reaching his 83th year. He is one of the original members of the association.

WEST DIDSBURY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED FROST Treble	WILLIAM BRAMMER 5
BENJAMIN THORP ... 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
THOMAS JONES 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
SAMUEL HOLT 4	HAROLD JONES Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by A. PRINCE.

Arranged for A. Prince, of Bath, Somerset.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*THOMAS HARRISON ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 2	WILFRED HALLIWELL 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	HAROLD WALMSLEY 7
E. ROGER MARTIN ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Surprise.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gregory,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE IVES Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN 5
HAROLD HERBERT ... 2	ARTHUR SANDERS 6
THOMAS CHINERY ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
HARRY R. FELTON ... 4	DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY WEBB Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
*BERRY WAYMAN ... 2	LEONARD FIDLER 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	†ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 7
CHARLES W. COOK ... 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association, and 70th peal as conductor.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
ROBERT ROFFEY ... 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS 7
*CHARLES W. WARD ... 4	JOHN W. LANGLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ambrose,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SKIDMORE Treble	ERNEST PALMER 5
ALFRED KNIGHT ... 2	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 6
GILBERT S. WILTSHIRE ... 3	*BERTRAM C. WORSDELL ... 7
ALBERT C. BAKER ... 4	†ALFRED C. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM C. WORSDELL.

* First peal in the method and first peal as conductor. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving Bristol for Trowbridge, Wilts.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRANK FILER Treble	*EDWIN H. NASH 5
†NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	RONALD G. BECK 6
†KENNETH FORD ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
*WILLIAM SHERBOURNE ... 4	DAVID MACKAY Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

* First peal of Triples. † 80th peal. ‡ First peal in the method 'inside' and 25th peal. § First peal of Triples 'inside.' || First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung half-muffled on Holy Innocents' Day.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*THOMAS PRICE Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
†FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
†REGINALD CHESTERS ... 4	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NORTH FOREST BRANCH.)*On Sunday, December 15, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK DEAN Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
HARRY BARNETT 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
TOM WORRALL 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY Treble	G. LESLIE LUNN 4
MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... 2	NOEL THURLEY 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	HAROLD DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

WEST LULWORTH, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 10 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 15 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

H. CHARLES CLUETT ... Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
*STANLEY FOOT 2	ARTHUR G. CHUBB 5
*CECIL H. SMART 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH FOREST BRANCH.)*On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

*HOWARD MEEK Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... 4
HARRY BARNETT 2	TOM WORRALL 5
FELIX CARTER 3	†HAROLD MEEK Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

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

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Banks, James Arrangement. Tenor 10 cwt.

CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	*JOHN H. BOTHAM 4
MRS. PHYLLIS HUMPHREY... 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal of Minor in the method. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Mr. J. H. Botham and Miss Humphrey.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob (360 each combined), Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

JOHN BUCKENHAM Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
LEWIS BUSH 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in eight methods by all.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Plain Bob and 20 six-scores of Grandsire.

HARRY PARROW Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
*ALBERT J. HUBBLE 2	HAROLD SMITH 5
HOWARD HOWELL 3	JOHN H. STOKES Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles 'inside' and first in two methods.

STOKE TRISTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Stedman, 10 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 16 callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
*ALBERT E. PODND 2	†WILLIAM A. OSBORNE ... 5
†HARRY H. SANGER 3	*SYDNEY J. POUND Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles in three methods. † First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells.

PENN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
WILFRED EDWARDS 3	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
*ARTHUR MULVEY 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL... 3	*G. LESLIE LUNN Tenor

Conducted by MISS GRACE BURCHNALL.

* First peal in four methods on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a hearty welcome to the Rev. S. M. I. Salt, who was inducted to the living of Gamston the previous week.

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On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven variations of extents, with all 5-6's at backstroke.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in A flat.

*WILLIAM HUNT Treble	†PERCY W. SMITH 4
HARRISON SMITH 2	JACK WALTER 5
FREDERICK A. RYE 3	†A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal and the first Mongeham ringer to score a peal. He stood behind the conductor when he first attempted to ring rounds at this church on October 14th, 1928. Since then Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung in 500 towers in 33 counties, in England, Ireland and Wales; 140 have been in Kent. † First peal of all Bob Minor.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of London Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARVEY E. BURRELL ... Treble	CYRIL R. BURRELL 4
*GEORGE W. BURRELL 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	HAROLD BARSLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. BARSLEY.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society, Ipswich.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven extents.

*WILLIAM TILLET Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 4
*MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLET 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5
FREDERICK J. TILLET 3	JOHN F. TILLET Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor, and have now completed peals in this method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Ringers of 2, 3 and 6 are three generations.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*J. HENRY MARCOM Treble	EDWARD SANDERS 4
MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGIN 2	CYRIL E. LANKON 5
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANKON.

* First peal. The first peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

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THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

On Friday, December 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 17, MANDRAKE ROAD, S.W.17

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 1-2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5-6
JAMES R. MACKMAN 3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

* First peal in the method on handbells.

FOR BEGINNERS.

THE RIGHT AND WRONG WAYS TO HOLD A ROPE.

As one goes about the country one sees many 'awkward ringers'—ringers who do not know how to hold their rope correctly, and therefore have not proper control over their bells, with the result that they are indifferent strikers. Indeed, their bad handling may spoil what otherwise would be some perfectly good ringing.

