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## A YORKSHIRE EXAMPLE.

There is a small mining village near Leeds, where the ringers provide an excellent example of what can be done in a tower when keenness for the art and the right atmosphere are present. Rothwell, as a village, is no more favoured than most other communities, but it has long possessed an efficient company of ringers, and the present band are maintaining the traditions of a past generation. They ring peals occasionally, and in Surprise methods at that, but their greatest contribution is the regularity of their service ringing and the enterprise that is shown in their practices. Last Saturday the Yorkshire Association held a meeting at Rothwell, and occasion was taken to congratulate the band upon the excellent work which they are carrying on.

Two things are tending to the successful progress. One is the keenness of the leader, whose enthusiasm is infectious among his company. Campanologically they do not stand still. As we took the opportunity of pointing out quite recently in this column, stagnation is a cause in many a tower of the depletion of the band, and even the cause of the eventual break-up of the company in some cases. Progress is necessary to maintain interest, and in Rothwell it has had the excellent result, not only of keeping up the strength of the band, but of attracting visitors to the practices. We are fully aware that the rate of progress must depend upon the material available, but there is always some small step forward that the least accomplished can make. Those who have studied our articles for beginners have seen, even if they did not already know, that progress can be made in the easiest of stages—steps which after a bit may develop into strides. There can be no doubt that in those towers where there is a determination to get on, interest is maintained at its highest level, and no lash is needed to keep the ringers 'up to the mark.'

Thus it is at Rothwell; but there, also, there is another source of strength to the unity and purpose of the company. As Sunday School teachers, sidesmen, choristers or servers, all the ringers have an interest in the work of the Church itself, outside ringing, and the result is an atmosphere of service which rises above the mere fascination of the art. Attachment to the Church enhances the pride of service in the belfry. We have always maintained that the best way to fill the ranks of ringers is from within the Church. There is more likely to be success when the ringer is drawn from the Church to the belfry than when he becomes a ringer first, and an effort has to be made to make him a churchman afterwards. The reason is obvious. The churchman is already alive to the importance of church work, and, if ringing adds to

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his interest, he also attaches the right sense of duty to his service in the belfry, a sense which the 'outsider' often does not appreciate when he first comes into the tower. Rothwell is fortunate in the company which for years has kept its bells ringing, and is an example which, if more widely copied, would quickly reduce the number of towers wherein the bells are undermanned, as is unfortunately the case in many parishes.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

THOMAS J. HULL ... .. Treble	HERBERT G. MASON ... .. 6
HAROLD V. FROST ... .. 2	JOSEPH F. CHATLEY ... .. 7
ARTHUR DAY ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. SPICER ... .. 8
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... .. 4	† FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 9
* ROLAND NEWSON ... .. 5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal on ten bells. † 100th peal. First peal of Little Bob Royal on the bells, by the association and by all the band.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

* DENNIS HOLDEN ... .. Treble	CYRIL WINWOOD ... .. 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6
BERT HORTON ... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7
FRANCIS J. BROTHERTON ... .. 4	THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

\* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method by all, on the bells, in the county, and by the society.

BOOKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

* DONALD JENNINGS ... .. Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
† VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	H. WALTER SMITH ... .. 6
* HOWARD SAMS ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
† DOUGLAS JENNINGS ... .. 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, on the 58th anniversary of their wedding.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... Treble	EDWARD FOSTER ... .. 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6
FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. 7
ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	WALTER NICHOLLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Mr. J. F. Milner's 200th peal, 72 of which have been rung on the foundry bells. Mr. Milner and the band desire to express through 'The Ringing World' their appreciation for the warm welcome always extended to ringers by the firm of Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

NEWTON ABBOTT.—On Thursday, November 26th, at Coffinswell Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. Evans 1, H. G. Lewis 2, A. L. Bennett 3, J. E. Lilley 4, C. R. Walker 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6. Touches of Double Court Minor and Stedman Doubles were also rung.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5472 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 3	LIONEL PLOUGH ... .. 7
KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FREDERICK H. STREVS...Treble	CHARLES BELSEY ... .. 5
WILFRED L. RAYNER... .. 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 6
FRANK J. CHEAL... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 7
WILLIAM A. COOKE ... .. 4	†CHARLES A. WEBB ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NAYLOR.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathleen Cheal, a member of the band.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CECIL NICE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... .. 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7
JACK N. CRIPPS ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BENHILTON, SUTTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRANK H. RANDALL ... .. Treble	W. CYRIL SMITH ... .. 5
WILLIAM HADLEY ... .. 2	†HERBERT PRATT... .. 6
†ROY A. SIMMONS ... .. 3	†HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 7
JOHN HOYLE ... .. 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOS. DAY.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major in the method.  
‡ First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on an 'inside' bell. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Rev. S. J. Clements, Vicar of All Saints', who was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL...Treble	JESSE HARRISON ... .. 5
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	TONY PRICE ... .. 7
ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East, City,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	RAYMOND G. COUSINS... .. 6
ERNEST J. KING... .. 3	JACK A. WAUGH ... .. 7
†NORMAN H. MANNING ... .. 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal away from the tenor. † First attempt for a peal. Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the accession to the Throne of King George VI. The peal was commenced immediately the Proclamation was read in the City of London.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5192 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. 6
SIDNEY T. HOLY ... .. 3	HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 7
THOMAS HAMMING ... .. 4	CHARLES CANN ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLY.

Rung in honour of the accession of King George VI. First peal in the method by all except ringers of 3rd and tenor, and first in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

At the Cathedral.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 33 cwt. in C.

MISS NORA M. BIBBY ...Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 7
*JOHN GRIFFITHS... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones and Mr. Waller Thomas, two old and respected members of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Thomas, Musberry,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 5
THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 6
ARNOLD BRUNTON ... .. 3	WILFRED HALLIWELL... .. 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung for the accession of King George VI.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...Treble	*GEORGE STOCKER ... .. 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 6
MISS RUBY HAZELL ... .. 3	*GEOFFREY E. FOWLER ... .. 7
MISS ESTHER MATBEWS ... .. 4	REGINALD W. ROX ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

\* First peal on eight bells. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to William Wigmore, grandfather of the ringer of the 5th, within a few days of his 81st birthday. He has been a ringer at Bucklebury for 63 years.

## WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

EDWIN J. RIDLER... ..Treble	HARRY J. SANGER ... .. 5
HERBERT W. KNIGHT ... .. 2	FRANK SKIDMORE... .. 6
RICHARD CLARK ... .. 3	RONALD G. BECK... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. J. SANGER.

## WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... ..Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... .. 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL ... .. 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... .. 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 3	DANIEL SMITH ... .. 7
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 4	THOMAS E. LEE ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr. M. E. Wilson, of the Cathedral company, Sheffield, and Miss Eva Chafer. The composition was rung for the first time.

## THROWLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

DORIS G. DOBBIE... ..Treble	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 2	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 6
ARTHUR W. JONES ... .. 3	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... .. 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. 4	ARTHUR S. BOAR ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. DOBBIE.

First peal as conductor. Rung for accession of King George VI.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... ..Treble	LEWIS BUSH ... .. 4
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... .. 2	FRED WIGMORE ... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

## LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*MISS VIOLET MARSH... ..Treble	FRANCIS G. BLAKE ... .. 4
LIONEL H. PINK... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
†HAROLD E. WHITE ... .. 3	WILLIAM M. LIGHT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung for the fifth anniversary of the restoration and rehanging of the bells.

## WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (Plain and Treble Bob rung alternately).

Tenor 12 cwt.

BRYAN O'NEIL ... ..Treble	†WILLIAM H. J. PARKER ... .. 4
*THOMAS C. TILLEY ... .. 2	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
GORDON W. LIMMER... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First attempt for a peal (a local man for whom the peal was arranged). † First attempt in more than two methods, and hails from Sandhurst. Remainder of band from St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks. A birthday compliment to the sister of the conductor.

## WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's.

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE T. COUSINS ... ..Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
STANLEY T. YAPP ... .. 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN ... .. 5
ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 3	GEORGE A. COUSINS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a 50th birthday compliment to the tenorman.

## PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE DETACHED TOWER OF ST. MARY'S,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's and sixteen 240's (26 callings).

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER S. EVANS ... ..Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 3
CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 4
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 3	... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. P. C. Barber), who is shortly leaving for Ross-on-Wye.

## WESTONING, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of St. Clement's and Single Oxford, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... ..Treble	FRANK C. TYSON ... .. 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON... .. 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... .. 5
EDMOND W. WAGSTAFFE ... .. 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

First peal as conductor. The last peal on these bells was rung on December 8th, 1923.

## HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...Treble	*THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 4
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... 2	WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 5
*THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal in seven Minor methods.

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(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

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

One extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*MAURICE MILLARD ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... .. 4
JACK GREEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... .. 5
†JOHN R. KEMP ... .. 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' Arranged and rung for the proclamation of King George VI.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Martin,

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

One extent of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES W. PARKER ... .. Treble	PERCY K. PARKER ... .. 4
*MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

\* First peal in four methods.

YARNTON, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
and Ten Seconds,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,  
**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST PEARSON ... .. Treble	F. E. TAYLOR ... .. 4
MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 5
H. H. ALEXANDER ... .. 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of the accession of His Majesty King George VI.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

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

Ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WALTER EVANS ... .. Treble	LESLIE EVANS' ... .. 3
*HARRY OWENS ... .. 2	ALFRED OWENS ... .. 4
TREVOR JONES ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

\* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Wynne, who has been Rector of New Radnor for five years; also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd. Treble ringer belongs to New Radnor; ringers of 2 and 3 to Eardisland; 4 and the tenor to Kington.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being one extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

*VICTOR MORLEY ... .. Treble	†RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 4
ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. 2	ALEC M. GENERY ... .. 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... .. 3	GEORGE R. TOWNES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. TOWNES.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. B. Genery, parents of the ringer of the 5th.

GREAT TRY, ESSEX.—On Sunday at St. Barnabas' Church on Remembrance Sunday for evening service, 960 of Kent Treble Bob Major by the local band. On Wednesday, November 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: K. Smith 1, T. Evans 2, V. Morley 3, G. Evans 4, S. Piper 5, J. W. Dyer (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## FOR BEGINNERS.

### SOMETHING NEW IN DOUBLES—OR ISN'T IT?

For those Doubles ringers who are anxious to get away from ringing nothing but Grandsire on the very hackneyed lines of the ten old six-scores, we have from time to time suggested a means of extending the scope of their practice. It is true that five-bell ringing, if it is to be in true Doubles, is extremely limited in scope. But you can get variety in the way in which you ring even Grandsire. You can ring Reverse Grandsire and Double Grandsire and New Grandsire. You can also ring the method by substituting some other bell for the treble. We wonder how many bands have taken the trouble to explore these varieties?

Of methods with a plain hunt other than Grandsire, and still produced by pure Doubles there are comparatively few. Reading is the only one given in the Central Council's 'Collection.' The rest that are printed have the blemish of at least one 'single' in each lead—as New Bob, where second's and fifth's are made when the treble leads and only two bells, those in 3-4, change.

There are, however, other Doubles methods, with a plain hunt, which can be obtained, but which, so far as we have seen, have never been published and probably never rung. They are pure Doubles, and the complete extent can be obtained with bobs and only two singles.

Beginners should learn that extents of pure Doubles cannot be produced without the use of at least two singles. The reason is that all the while 'Doubles' are made, the rows remain of the same nature; that is, they are all 'in-course,' or 'even' as they are sometimes called; and the 'out-of-course' or 'odd' rows cannot by any means be produced.

An 'in-course' or 'even' row is one produced by the regular changing of an even number of pairs of bells, as 21435 from 12345, or 15432 from 14523. It needs the change of an odd number of pairs to put the bells 'out of course,' and that substitution of an odd pair for an even number of pairs is called a 'single.' Once you have produced 'out of course' changes in Doubles you cannot get back to 'in-course' changes without the use of another single.

Extents of New Bob and similar methods are got by calling bobs only, but the singles are there nevertheless. The solitary changing of the bells in 3-4 when the treble leads or in 2-3 if a bob is called is actually a 'single,' and so in New Bob you switch from 'in-course' to 'out-of-course' (or from 'even' to 'odd,' if you prefer that term) and back again alternately with every lead.

So with every method of pure Doubles you must use at least two singles to produce an extent, and you can, as in Grandsire, use more than two, but it must be an even number. There are, as you know, six singles in the three-part 120's.

Now, for the benefit of those who would like something really fresh in the Doubles line (although we shall not be surprised if someone turns round and tells us that the method is as old as the hills), here is something to study:—

	Bob	Single
21435		
24153		
42513		
24531		
42351		
24315		
42135	42135	42135
41253	41253	41253
14235	14523	14253
12453	15432	12435
21543	51342	21345
25134	53124	23154

This method, like Grandsire, runs three leads to the plain course, and, like Grandsire, it has one other bell beside the treble that does something different to the other bells. That bell in the plain course is the 2nd, which leads, double dodges on the front (1-2 up), makes 3rd's and goes back again.