There is a story told of one 'ringing parson,' a notoriously bad striker, who never could handle his bell properly. He once took part in a peal, and his striking, as a result of his bad handling and his lack of 'ear' for his bell, was atrocious. Afterwards, one of the other ringers was asked how the parson got on, and his reply was, 'Awful. He only made one good blow, and that was when he missed the sally.' That is an example of the way not to ring.

The first aim of a beginner should be to hold his rope properly. Both at rope-end (that is, backstroke) and sally (the handstroke), the hands should be raised as high above the head as possible. It gives the best control, and, of course, the longest and, therefore, the most effective pull. Many ringers at handstroke grasp the sally at a spot which does not permit their hands going much above their nose, or even their chin, and their hands go up very little higher at backstroke.



This photograph shows the proper way to hold the rope end and sally at handstroke.

You go into towers and find that all the ropes are low. You can be sure that, unless it happens to have been caused by a sudden spell of dry weather, which has resulted in the ropes stretching badly, it is because the ringers of that tower do not raise their hands high enough in grasping the ropes. The hands should go well above the head at both strokes, and steeplekeepers and those responsible for instructing beginners, should see that ropes are so adjusted that this is made more or less obligatory on the learner. A rope is not too high, if, when the bell is set at handstroke, the bottom of the sally reaches no lower than the ringer's eyes.

And then there is a right and a wrong way of grasping the rope. The hands should always be close together when holding either the rope end or sally. If they are wide apart it means not only an

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ungainly and slovenly style, but loss of power, because the lower hand cannot 'pull its weight,' or, ought we to say, its full distance. Those few extra inches with that one hand make all the difference to effective control.

Then there is the actual grip on the rope. Both the sally and the rope end should, in turn, be gripped with all the fingers of both hands. Often one sees at handstroke the rope grasped only by the thumb and two fingers of the hand holding the rope end, the other fingers being gripped round the tail of the rope, as if the ringer were afraid of dropping it. Do not get into that habit; or, if you have acquired it, get out of it at once.

The ideal way is to hold the end of the rope in the crutch between the thumb and forefinger and let it come on the side of the sally next to the ringer. In that way the fullest possible use can be made of the hand. Indeed, if you ring in many places in the North of England, where there is a tuft, like a short sally, on the end of the rope, you will find any other way both difficult and uncomfortable. Where, however, there is only a double rope at the end, some ringers—and many good ones among them—grasp both the rope end and sally together. But try, if you can, to get the rope end each time under the thumb only. The proper way to hold the rope and sally at handstroke is shown in the accompanying illustration, which we are permitted to use by the courtesy of the Central Council. And, by the way, if you have not got a copy of 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' published by the Council, from which this illustration is taken, send twopence to the Hon. Librarian, Walsoken Rectory, Wisbech. You will find in it some of the best advice it is possible to obtain on how to ring a bell, with a number of illustrations on the right and wrong ways of holding your rope.

When you start to ring, stand close under the rope, with heels almost together; pull the rope straight down, keeping your hands close to the body, and let them go as far down as possible. If you don't pull straight and don't pull all the way down you lose power.

Get a good start and a good style, and half the preliminary battle is over.

FIRST 1936 DATE TOUCH.

On Sunday, January 5th, for evening service at St. Helen's Church, Sandal, Wakefield, in 1 hour, 9 minutes, a date touch of Minor, 1936 changes, made up of 496 of Oxford Treble Bob and 720 each of Sandal Exercise and Kent Treble Bob: H. Spencer 1, J. W. Moxon 2, W. Robinson 3, H. Cutt 4, G. Cutt 5, E. Cutt (conductor) 6.

WEST CORNWALL RINGERS BUSY.

QUARTER-PEALS OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, BUT NO PEALS.

During the past three weeks there has been great activity amongst the method ringers in West Cornwall. Commencing on St. Thomas' Day (December 21st), an attempt was made to score a peal of Grandsire Triples on the recently rehung and augmented eight at Redruth, but, unfortunately, this came to grief suddenly in the eleventh part of Parker's well-known peal, after nearly three hours' excellent ringing. The band was E. Sanders 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, P. J. Hitchens 3, C. E. Lanxon 4, W. H. Southard 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Seymour 8. The ringing was long enough to test the work, which has been excellently done by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Redruth bells are now a musical octave. On December 31st special arrangements were made to ring a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples to enable Mr. E. C. Carvolth, the donor of the two new trebles, who was staying in the district, to hear the bells rung on his birthday. This was brought round by S. Seymour (first quarter on eight) 1, E. Sanders 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, C. E. Lanxon 4, H. Williams 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, A. S. Roberts (conductor) 7, P. R. C. Williams 8.

On Boxing Day a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Helston, on a splendid light ring, cast in 1807 by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. (tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.), but the illness of one of the band compelled 'Stand' to be called half-way. A further attempt was made at the same tower on January 4th, but after 1 hour and 10 minutes the conductor missed a call. A quarter-peal was then rung by F. Harris 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, G. W. Tayson 3, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 4, A. S. Roberts 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, P. J. Hitchens 7, J. Reed 8.

On December 30th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Enoder (tenor 13 cwt.): F. Harris (first quarter-peal on eight) 1, A. S. Roberts 2, W. E. Minors 3, Miss E. J. C. Angwin (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, E. Sanders (first quarter on eight) 6, C. E. Lanxon 7, P. R. C. Williams (first quarter on eight) 8.

Those who took part in the above, and in visits to other towers for practice, wish to thank Messrs. P. R. J. Williams and H. J. Morcom for the use of their cars.