The bell that passes the treble in 1-2, goes out behind, comes back and makes 3rd's; then

Passes the treble in 3-4, dodges in 4-5 (up), makes 3rd's;

Passes the treble in 4-5, dodges in 5-4 (down), and double dodges in 2-1 (down).

At a bob, called, as in Grandsire, when the treble is in 3rd's place on the way down, the bell that has been doing the 'slow' work (the 2nd in the plain course) instead of making 3rd's runs straight out, lies a whole pull behind, makes 3rd's and then passes the treble in 4-5.

The bell that would have dodged in 5-4 (down) omits the dodge, runs straight to lead and does the 'slow' work.

The bell that passed the treble in 3-4, instead of dodging 4-5 (up), lies a whole pull behind and goes straight down to the double dodge in front. The bell passing treble in 1-2 is not affected.

An examination of the figures will show you how the single is made. It retains the bell in the 'slow.'

The calling of any 120 of Grandsire can be applied to this method, of which there are three variants. It will make an interesting little exercise in method 'reversing' if our readers will try to find them for themselves.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### ROTHWELL BAND'S SERVICES TO THE CHURCH.

In spite of the very inclement weather on Saturday, the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held a most successful meeting at Rothwell, when upwards of 50 members attended from a wide area. The day was exceedingly cold and sleet fell continuously throughout the afternoon and evening, but those stalwarts who had made the journey were able to spend an enjoyable time in the belfry and the cosy Church Institute.

The bells were raised in peal about 3 o'clock and were kept moving in a great variety of methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative until they were finally lowered about 9 p.m.

A delightful tea was served in the Institute, to which about 40 members sat down. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, supported by the Rev. H. S. Branscombe, Vicar of Rothwell.

The chairman was in a reminiscent mood when proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for granting the use of the bells. He spoke of his early experiences at Rothwell when transport facilities were not as convenient as those of the present day. He also referred to the great traditions in ringing which the Rothwell company had made, and said how pleased he was to see the present band carrying on with the work and making such excellent progress. They had a local band ringing Surprise methods, and this was a feat which, unfortunately, was not very common. He was also very pleased indeed to see the churchwardens present, and felt sure that if this could be seen in other parishes, better results would be seen in ringing.

This was supported by Mr. Sherwood.

In replying, the Rev. H. S. Branscombe spoke of his early days in the ministry when he also commenced to ring. Unfortunately he had to give up ringing through illness, but he had a great interest in it and was pleased to know that his own company were making such good progress.

Mr. Wormald, in replying for the wardens, said how pleased he was to be at the meeting and to take part in welcoming the Yorkshire Association to Rothwell. He himself had been connected with the church since boyhood, and he could, therefore, say how proud they were of their ringers. Not only were they ringers, but every member of the band took an active part in the work of the church apart from ringing. Some were Sunday School teachers, others choristers, sidesmen or servers, so that they all had the work of their church much at heart and it was always a source of pride to him as a warden of the church.

Mr. W. Barton, in voicing the thanks of the association to the local company for the splendid arrangements and to the ladies for the work which they had carried out in supplying and serving the tea, spoke of the social side of these meetings. There was a great deal of work entailed in organising and preparing a tea, and the social atmosphere which it created was so necessary in making these meetings a success.—This was supported by Mr. W. H. Senior.

Mr. P. Massam, the local secretary, in replying, said it was a pleasure to have the association at Rothwell, but hoped it would not be so long before they would come again. It was just ten years since the last meeting was held there, and he hoped they would come again soon.

Miss Mary Stinson, of Drighlington, was elected a member of the association.

After the meeting some of the members adjourned to the reading room where handbell ringing was in progress; others found enjoyment in the billiard room, whilst the remainder sought out the belfry for further ringing.

Members were present from the following towers: Armley, Batley, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Birstall, Drighlington, Elland, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Huddersfield, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Shipley and the local company, and visitors from Rotherham. It is pleasing to note that the weather could not damp the enthusiasm of the lady members from Drighlington and Shipley, who always manage to support the district meetings.

The annual divisional meeting is due to be held on March 13th, when it is hoped that arrangements can be made to take this to Longwood, near Huddersfield.

## NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### FIRST MEETING AT HALVERGATE.

A meeting of the Eastern Branch of Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Halvergate on Saturday, November 28th, and was well attended, 32 members being present. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Ward). Tea was served at the Church Room.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and also to Mr. De Ville, the caterer.

This is the first time the association has held a meeting at Halvergate, and it was appreciated by the local band, who are a very keen and promising set of young ringers. The methods rung during the afternoon were Cambridge, London, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandire Doubles.

Ringers were present from Norwich, Yarmouth, Wymoutham, Gorleston, Reedham, Norton and Ade.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### THE LATE MR. EVAN DAVIES' WORK AT CAERLEON.

The last quarterly meeting of the year was held at the old Roman city of Caerleon, near Newport, Mon., on Saturday, December 12th. The attendance was not up to the usual standard owing probably to the inclement weather experienced during the morning. Representatives attended from Aberavon, Cardiff, Llanfrecchfa, Llanishen, Llangynydd, Newport, Penarth, Merthyr and Aberdare. The bells, a light ring of eight by Warner, were started soon after 3 o'clock. Later, service took place in the old Parish Church, famous for its beautiful stained glass windows. The Vicar (the Rev. H. O. Williams) officiated.

Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens, was served in the Gymnasium Hall of the Endowed Schools. At the business meeting the Vicar occupied the chair. The hon. secretary read communications received from the Master of the association regretting his inability to attend, and from Mr. Claud Davies, of Liverpool, wishing the association a successful meeting and regretting his inability to be present. Augmentations and proposed restorations were reported on, which proved that the county of Monmouth will possess one new complete octave and one augmented octave next year. It is also hoped there will be one augmented octave in Glamorgan.

Congratulations were given to the Aberdare band for ringing their first local peal on their rehung bells.

It was agreed that the selection of places for the quarterly meetings be left until the annual meeting, to be held on Easter Monday.

The hon. secretary gave at some length the history of Caerleon bells. He remembered, he said, Mr. Evan Davies coming to Caerleon as schoolmaster in 1881. Mr. Davies' interest was in the bells. There were then five bells or remnants of bells, more or less cracked, one in an ash heap and one a box of old metal. In October of that year these remnants were sent to Warner and Sons, of London. Two months later on December 15th six new bells were dedicated and opened. Although Mr. Davies was not then a change ringer, by the end of the next month, January, 1882, he had taught a band to handle the bells, and Bob Singles were rung for service. Progress continued during 1882-3. At the annual meeting held in December, 1884, a suggestion to complete the octave was made. Estimates were obtained during 1885, and on July 28th, 1886, the two new trebles arrived, were hoisted and hung personally by Mr. Davies.

On March 13th, 1887, the first quarter-peal, Grandsire Triples, was rung by the local men, conducted by Mr. Davies. Other methods were practised, and on January 12th, 1889 (48 years ago within a month), the first peal on the bells was rung, conducted by Evan Davies. It was the first peal on the bells and first peal by all. Of the band that took part in that peal there are three survivors—the writer of these notes, who is still an active ringer, and two others who are not now ringing. In the same year peals of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung.

Four years later, mainly through the efforts of Mr. Davies, the Llandaff Diocesan Association was formed at a meeting held at Llandaff, and Mr. Davies was elected the first Master.

It was most fitting that the meeting was held at Caerleon, which was really the home of change ringing in those parts, and ringers owed a debt of gratitude to the late Mr. Evan Davies, whose son was doing such useful work for the Lancashire Association in Liverpool.

The question of a printed form of service was discussed, and it was decided to deal with it at the annual meeting.

New members were elected, including four Caerleon ringers. The best thanks were accorded the Vicar, churchwardens and ladies for their kindness and hospitality. Ringing was afterwards again indulged in.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On December 9th, for Confirmation service, 720 of Bob Minor: G. Enever (first 720) 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, F. Cherryman 3, J. Avenell 4, S. Petter (conductor) 5, H. Rance 6.

SEELY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, December 3rd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,344 London Surprise Major: V. G. H. Remus 1, D. T. Matkin 2, William B. Cartwright (conductor) 3, H. H. Fearn 4, Charles Webb 5, C. H. Stanley 6, S. Grove 7, George E. Fearn 8. Rung for a service held in connection with the Bishop of Birmingham's Appeal Fund.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On November 26th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. Wildblood 1, W. Longman 2, W. Carter (Kidsgrove) 3, W. Dean (Norton, conductor) 4, T. W. Arrow-smith 5, G. W. Biddulph 6. First 720 in the method by all except the ringers of the third and fourth, and rung at the first attempt after one plain course for practice.

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**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S BEREAVEMENT****DEATH OF MRS. W. H. HOLLIER.**

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Annie Amelia Hollier, wife of Mr. W. H. Hollier, of 29, Duke Road, Chiswick. Mrs. Hollier, who was 59 years of age, was known to many ringers. Mr. Hollier is treasurer of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, of which he was one time a joint secretary, and represents the association on the Central Council. Until this year Mrs. Hollier always accompanied her husband to the Council meetings.

In May last she underwent a serious operation in the Royal Masonic Hospital, Ravenscourt Park, of which she was a life governor. When only partially convalescent she was called upon to nurse her husband in a most serious illness, the strain of which proved very heavy, and again illness overtook her, this time proving fatal.

The funeral took place at the Chiswick New Cemetery on Monday of last week, the last rites being conducted by the Rev. E. J. Fellowes-Brown, M.A. Mr. Hollier was not well enough to attend.

The principal mourners were the only daughter (Grace), Mrs. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. P. Holloway, Mr. H. Davis, Mr. Reginald Cattermole, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Jones, W.Bro. Harry Smith, P.A., G.D.C. (representing Chelt Chapter), W.Bro. E. G. Taylor, P.P.G.Sw.Bro. (representing Vitruvian 87 and Column 5284 Lodges), Mr. J. Hunnisett (representing Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Hunnisett.

Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from Vitruvian Lodge, Chelt Chapter; Middlesex County Association of Bellringers; and Mr. and Mrs. Hunnisett.

The sympathy of his many friends in the Exercise will go out to Mr. Hollier and his daughter in their bereavement.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A well-attended meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Wisbech on Saturday, December 12th, when the splendid peal of ten were available to members and friends. Among the methods rung were Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The usual service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. H. K. Stallard) giving a short address.

For tea the members were the guests of the Vicar and Mrs. Stallard, and the Vicar presided at the business meeting.

Five new members were elected, viz., one honorary, three performing, and one non-resident life member.

The annual meeting of the branch is to be held in January at Hilgay.

**CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR.**

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Repeat twice.  
This method,  
No. 507 in Central Council MSS., was rung to a peal, it is believed for the first time, on Oct. 19th, 1936, at Helmingham, Suffolk.

**A DATE TOUCH.**

A date touch of 1,936 Stedman Triples at St. Mary's-Without-the-Walls, Chester, on December 9th, in 1 hour and 13 minutes: P. Swindley 1, H. Lewis 2, N. Harris 3, J. Best 4, J. Swindley 5, J. Griffiths 6, S. Jones (conductor) 7, A. Jones 8.

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## CHRISTMAS ISSUE.

### NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

As Christmas falls on Friday next, 'The Ringing World' will be published on Thursday. Correspondents are reminded, therefore, that all communications, including notices, must be received at the Editorial Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, by Monday.

### BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have been entrusted with the contract for the restoration of the bells at St. Peter's Church, Thetford, Norfolk.

Mr. W. A. J. Knight, of Milverton, writes to extend his apologies to the band that rang his peal of Stedman Caters, which has proved to be false.

The peal at Romford, rung on December 1st and recorded in our last issue, was Mr. J. E. Davis' 1,100th.

A birthday peal was rung at Bucklebury last Saturday for Mr. William Wigmore, who is 81, and has been a ringer at this Berkshire tower for 63 years.

The three generations of the Groombridge family, who, as recorded last week, are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, all hold the certificate of the society signed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill as hon. secretary. This must be a record, and is a sharp reminder of the long period of years during which Mr. Cockerill has so unostentatiously discharged the secretarial duties.

There is nothing like accuracy in everything pertaining to ringing. We have often heard arguments in the belfry as to the time occupied in ringing a peal, when the so-called 'timekeepers' differ to the extent of a minute or two in their observations. They were much more precise at Yarnton on Saturday, when the timing of a peal was reduced to seconds—3 hours 13 minutes 10 seconds.