If, in the future, any visitors to Cornwall wish to be accommodated with ringing in the Truro district, or in any part of Cornwall, a line to Mr. P. R. C. Williams, Fore Street, Redruth, or to Mr. C. E. Lanxon, 11, Ferris Town, Truro, will assure them of a hearty welcome.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Three generations of the Tillett family were represented in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Rushmere, Suffolk, on December 28th. Miss Phyllis Tillett, at the age of 16, has now rung peals of Cambridge on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells!

Mr. Alfred Bowell has recently rehung the old five bells at Scottow, Norfolk, and added a treble to make a handy ring of six. Mr. W. C. Duffield, of Buxton, has given six local men their first lesson in ringing.

Two attempts were made by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association to celebrate the centenary of the first peal of London Surprise Major, rung at Norwich in 1835. A peal of London on December 28th came to grief on Boxing Day after 1 hour 55 minutes' ringing, and a second attempt two days later failed after about an hour and a half.

It is unusual for a man to score his first peal at 70 years of age, but on the last day of 1935 Mr. Wm. Digby, who has been sexton of St. Andrew's Church, Buxton, Norfolk, for 42 years, made his first peal attempt successfully. He rang the treble to 7 720's of Bob Minor.

The ring of six bells of Horncastle Parish Church, Lincs, has this week been removed to Loughborough to be tuned and refitted prior to being hung in a new framework.

In the course of the last 50 years many hundreds, if not thousands, of the peals that have been rung have been compositions by Mr. Arthur Knights, the celebrated composer, of Chesterfield. It is strange, therefore, to learn that his composition, No. 1, composed in September, 1883, has now been rung for the first time. It is a 5,152 of Kent Treble Bob Major, and was rung at Penwortham on Saturday.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, has got a new address. It is 1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh, Hants. He hasn't moved. All that has happened is that the local authorities have changed the name of the Avenue.

The bells of St. Leonard's, Streatham, will be broadcast from the London stations on January 19th for the Sunday evening service.

Nine ringers at Bridlington Priory can boast an aggregate of approximately 200 years' service as ringers at their parish church. Mr. W. Robinson has been ringing for nearly 60 years, Mr. J. Welburn for 36, and Mr. M. Forbes for nearly 30 years. Four others started 16 years ago, and of the other two, one has put in five years and the second two years.

On Tuesday evening, December 24th, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Finchley, were rung for an hour, half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Bernays, wife of the Rector of St. Mary's, who was interred during the afternoon.

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Regarding your note re Surprise methods, you state 'Names have been given to all the methods.'

I, for one, strongly object to these 'ready made' names, and would ask, 'Has the authority of the Council been obtained for such a procedure?'

Up to the present, the band ringing the first peal has had the privilege of naming the method.

If names are provided as suggested, places will be saddled with methods they don't want, and methods they would wish to adopt would have already been allotted, say, to some place not interested in them.

Take, for example, a method the Chester men have been practising, as I presume, under the name of 'Chester Surprise.' Are they to be robbed of that name and some useless method labelled 'Chester'?

Another example. A short time ago I was asked for a method for a certain name. It was to be capable of extending to ten and twelve. I doubt whether the method that has been given to that name in this collection would suit them.

This naming in advance is causing trouble and heartburns, even before they are printed; it will cause more after. A certain number have already been named and rung. Let those who have adopted methods claim them now and so register their names, and let the remainder be numbered only. I am sure this would give greater satisfaction and less expense.

Dublin.

G. LINDOFF.

[This letter was referred to in our leading article last week.—Ed., 'R.W.']

PEAL BOARD INSTALLED.

On Saturday, December 28th, the Kingsley ringers, together with Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, paid a visit to St. Margaret's Church, Draycott, Staffs, where, by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. C. Codling, they installed in the belfry a beautifully designed oak peal board recording the first peal rung on the bells, by the Kingsley band, a peal of Minor in seven methods conducted by Mr. H. Carnwell.

The dedication touch consisted of a 720 of Norwich Surprise Minor, rung by the band, who rang in a peal with the exception of Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, who deputised for Mr. F. Edwards, who has recently left the district: H. Carnwell 1, G. Hulme 2, E. Twigg 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, W. Carnwell (conductor) 5, A. W. Hall 6.

LANCASHIRE STALWART PASSES ON.**DEATH OF MR. J. H. COLLIER.**

On Sunday, December 23th, the death occurred of Mr. James Henry Collier, of Flixton, Lancashire, after a very short illness. He had rung for service on Christmas morning, and was taken ill on his way home. After recovering slightly during the next day or two, he passed away peacefully early on Sunday morning.

Born in Flixton in 1869, he had spent the whole of his life there, and after serving as a boy chorister had been connected with the belfry for over 50 years, and had been the conductor for the past 34 years.

Of a quiet but genial disposition, he had an ever-ready welcome for visiting ringers to Flixton, where he took great pride in maintaining a band for service ringing. This he did with success, in preference to seeking ringing honours for himself, for seldom has it been that Flixton bells were not fully manned for service. The present band, which includes a son and daughter, was raised and trained entirely by his own efforts.

The upholding of old customs, such as the curfew, ringing for Guy Fawkes' night, and other events, in which old-world Flixton seems to delight, were to him another source of pleasure and pride.

He had rung several peals, his first being for Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887, when the bells were reopened, and in December, 1933, he rang his last peal, one of Grandsire Caters, by five fathers and five daughters.

He retired from the service of the Manchester Collieries, Ltd., in January, 1935, after 43 years' service.

The funeral took place at Flixton on Thursday, January 2nd, and was attended by many relatives and upwards of 200 friends.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one from the local ringers.