The peal at Woolwich recorded last week was H. McCabe's first peal, F. Johnson's first peal 'inside' and H. Mackintosh's first peal of Triples. As printed in our report, the indication marks were attached to the wrong names.

Peals are recorded in this issue in no fewer than six different Surprise methods—and Bristol and Yorkshire are not among them. It is indeed a 'sign of the times' when the 17 eight-bell peals reported are divided among 11 methods.

### KING GEORGE VI.'s ACCESSION.

#### BELLS CELEBRATE THE PROCLAMATION.

The change in the monarchy so unexpectedly brought about last week has been marked by ringing in many places for the new King's accession.

We record in this issue a few peals rung for the event, but in numerous churches the bells were rung on Saturday, and in some provincial towns on Monday when the proclamation was officially read.

The Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth is to take place on the date previously fixed for that of the former King, and ringers will be able to go on with their arrangements for the event. There will be nothing lacking in the bells' expression of the nation's rejoicing on that great occasion.

### CANCELLED MEETINGS.

The meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association arranged for to-morrow (Saturday) at St. Thomas', Pendleton, has been cancelled.

The Hertfordshire Association's meeting advertised for to-morrow at Hemel Hempstead is unavoidably postponed until after Christmas.

Owing to a telephonic misunderstanding we last week announced the cancellation of the meeting of the Lancashire Association at Whittle-le-Woods, instead of the meeting at Burton-in-Westmorland. We desire to express our regret to all concerned for any inconvenience caused.

### QUESTIONS TO THE METHODS COMMITTEE.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I don't know why Mr. W. G. Wilson butts in, unless his letter is inspired from other sources.

Mr. Trollope in the past, as spokesman of the Methods Committee, has answered questions, not very willingly perhaps, nor very courteously, but, nevertheless, he has done so.

Why, then, may not the Exercise have an answer to the question put to the Methods Committee in your issue of November 27th?

An answer will oblige.

Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

### 'THE TINTINNALOGIA.'

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the articles in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' there is a copy of the 'Tintinnalogia,' by Fabian Stedman, London, 1671, in the Bodleian Library at Oxford.

Launton, Bicester.

F. SHEARPE.



## NEW PEAL OF TWELVE AT CROYDON PARISH CHURCH.

A FINE RING FROM THE TOWN'S BELL FOUNDRY.

### Great Gathering of Ringers for Dedication.

The Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, is now in possession of a fine peal of twelve bells, with a tenor of 36 cwt., cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have made the town of Croydon famous, not only throughout England but in many distant parts of the world, by the products of their foundry. The new peal was dedicated on Saturday in the presence of a large congregation, among which were nearly three hundred ringers.

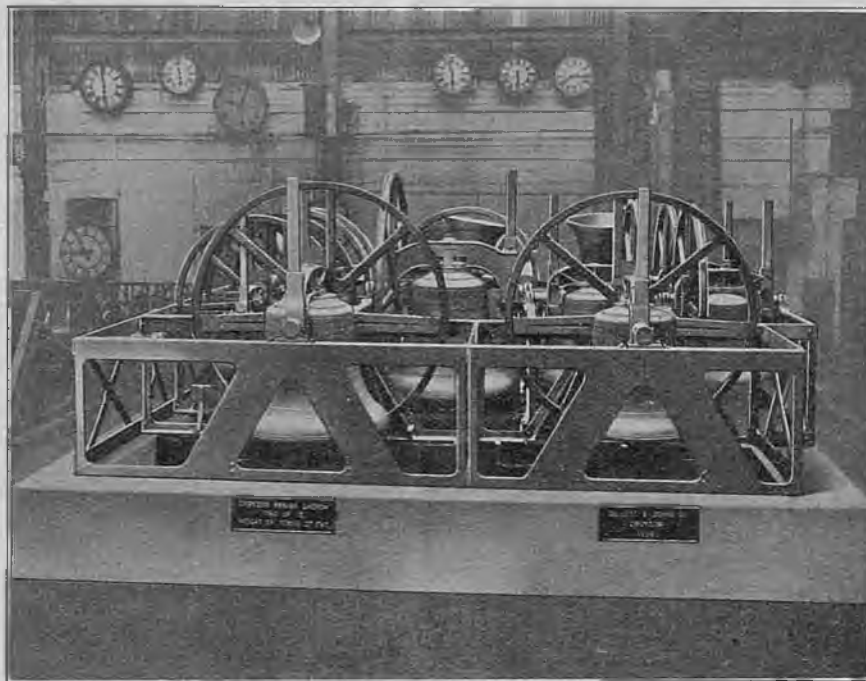
It was a great disappointment that the Archbishop of Canterbury, who had promised to perform the ceremony, was unable to do so owing to national events, which required his presence in the House of Lords at the very hour fixed for the dedication. The duty was discharged by the Bishop of Croydon (the Rt. Rev. Edward S. Woods), who is also Vicar, and the occasion proved a memorable one.

In 1610 a new saint's bell was given by Francis Tirrel, citizen and grocer of London. It was recast in 1757, but was destroyed in the fire of 1867.

The restoration of King Charles II. gave a great impetus to many pursuits, including the new art of change ringing, and during the next half-century the bells were augmented to the full octave, whilst in 1730 the Society of Croydon Ringers was formed.

In 1738 a complete ring of eight bells was installed by Thomas Lester, of Whitechapel, and in 1816 they were rehung in a new frame. The tenor bell of Thomas Lester's ring cracked in 1836, was recast at Whitechapel, and, while being hauled up into the tower, the tackle broke and the bell fell down, doing great damage to the tower and smashing itself to pieces. It was taken back and again recast, and this time safely installed in the tower, its weight being 22 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

These bells remained until the disastrous night in January, 1867, when, melted by the intense heat, all the bells except the tenor 'ran down in a glowing stream.' The tenor again fell and was smashed to pieces. Some very fine casts of the Last Supper of our Lord were made from the metal of these bells, and one is to be seen in the tower of the church. They were rung for the last time on December



THE BELL FRAME AND BELLS IN THE FOUNDRY.

Croydon has for many centuries been closely associated with the Archbishops of Canterbury, and it remains to this day an isolated part of that diocese. Within the church lie buried six Archbishops, who died between 1583 and 1757; while between the years 1534 and 1909 nine Bishops have been consecrated in the church. A church stood on the site in Saxon times, but a devastating fire in 1867 destroyed a building that was begun in the time of Archbishop Courtney (1381-96) and completed in that of Archbishop Chicheley (1414-43). Only the tower, south porch and outer walls remained after the conflagration, and the present church was rebuilt by Sir Gilbert Scott and consecrated in 1870.

The earliest notice of a bell in the tower is in a register dated 1403, in which it is recorded that 'One John de Aldermaston, who was buried in ye church, left by his will xx sheep for the purchase of a Saint's bell.'

### EARLY BELLS DESTROYED BY FIRE.

On May 20th, 1538, there was buried in the church a certain Sir Andrew Corvehill, a secular priest, his burial being one of the first to be recorded in the registers. His two brothers were Sir William Corvehill, a priest of Much Wenlock in Shropshire, and John, a monk of the same place. Sir William died in 1546, and the burial register at Wenlock proclaims his skill as a 'good bellfounder and maker of the frames for bells.' It is quite possible that Croydon Parish Church owes its first peal of bells to this priestly bellfounder.

In 1547, during the reign of Edward VI., an inventory of church goods records that 'There ar fyve belles in ye Stepel and a Saunce (Saint's) Bell.'

31st, 1866, by four members of the Croydon Society and four of the Beddington Society. It is strange to record that the society held its annual dinner on the night of the fire in January, 1867, and so the ringers were among the crowd who sorrowfully watched the church and bells destroyed.

A new peal of eight with a 30 cwt. tenor in E was installed in 1869 by Messrs. Taylor at the restoration, under the direction of the late Lord Grimthorpe, and was rung for the last time on Sunday, July 5th, 1936.

### A MASSIVE FRAME.

The frame and gear were a source of trouble for many years. They are now replaced entirely with new work throughout, as a result of a munificent gift from the late Lady Edridge, widow of the late Sir Frederick Edridge, whose devoted service and able administration of church affairs as Vicar's warden extended over a period of 30 years.

The new frame is a massive construction of iron castings, fixed to a reinforced concrete grillage which bonds the walls together and is designed to strengthen the tower materially.

The new fittings include cast-iron headstocks, ball bearings, clappers of an improved design, and special facilities for lubrication and maintenance by the steeplekeeper.

The eight 'Grimthorpe' bells, in the light of present-day knowledge, were of incorrect design and unsatisfactory in tone, owing to the falsity of harmonics. They have been recast, and increased in weight, through the generosity of individual donors and subscribers.

In view of the association of Archbishop Whitgift and succeeding Archbishops of Canterbury with Croydon for centuries down to the

## DONORS OF CROYDON'S NEW BELLS

present day, the cost of recasting No. 6 of the former peal (now No. 10) has been subscribed by a large number of well wishers connected with the Whitgift Foundation and Schools. The 'Whitgift Bell' Fund was organised by Miss Brodie, the daughter of the late Robert Brodie, who was the first headmaster of Whitgift School; and the bell which was used from time immemorial as the 'tolling bell' and 'call bell' will continue to perform those duties.

Four additional bells, the new trebles, are gifts to complete a ring of twelve.

The casting of the tenor bell, the gift of Mr. T. R. Edridge, nephew of the late Lady Edridge, was witnessed on October 21st, 1936, by the Mayor of Croydon, the Bishop and churchwardens, Mr. H. G. Williams, M.P. for South Croydon, and a party of 200 parishioners.

The tower clock, erected by Gillett and Johnston in 1869, has been reorganised to chime true Westminster quarters on Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 8. Sundry alterations to the movement and transmission gear have been carried out to simplify the connections and to improve the appearance of the ringing chamber.

A new bellry floor has been erected to ensure easy access for the steeplekeeper for maintenance and regular inspection.

The bellry louvred windows have been partially blocked with panels of a specially selected material to prevent the sound from beating down on the immediate neighbourhood, and the effect outside is certainly one that will eliminate all cause for reasonable complaint.

In the course of procedure required for the granting of a Faculty the proposed scheme of restoration and additions was reviewed by sundry authorities, and valuable assistance in this direction was rendered by Mr. T. F. W. Grant (diocesan architect), by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council of Bellringers), and by Major J. H. B. Hosse.

### THE BELLS.

The inscriptions and weights of the new peal are as follow:—

Treble.—G sharp. Given by old friends of the Parish Church. 5 cwt. 3 qr.

2.—F sharp. To commemorate 45 years of happy married life of Frank Lloyd and Helen Mills. Married in Croydon Parish Church, May 18th, 1881. 6 cwt. 14 lb.

3.—E sharp (F). In memory of Eugenie Harriet Brouneau. The gift of Cyril and Nora Johnston. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

4.—D sharp. In memory of Arthur Anderson Johnston. Given by his wife and son. 6 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

5.—C sharp. To ring in the Kingdom of God. In memory of the ministry in this parish (1904-1909) of Leonard Hedley Burrows, Bishop of Sheffield. The gift of Percy and Margaret Squire, 1936. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

6.—B sharp (C). Recast as a gift from Arthur H. Harding. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

7.—A sharp. Recast 1936. A gift from J. C. Kinnear, priest, in memory of George and Angus Kinnear. 9 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

8.—G sharp. The new frame and fittings for the old eight bells and the recasting of No. 8 were given by Lady Edridge. 12 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

9.—F sharp. This bell was recast as a gift in memory of Emily Jessie Edridge by her son Dick. 15 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

10.—E sharp (F). Vivos Convoco. Mortuos Plango. In piam memoriam D.D. Alumni amicique scholarum Johannis Whitgift. Anno MCMXXXVI. 19 cwt. 2 lb.

11.—D sharp. May God bless all whom we do call. Given by Annie Williams in memory of her family The Blakes, who have lived in this parish since the year 1500. 26 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor.—C sharp. This bell was recast as a gift in memory of Sydney George Edridge by his son Dick. 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Total weight of the peal: 160 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Each bell has inscribed on it also the name of the founders, 'Gillett and Johnston, Croydon,' and the date, '1936.'

### THE ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE.

The great church was filled to capacity for the dedication ceremony, the congregation including representatives of the civic as well as the religious life of the town. A procession was formed in the Parish Church Schools and entered the church through the west door. The hymn, 'Unchanging God,' was sung as it passed up the aisle in the following order: Cross bearer, choristers and gentlemen of the choir, the master bell founder, the visiting clergy, the macebearer, the Mayor of Croydon, the Town Clerk, the verger, the staff of the Parish Church, the Deputy Rural Dean, the churchwardens and the Bishop and Vicar of Croydon.