The full local company of ringers was present, six of whom acted as bearers. Other ringers present were Messrs. W. H. Shaker (general secretary of the Lancashire Association), C. Gudgeon (Manchester Branch president), T. B. Worsley, D. Vincent, W. Moss, A. Barnes, B. Thorp, C. Ollier, A. H. Bond and D. Brown.

The bells were rung fully muffled as the cortege approached the church, and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

Immediately after the interment and as the mourners were leaving the churchyard the tower bells were again rung by deceased's tower associates. Later a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but unfortunately was lost near half-way.

Thus was laid to rest yet another of the stalwarts, and it will take local ringers and friends alike some time to get accustomed to the absence of Jim Collier from the belfry.

RICKMANSWORTH TO HAVE TEN BELLS.**LOCAL RINGERS' SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS.**

The second annual supper arranged by the local ringers at Rickmansworth, Herts, was held on New Year's Eve. A company of 18 sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Mr. Woolard, of the Red Spider. Mr. J. E. Jones presided, and the visitors included Rev. W. B. Belcher (Vicar), Mr. Clubbe (senior church warden), and Messrs. Oakley and Crowsley, ringing friends from Watford. After the toast of 'The King' had been loyally honoured, Mr. A. E. Millett proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' to which the Vicar responded. He thanked the ringers for their services during the past year, and congratulated the young ringers especially on reaching the Stedman stage.

The annual business meeting followed. An attendance book was kept during the past year, marks being given for attendance and punctuality, small money prizes being offered. The ringers with most marks not wishing to claim the prize, the 1st and 2nd prizes were won by J. Foster and T. Long, two young ringers, the prizes being given by Mr. J. E. Jones and Mr. A. E. Millett. Next on the list was Mr. C. Lord, who is nearing 80 years of age, and the Vicar kindly provided a 3rd prize and gave it to him.

One new rule was adopted, that of a voluntary levy of 3d. per week, per member, to provide a fund for belfry renovation, new ropes, etc.

The hon. secretary of the bells appeal fund, raised almost entirely by the efforts of the local ringers, announced that the order for the new trebles had been given to Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the bells would be installed about the middle of February. Some £20 was still required, and it was hoped this would be obtained by the time the bells were opened.

Gramophone records, and wireless, including the broadcast from the Loughborough Foundry, helped to pass a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

At 11.30 the bells were rung half-muffled, and, after the 12 strokes of midnight, were rung open till about 12.15 a.m.

Ringers who took collecting cards for the bell fund are asked to be good enough to send in what they have collected, and any ringers who would like to contribute should send their donations to Mr. G. D. Tryer, Hon. Treasurer, National Provincial Bank, Rickmansworth, or to Mr. F. W. Elliott, 8, Bury Lane, Rickmansworth.

MARRIAGE OF MR. W. H. J. HOOTON & MISS D. M. LEWIS

Many well-known ringers attended the marriage ceremony at Brasted, Kent, on Saturday, of Mr. Wilfred H. J. Hooton, of Nuneaton, and Miss Dilys M. Lewis, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, of Moorcocks, Brasted. Like the bride's father, who is president of the Central Council, Mr. Hooton is a well-known member of the Cambridge University Guild, and after the ceremony six members of the Guild rang a peal of Minor at Brasted.

While this was in progress a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Westerham by Major J. H. B. Hesse 1, S. H. Green 2, A. A. Hughes 3, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher 4, T. Groombridge 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6, J. O. Weller 7, G. W. Fletcher 8.

At St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, the local band attempted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event, but lost it a few changes from the end.

At Guildford, a handbell peal was attempted, as no tower bells were available. This was lost after an hour, but amends were made the following day, when a peal of Grandsire Triples was scored.

AN INSTRUCTOR FOR TASMANIA?**HOBART BEGINS TO RAISE MONEY**

We hear that in Tasmania a fund has been opened, through 'The Mercury' newspaper, to enable a ringing instructor to be obtained from England in order to teach change ringing, and particularly to instruct a band for the new bells to be erected at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart. The fund has been opened with a donation of £5 from Mr. George Fitzpatrick, formerly of Parramatta.

This effort is part of the scheme put forward in 'The Ringing World' on October 11th, 1935, when a letter from the Rev. A. A. Bennett, Vicar of St. George's, Hobart, was published, pointing out the need of instructional help, and a hint was thrown out in our editorial that, if Tasmania itself was prepared to do its share, the Exercise in England might be prepared to help.

If the best is to be made in Tasmania of the seed sown by the English ringers who visited Australia, a competent instructor from this country is a necessity, and if the Tasmanians themselves rise to the occasion we feel sure there are many ringers in England who would be ready to give financial help to promote the art in that outpost of the Empire.

A little later we hope to be able to give further details of the proposals, and if they are called upon we believe the ringers in England will see the scheme through.

BELLS 14,000 FEET UP.**AN ENGLISH RINGER AMONG THE HIMALAYAS.**

Mr. L. H. Baybut, a well-known member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, formerly connected with St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, who now holds an important post in the State of Kashmir, Northern India, among the Himalayas, has sent us an interesting letter describing the country in which he is now living.

His 'home' is in the town of Srinagar, thousands of feet up in the mountains, where, he says, there is a very pretty English church. Canon Stokoe, the Vicar, started to learn ringing on handbells in England long ago, and, as may be imagined, was very interested when Mr. Baybut took along his peal of twelve to the Vicarage when going there to dinner.