After appropriate prayers, Psalm 150 was sung, during which a small procession made its way to the western tower, where the Bishop performed the act of dedication and the bells were rung in some excellent rounds by the local ringers. The sound came rather vaguely down into the church so that except near the tower they were but faintly heard, but outside the tones were full and satisfying, and the immediate comment was that they were a fine peal. When the bells had ceased, the Bishop of Croydon addressed the congregation from the pulpit.

The Bishop of Croydon, in his address, said his first word must necessarily be one of the deepest regret, on the part of everyone, at the enforced absence of the Archbishop, for the reason which they

all completely and entirely understood. The Archbishop must be in his place in the House of Lords at that very moment to swear allegiance to their new King and in order that he might be able to offer personally the first prayers in Parliament for the new King and Queen. The Archbishop sent a message that morning, in which he said, 'Pray express to your people my most real regret. The disappointment is as great to me as it can be to them. I must be content to send my Benediction to the bells and to the people, whose joys and sorrows they will celebrate and whom they will summon to that remembrance of God which, in these strained and anxious days, stands forth as the supreme need of the nation.'

The Bishop went on to express thankfulness that throughout the crisis through which we had just passed, the nation and Empire had preserved a steady, calm dignity; and the hope, deeply charged with prayer, that all that had happened might be overruled by God's providence for the true welfare of the realm and Empire. Before the service closed he would ask them to join with him in heartfelt prayer, both on behalf of him who had thought it his duty to renounce the Throne and the King and Queen, who had taken on the tremendous burden of Sovereignty. The Bishop added that the first 'peal' on their splendid new bells would coincide almost exactly with the proclamation in London of the new King.

Proceeding, he said he thought he could justly describe that as an historic occasion. They had with them the Mayor and members of the Corporation, who never failed to be with them on great occasions in the life of their own community and in the national life. He also extended a special welcome to the visiting ringers, some 300 of them, who had come from all parts of the country, and represented, he

understood, 60 different churches in 15 different dioceses. They were specially honoured in having with them the president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers (Mr. E. H. Lewis), and he deeply regretted that the past president, Canon Colebridge, was prevented from being with them by duties in his own parish. He was glad that they had present that day the donors of the bells and many others who in one way or another had helped to provide the very necessary finances, without which that great peal would not have been possible.

The Bishop went on to refer to the long history of the Parish Church, which was founded as early as the ninth century. They had a record of Vicars from the year 1289, and he stood which covered 657 years of the continuity of Church and State.

There that day as the 52nd Vicar of the list This was a reminder, if one were needed, of State.

The Bishop went on to outline the history of the bells in connection with the Church. The new peal, which he had just dedicated on behalf of the Archbishop, was due to the generosity of many donors, friends and lovers of Croydon and its Parish Church. The old frame had been replaced by new work throughout, and there were four new trebles, given to complete the ring of twelve, the only peal of this number—with the exception of the ring at Southwark Cathedral—in the county of Surrey. The cost of the work had been £1,867 10s., of which £74 still had to be raised. It showed the measure of the generosity, loyalty and enthusiasm of those who wanted Croydon to have a peal second to none. He hoped the gifts that day would substantially reduce the balance outstanding.

### TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

Proceeding, the Bishop said it was interesting to recall that by means of the magic of wireless the sound of the bells went out literally to the ends of the earth. They were proud of the fact that their steeple was the only one in all the land from which the bells of a Parish Church had been broadcast regularly month by month. The Bishop went on to speak of the message of the bells which, in days when God was often ignored and forgotten, were a voice calling men everywhere to repent and change their lives, to turn aside from the ways of selfishness and seek God's way. The church bells were a sharp reminder that this remembrance of God ought to be far more than merely a fleeting thought, a vague aspiration or a kind of sentiment. The bells called them to nothing less than to express this remembrance by the actual coming together of God's people to spend time in



THE LORD BISHOP OF CROYDON, who dedicated the bells on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

## BISHOP'S THANKS TO BELL FOUNDERS

God's House for worship, prayer and praise. Nothing could take the place of that. Unless those who belonged to Christian society would take the trouble to come together and observe, at least once a week, an hour in the spiritual oasis, then the whole life of their State would become more secular and the Church would lose some of the source of its power. Let the splendid bells of Croydon's old Parish Church summon the whole community to a fresh dedication of corporate life to God; let bells call them individually to a new loyalty and a new dedication to God's service and be a reminder that the spirit of God was at work in the world to-day.

After the hymn, 'Pleasant are Thy Courts above,' had been sung, special prayer was offered for the King, and following the Blessing came the recessional hymn, 'Rejoice to-day with one accord.'

As soon as this had ended, the new bells were heard in changes for the first time, the following band ringing three courses of Stedman Cinques: W. H. Hewitt (St. Margaret's, Westminster) 1, H. J. Skeet (Croydon) 2, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 3, T. W. Taffender (Kingston) 4, R. Davis (Croydon) 5, H. N. Pitsoy (Banshead) 6, G. Hoad (Reigate) 7, E. H. Lewis (Brasted) 8, C. H. Kippin (Beddington) 9, A. W. Clark (Croydon) 10, D. Cooper (Croydon, conductor) 11, H. V. Young (Leatherhead) 12.

Nearly 300 ringers and other guests were entertained to tea by the Bishop and churchwardens in the Welcome Hall, where Mr. E. H. Lewis, on behalf of those present, congratulated Croydon on its peal of bells. He had not heard them outside the tower, he said, but he had heard them inside and was thoroughly satisfied. There was a beautiful circle of ropes and the bells were nice to ring. He hoped there would be some really good twelve-bell ringing on them and that Croydon would soon be following Ipswich. He would like to say to those who were present that there were other methods for twelve bells besides Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Maximus. Mr. Lewis went on to thank the Bishop and churchwardens for their generosity in asking them all to take part in the ceremony, and, secondly, for their splendid hospitality.

### BISHOP THANKS MR. JOHNSTON.

The Bishop of Croydon said they were delighted to see so many ringers present on what he had already described as an historic occasion. He would like to take that opportunity of thanking Mr. Johnston and all the members of his staff for the truly magnificent work they had put into this new peal of bells (applause). He was particularly delighted to see the church clock going once more. It had been a serious deprivation to have the clock stationary and he was pleased they were once more moving with the times. Encouraged by this magnificent peal of bells they would continue to go ahead. Not only had Mr. Johnston's firm splendidly carried out the work, added the Bishop, but Mr. Johnston himself had been instrumental in raising a large part of the money which had provided Croydon with a peal of bells second to none in the country (applause). He concluded by bidding the visitors welcome and hoping the ringers would enjoy their few hours in Croydon.