These bells, says Mr. Baybut, have been a great source of interest to many Europeans, as well as to natives. He has had the twelve going once or twice with the natives, and thinks he must have made at least one record, for he doubts if any other ringer has rung changes at 14,000 feet above sea level. This he did with 'four in hand' at Pahalgam, Kashmir.

The district where Mr. Baybut lives is known as 'The Paradise of the Indies,' and is, he says, well worthy the name. It is a glorious valley in the heart of the Himalayas, with snow-capped mountain ranges all round. Some of the peaks rise to over 20,000 feet, and one is 26,000. The hills abound with black and red bear, leopards, panthers and other wild animals.

At the time of writing, Mr. Baybut had not seen a train for eight months, but was on the point of leaving for Bombay to meet his wife and two children, who have gone out to him.

As supervisor of furnishings in the palace and state houses at Srinagar and Jammu, Mr. Baybut has had the good fortune to see many native functions, including Durbars and religious festivals.

He asks us to convey his good wishes to all readers of 'The Ringing World.'

FOR THE GRUMBLERS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of December 20th is long overdue. May all grumblers thoroughly digest it. I, for one, would be very sorry to see a change in your weekly 'lay-out.' I suppose it is a member of the N.O.P.G. that would (if he had his way) dispense with the column for beginners. Congratulations, not brickbats, from

GEORGE GILBERT.

Maidenhead.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED PRACTICES OF ADVANCED METHODS.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Cottingham on Saturday, when there were 45 ringers present from Beverley, Cottingham, Headingley, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Middleton-on-the-Wolds, Nunburnholme, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull, and also from Barton-on-Humber and Ulceby, Lincolnshire. The methods were Bob Minor and Major, Treble Bob Minor and Major, and Grand-sire and Stedman Triples. Evensong, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. E. W. French, M.A.), was followed by tea in the King Street Rooms.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting, and gave a very hearty welcome to the association to Cottingham.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. Wilfred Lawson and Ernest Cuttill, of Cottingham, C. Robinson, of Sutton, and H. Kneeshaw, of Market Weighton.

Beverley Minster was selected as the place for the annual meeting in March, the meeting to be held previous to the departure of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Rigg, D.D., to a living in Cornwall in March.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and local company were responded to by the Vicar and Mr. Lawson, and a hearty welcome was also extended to Rev. A. Ferguson, the Vicar of Market Weighton, who accompanied his ringers to the meeting, and who was formerly Vicar of Cottingham.

The secretary was instructed to write the B.B.C., protesting against the fading away of bells during broadcasting for church services.

Mr. Vigor, of Sherburn, raised the question of holding extra meetings for practice of more advanced methods, and after a discussion it was decided to try and arrange these at suitable dates. The secretary pointed out the expense incurred by these extra meetings could not be a charge on the association's funds.

A suggestion to hold a joint meeting with the Northern District was deferred until the next meeting.

WESTERN DIVISION'S NEW SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Bramley, and at St. Peter's Church service was held. In the absence of the Vicar, through illness, the president, Canon Marshall, officiated. Tea was served in the schools to 50 members, and a hearty welcome was extended to friends from Sutton-on-Hull. The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Nine new members were elected, viz., seven from Oxenhope and two from Haworth. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Liversedge or, failing that, Bingley.

As the secretary had previously intimated a desire to retire on account of work, Mr. H. Lofthouse proposed, and Mr. S. Helliwell seconded, that Mr. F. Rayment be elected to the position of secretary. This was carried, and, in welcoming Mr. Rayment to the position, Mr. Johnson hoped that he would be happy in his office. At the same time he regretted the retirement of Mr. Ambler from taking an active part in the association, but, in the light of his good work for ringing, sincerely hoped that work would soon permit him to return to office.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, also to the Rev. G. Harper for presiding at the organ, was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse, and seconded by Mr. R. Bottomley. Hope was expressed for the Vicar's speedy recovery, and thanks were given to Canon Marshall for conducting the service, and for his helpful address. A vote of thanks was also passed to the local company for making the arrangements, and to the ladies for providing tea.

The Rev. G. Harper, Mr. A. S. Boyes and Mr. S. Helliwell replied on behalf of the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company respectively.

Canon Marshall proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, which was carried. Mr. Johnson replied in his own inimitable way.

The meeting was then entertained with some delightful handbell ringing, Mr. A. E. West and Mr. D. M. Sharp giving a course of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Mr. Sharp ringing 1.2.3.4 and Mr. West 5.6.7.8, a feat which the company thoroughly appreciated. This brought to a close a very pleasant and happy meeting.

Members are asked to note that the address of the new secretary, Mr. F. Rayment, is 235, Green Hill Road, Bramley, near Leeds.

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NEW RING OF EIGHT AT CAMPSALL, YORKS.

A TRIUMPH OF MODERN BELL HANGING.

On Monday evening, December 23rd, the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield (the Right Rev. H. L. Burrows), of Campsall's recast and rehung bells was due to take place at 7 p.m. The county of wide acres, however, was, like other parts of the country, in the grip of a dense fog, and the congregation which filled the ancient church had a forty minutes' wait until His Lordship arrived.

For the actual ceremony the clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the foot of the tower, where Mr. Cyril Johnston, on behalf of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., the bellfounders, handed the ropes to Mr. J. Henry Smith, diocesan lay reader, and secretary and treasurer to the bell fund. The wardens then received the ropes and handed them to the Bishop for dedication. The local ringers chimed the bells as the procession returned to the chancel.

In his sermon the Bishop gave an interesting review of the origin and history of bells and bellringing, and spoke of the important part which bells had played in history. He said he did not believe in bells being rung for trivial things, but they should certainly be rung at times which were of national importance. The ringing of bells had now become a science, and one might almost call it a mathematical science. Apart from that, bells also had a very sweet musical sound; they had a great and beautiful harmony. Bellringers to-day had become as much a part of the church as the choir, and they were a very strong, vigorous and active set of churchworkers. He was very strongly of the opinion that the ringers should be recognised as churchworkers, and the same standard should apply to them as to other churchworkers.

The Bishop added that he thought it was right that bells in a church should be rededicated with a religious service. 'In a magnificent old church like Campsall,' he said, 'it is fitting that there should be a service to rededicate and hallow the bells that have been used for many a long year.' He thought the fact of there being such a good congregation on a bad night like that showed that the people thought it right that they should have a religious service to rededicate the bells.

After the service the bells were kept going till 10 p.m. with Stedman, Grandsire Triples, and other methods, by a company of the Yorkshire Association, and the Doncaster and District Association, under the direction of Mr. G. Halksworth, vice-president of the latter society, and drawn from the towers of Doncaster, Arkesey, Pontefract, Adwick, Burgwallis and Campsall.

The bells are a ring of eight, with a tenor weighing 11½ cwt. in A flat. They have all been recast and tuned perfectly on the five tone harmonic principle, and are a fine musical example of the Croydon Foundry's craft.

The bells have been fitted with cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, and the latest fittings, and are hung in a new metal frame of H and A castings on heavy steel girders. They have been lowered in the tower, and as space is at a premium in the tower, the bells have been hung in two tiers of four each, but the care displayed in the general arrangement in the tower, and the attention to detail, have resulted in an ideally handy ring, of which it is impossible to tell in the ringing room or outside the tower which bells are mounted, or which are below. It is a triumph of modern bell hanging.

The bell foundry have also erected a ringers' gallery, in oak, to shorten the draught of rope, and have reorganised the clockwork in the tower.

Mr. H. Bradley, of the local company, has set himself the task of learning the art of change ringing and organising a band. In the furtherance of this task he asks for expert assistance, and hopes that an instructor may come forward to lend a helping hand in teaching a willing band of learners.

Among those at the service were the Vicar of Campsall (the Rev. W. Abel Turner), the Vicar of Woodlands (the Rev. L. L. Knightall), and the Vicar of Doncaster (Canon L. Davies).

MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLET'S DISTINCTION.

IPSWICH GIRL'S UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENTS.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung at St. Andrew's Church, Rushmere, on December 28th last, brings to the forefront Miss Phyllis Tillet, who, at 16, is the youngest person to accomplish peals in this method on all numbers, she having previously rung peals of Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus.

Her first peal of Bob Minor was rung at Rushmere on November 11th, 1932, and during her fourteenth year she succeeded in scoring Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Cambridge Royal and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, thus completing peals on 6, 8, 10, 11 and 12 bells.

She also had the honour of taking part in the 'youths' peal of Bob Major at Crayford on April 21st, 1934, a performance of which she is, rightly, very proud, and since she has rung peals of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Bristol Major and Cambridge, Superlative and Rochester Maximus. She has, however, yet to ring a peal of Caters.

DEATH OF OLD LEICESTER RINGER.

It is with deep regret we record the 'passing on' of an old Leicester ringer, Mr. Jeremiah Vernon. Deceased was never a prominent peal ringer, but over a long period of years was connected with St. Saviour's belfry, and during that time taught and interested many youngsters in the art. He had been in failing health for a long time, but a serious fall accelerated his death, which took place on December 24th at the age of 77 years.

He was a life ringing member of the Midland Counties Association, and to his memory a floral tribute was sent from Leicester ringers. The bells of St. Saviour's were rung half-muffled for the funeral, and over the grave a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells by Josiah Morris 1-2, Edward Whitehead 3-4, Ernest Morris 5-6, Ernest Bagworth 7-8.

OXFORD TREBLE BOB IN KENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' for December 20th Mr. A. P. Cannon claims a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, rung at Mere-worth, Kent, on December 7th, 1935, as the first of its kind in Kent and for the Kent County Association. I beg to inform him that the Aldington, Kent, band rung a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with seven different callings, at St. Martin's Church, Aldington, on January 5th, 1886, in 3 hours 17 mins., conducted by W. Hyder, and all members of the Kent County Association. I rang the 4th in this peal, and W. Post (Redhill, Surrey), F. Wanstall (Aldington), as well as myself, are still surviving. This peal is recorded on a tablet in Aldington Church tower.

PHILIP HODGKIN.

Headcorn.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.—For evening service, on Sunday, December 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples to mark the installation of electric lighting to the building: A. Hawkins 1, W. Wigmore 2, Miss E. Mathews 3, G. Stocker 4, A. W. Davis 5, J. Hazell 6, Miss S. Davis (conductor) 7, S. G. Brown (first quarter-peal) 8, First quarter-peal of Stedman by 1 and 4. Grandfather and grandson rang in this quarter-peal, the former, Mr. W. Wigmore, being in his 80th year.

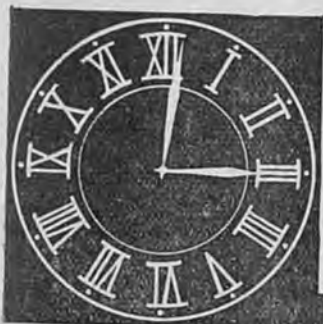
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'RING OUT THE OLD.'**BROADCAST FROM LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.**

Bells, as usual, played their part in the new year celebrations on Wednesday of last week, and ringers all over the country spent the last hours of the old year in peal and touch.

The B.B.C. programme gave listeners an opportunity of hearing many tower bells ringing the advent of the new year, visits being paid by the microphone to several towers between London and Berwick, and the snatches of the various methods proved an attraction which was well worth while.

The most instructive as well as entertaining feature, however, was the 15 minutes spent in the works of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the well-known bell founders, of Loughborough. Here Mr. Denison Taylor, in a short talk, gave some interesting facts on bell work, and one of the firm's oldest employees gave an account of the work entailed in the moulding and casting of Great Paul, on which he was engaged as a young man, and which listeners were to hear later in the programme. The striking of several bells of varying sizes from a huge bourdon to some of the small bells of a carillon brought a most entertaining part of the programme to a close.

At the Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. T. Prior 1, Miss D. Wacey (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. Springham 3, H. M. White 4, H. A. Wacey 5, F. Bird (conductor) 6, E. Rochester 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also rung as a farewell to the curate (Rev. A. D. R. Brooke).

Probably the oldest ringer to speed the parting year by taking part in the ringing was Mr. Coombes who, 93 next March, took part in a touch on New Year's Eve at All Saints' Church, Ryde, Isle of Wight. There were two others in the touch who might be regarded, under other circumstances, as veterans, but who are really only boys by comparison—Mr. George Williams, of North Stoneham, and Mr. Norris, vergers of All Saints', who had not rung together for nearly 50 years.

At St. Peter's Church, Colchester, previous to the watchnight service, after a peal of Superlative, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung, and to welcome the new year the bells were 'fired' and a touch of Superlative brought round. Those taking part were Messrs. F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, W. Dent, E. P. Duffield, G. Boyden, G. N. Rashbrook, G. R. Toones, H. T. Pye, G. A. Wrightman and V. E. Kerridge.

At St. Giles' Parish Church, Pontefract, on New Year's Eve, 1,008 Stedman Triples: J. H. Lenton 1, H. Walker 2, H. Fox 3, A. Walker 4, W. Tate 5, F. Newton 6, H. C. Walters (conductor), A. Heckingbottom 8.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Christmas Day, for 11 a.m. service, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise, 504 Kent Treble Bob, and 36 Plain Bob: F. Seager 1, G. W. Barber 2, F. W. Shynn 3, G. Hayward 4, E. J. Shynn (conductor) 5, W. V. Mills 6.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, before 7 a.m. Eucharist, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob; before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Annable's London, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. Bradley, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright, F. Wright, G. Camp and L. Camp.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original): C. Cooper 1, G. Went 2, G. Knight 3, A. L. Lucas 4, L. Jones 5, E. W. Luff 6, A. Hawkins 7, D. G. Clift (conductor) 8.

LITTLE WALDINGFIELD.—At the Parish Church, on Boxing Day, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 of St. Simon's, 480 of Plain and 300 of Grandsire: B. Cornell 1, H. Day 2, V. Cornell (conductor) 3, W. Head 4, J. Andrews 5.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, for service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: N. Overington (first 720) 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss Doris Aslett 3, E. J. Heath 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

WILLESDEN.—At St. Mary's Church, for midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. G. Spears 1, C. E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, Miss M. T. Barrett (first quarter-peal of Major 'inside') 4, E. B. Hartley 5, E. H. Kilby 6, F. Barrett 7, H. Kilby (conductor) 8. —For sung Mass on Christmas morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. T. Barrett 1, E. B. Hartley 2, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 3, R. G. Spears 4, F. Wilson 5, H. Kilby 6, E. H. Kilby 7, C. E. Lankester 8.

BURNHAM, RUCKS.—For 6 a.m. celebration, 924 Bob Triples by the local band: Miss S. M. S. Fleming 1, B. O'Neill (first 'inside') 2, R. G. Taylor 3, W. A. Cyster 4, G. W. Limmer (conductor) 5, J. D. Taylor 6, G. Gilbert 7, G. H. Limmer 8.

LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, for matins on Christmas morning, John Freeman, the sixteen years' old son of Mr. J. A. Freeman, conducted his first quarter peal. It was Stedman Cinques. It was the first quarter-peal on 12 bells by ringers of 2 and 5. J. Freeman 1, G. M. Mayer 2, L. Snell 3, J. Walden 4, J. L. Millhouse 5, C. J. Mayer 6, D. R. White 7, C. Chester 8, J. A. Freeman 9, H. Marcon 10, H. Lowman 11, A. H. A. Marcon 12.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 11th, at 6 p.m. Chairman, the Lord Bishop of Guildford. Ringing at S. Nicolas' Church 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., South-over Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, Surrey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A special meeting will be held at Northchurch to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 11th, when the bells, just rehung, tuned and augmented to 8 by J. Taylor and Co., will be available from 3 p.m. Service, tea and meeting as usual.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Blyth (6) to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. onwards. East Midland bus leaves Worksop 12.15, 2.15, 4.40 p.m., returns 5.49, 9.54. All ringers welcome.—R. Towler, Acting Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late Final.—On Saturday, Jan. 11th (to-morrow) the bells of Great Wymondley and St. Ippolyts will be available. Meet at Great Wymondley 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Green Man, and then on to St. Ippolyts. Please note that all 1934 subscriptions should have been in a year ago. Please 'buck up, and pay up, and turn up.'—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Annual meeting will be held at Washingborough on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—H. Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Romford on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me as soon as possible?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Anyone who can pull a bell welcomed. Reports ready. Members' subscriptions due.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Jan. 11th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at the Guild Hall at 4.30 at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southampton District.—Annual meeting at Southampton on Jan. 11th. St. Mary's (10), Holy Rood (8) and St. Michael's (8) bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at Holy Rood at 4.15. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonards, Samlesbury, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Thomas', Newhey, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. This is the time of the year for making new resolutions. Let yours be: 'I will attend our meetings regularly.'—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Owing to St. Mary's Church bells being down for repairs, the towers at Monk Bretton and Silkstone will be open for ringing from 3 to 6 p.m. Buses are frequent from both places. Tea, 9d. each, at the Station Restaurant, at 6.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards in tea room.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Quadring on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual and silver jubilee meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 4 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells available 3 p.m.—C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Aylesford (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at The Chequers. Subscriptions for 1936 may be paid at this meeting. Tower secretaries please send a card stating number of members expecting to come.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Derby on Saturday, Jan. 11th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting, for the election of officers for the ensuing year, etc., will be held in the belfry at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome, and there is plenty of room for a large gathering.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly practice will be held at Ambleside on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) will be ready at 2.30. Visitors will be welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Wigan branch heartily invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30. Tea and business 5 p.m. Tower subscriptions should be forthcoming before meeting. Please notify L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare, if requiring tea.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Gas Company's Offices, Bridge Street, at 5.15.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer-Norton and Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer-Norton on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea and business 5 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, Local Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome, only please let me know. Best wishes.—J. Clark, Fernlea, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation. Subscriptions are now due.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery.—At Lavenham, on Jan. 11th. Begin 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Please send a postcard to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, Jan. 11th, commencing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on Jan.

30th (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 23rd, Southwark Cathedral on the 16th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham Saturday, Jan. 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, B.A. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Meat tea in Church House 4.45 by ticket. Members of branch 1s. Visitors 1s. 6d. Application for tea tickets *before* Jan. 13th. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Sidmouth (8) and Ottery St. Mary (8). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, Jan. 14th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. General meeting 6 p.m., both in Clergy House. Service 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Vicar. Members and friends attending will please make own arrangements for tea.—Plenty of cafés near church. A good meeting is hoped for, to welcome the new Vicar of Doncaster, so let us have a record attendance.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting on Jan. 18th. Meet at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Westminster, 3 o'clock to 4.30. Tea and meeting Napier Hall, Hyde Place, Vincent Square, 5 o'clock. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 6.30 to 8.30. Names and numbers for tea by 15th, please.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kidderminster (peal of 12) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church, with an address by the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, at 4.15 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., will be provided for all those who notify me by the previous Wednesday (Jan. 15th). Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Hon. Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham. Phone: Kings Norton 1542.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Green Row Rooms, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 15th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Christ Church, Crewe (bells 10), on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting in the Parish Room to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Jan. 15th?—R. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at Church Room. It is hoped outstanding subscriptions will be paid at this meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday previous?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—C. Evans, Local Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting and social afterwards.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Hennington, Ashford, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Sun Hotel, 1s. 6d. per head. Mr. Rupert Richardson will show his films of the Australian tour. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Parish Room. Please advise early.—H. A. Taylor, 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held in the City on Saturday, Jan. 18th. The bells of St. Lawrence Jewry will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the evening ringing will be at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side. Tea will be arranged nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Police Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Ringing at St. Peter's Church from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows' Church, Bispham (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Usual arrangements. Subscriptions now due.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BORED or DEPRESSED? Try Watford, Saturday, Jan. 18th, from 3.30 to 5.30. Tea and business meeting (5.30 to 6.30). Tower available till 8.30. Train or coach. Cheap tickets from all parts to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (City 4270.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the Manchester branch will be held at the Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open at 5.45 p.m. All welcome. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's (12), Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Mar-tock, Somerset.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Warwick, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Further details next week. The subscriptions for 1936 are now due, and please pay as early in the year as possible.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South and North Norfolk Branches.—Meetings have been arranged at Pulham Market (South Norfolk) on Saturday, Jan. 18th, and at Hethersett (North Norfolk) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4.15, tea at 4.45 at each meeting. Please notify your intention to be present.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Shildon, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 15th.—R. Jeff, Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 25th, when the Abbey bells (10, tenor 25½ cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after the business meeting to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. (Preacher, Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.) Tea (1s. 6d. per head) in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m., and all who intend to be present should notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 9, Westbourne Road, Selby, by Thursday, Jan. 23rd. The business meeting will be held in the Hawdon Institute immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The annual district meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: Parish Church (8 bells) and Christ Church (6 bells) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Band), followed by meeting at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Merton, S.W. 19, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Jan. 25th. Tower open at 4.15. The memorial tablet to late master will be unveiled at 5 p.m. by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30 and numbers must reach me by the 21st inst. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Café, The Borough. Please let me have notifications for tea by Wednesday, 22nd. All welcome!—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Apsley End on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements, but numbers for tea by the 23rd. Will members please come prepared to discuss the question of appointing a *District Committee* and a new secretary, as well as holding an annual district meeting. Members are particularly asked to attend this meeting, as it will be a 'farewell' to the Vicar.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Lyonshall. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, the number to expect for tea. — Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Bridge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 21st, Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Deddington on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) available after tea. Subscriptions now due. For tea please notify E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 22nd?—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8). Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed immediately by the meeting, 5.30 p.m. Reports ready. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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