Ringers then returned to the tower, where under the able direction of Mr. Dan Cooper, the tower master, everyone who desired to do so enjoyed a pull on the bells. They were admitted in batches to the ringing chamber, and many rang on twelve for the first time. There were frequent 'touches' of rounds for those who hesitated to try their hand at changes, but many short touches of Cinques were rung, as well as a half-course of Cambridge Maximus.

The ringing chamber had been renovated in the course of the restoration, and now, brightly illuminated and with freshly decorated walls, is a pleasant apartment in which to ring.

The bells handle splendidly, the circle is perfect and in the ringing chamber the sound has been nicely modulated. Everyone, therefore, was able to enjoy their first experience of this latest ring of twelve bells.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have provided their town with a peal of bells worthy of their great reputation, and the completion of the scheme crowns the desires and efforts of the head of the firm, Mr. Cyril Johnston, whose ambition it has been for 30 years to see in the Parish Church a ring of bells made in the town and equal to any comparable peal in the country.

While ringing was in progress, the foot of the tower proved a convenient meeting place for ringers, of whom there was a constant stream coming and going throughout the evening.

When ringing ceased most of the visitors made their way to the Drill Hall in Union Street, where a 'social' had been planned. This was quite informal, but entertaining items were provided. The programme began with community singing; then there was a demonstration of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith's 'ringing machine,' on which, to the diversion of the audience, touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were rung, while in introducing the machine Mr. Goldsmith gave the audience some new light on bells and bellringing. An excellent conjuring and ventriloquial entertainment followed, and change ringing on handbells was also included in the programme.

The authoress of the now famous novel, 'The Nine Tailors' (Miss Dorothy Sayers), was among those present, and, having been introduced to the audience by Mr. Johnston, spoke to them of the interest in change ringing which inspired the theme of her book. She admitted

that in mastering the subject she had filled several exercise books by writing out figures.

Mr. Johnston thanked those who had contributed to the programme, and a happy evening came to an end shortly before 11 o'clock, after a memorable day.

### AUTHORESS OF 'THE NINE TAILORS.'

#### MISS DOROTHY SAYERS SEES RINGING AT CLOSE QUARTERS.

In expressing pleasure at her visit to Croydon, Miss Dorothy Sayers has written to Mr. C. F. Johnston: I was immensely grateful for the opportunity of hearing your beautiful peal, and watching the ringers and the bells at close quarters. It was also most delightful to meet all those prominent members of the ringing world, and I must say again how very much I felt honoured by the extraordinarily kind appreciation they all expressed of 'The Nine Tailors.'

Referring to the 'ringing machine' demonstrated at the social, Miss Sayers said: It was most fascinating to watch in actual movement the thing I had tried so hard to understand on paper, particularly the Kent Treble Bob which occupies so large a place in my story. I got quite excited recognising the movements of the Slow Hunt bell, and seeing No. 3 actually stand to make her fourth's place at the Bob!

### GREETING FROM YORKSHIRE.

On the same day that Croydon bells were dedicated, a similar ceremony took place at Bradshaw, Yorkshire, where five bells, also cast at the Croydon Foundry, were opened by the Bishop of Wakefield. The following telegram from the Rev. E. B. Brayford, Vicar of Bradshaw, was read to the assembled gathering of ringers at Croydon: 'New ring of five at Bradshaw, Yorks, sends greeting to new ring of 12 at Croydon.—Brayford, Vicar.'

### A HERTFORDSHIRE RESTORATION.

#### WOOD HEADSTOCKS AND TEAK FRAME FOR RUSHDEN BELLS.

The bells at Rushden Church, Herts, were rededicated by the Ven. the Archdeacon of St. Albans on November 27th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. V. Rossborough), assisted by the Rev. C. C. Wood (Rector of Hinxworth and Rural Dean), and, in spite of the foggy evening, the church was filled to overflowing.

In the course of his address the Archdeacon congratulated the parishioners on the success of their efforts to secure the restoration of their bells. These form a ring of five, with a tenor weighing nearly 6½ cwt., which have been rehung with new fittings, including wood headstocks, in a new teak frame, the whole of the work having been successfully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, under the supervision of the architect, Mr. William Weir.

The 'opening peal' was rung by the Wallington band of ringers, and other towers represented were Sandon, Cottred, Ardley, Walkern, Broughing and Baldock. All the ringers were very pleased with the 'go' of the restored bells.

### A MIXED HUNDRED.

Mr. Francis Kirk rang his one hundredth peal on Saturday. His list is more than usually interesting from the great variety of methods he has rung. The number of peals conducted is in parentheses.

On tower bells.—Doubles: Stedman, 1. Minor: 1 method, 4 (1); 2 methods, 2 (1); 3 methods, 4 (2); 4 methods, 2 (2); 6 methods, 1; 7 methods, 3 (1); Spliced Oxford and Kent, 1 (1). Triples: Stedman, 4; Grandsire, 2.

Major: Plain Bob, 6 (2); Little Oxford Bob, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 3 (1); Spliced Oxford and Kent, 1 (1); Double Norwich, 2; Duffield, 1. Surprise: Superlative, 3; Cambridge, 7; New Cambridge, 1; Aldenham, 1; Bushey, 1; St. Albans, 1; Wembley, 1; Cassiobury, 1; London, 4; Bristol, 5; Ashted, 1; Oxhey, 1; Hertfordshire, 1; Elstree, 1; Uxbridge, 1; 4 methods spliced, 3; 3 methods spliced, 1; Eryri, 1.

Caters: Stedman, 2; Grandsire, 2. Royal: Kent Treble Bob, 1; Plain Bob, 4 (1); Little Bob Royal, 1.

On handbells.—Bob Minor, 1; Bob Major, 15 (2); Grandsire Caters, 1. Rung for four associations, in 29 towers, in six counties, with 126 ringers.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WILLESBOROUGH.—On Sunday, December 13th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Double Court: K. G. Carlton 1, P. Page 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, L. J. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells. For evening service, 720 Double Oxford: R. J. Carlton 1, T. R. Mogg 2, A. J. Lancefield 3, J. L. Smith 4, W. J. Lancefield 5, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 6.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON.—On Sunday evening, November 29th, at the Church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (taken from Carter's Odd Bob peal): Miss O. L. Ashbrook 1, F. E. Hawthorne 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, E. J. King 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, T. W. Taffender 6, H. P. Cannon 7, H. Peters 8. Rung after meeting one short for Stedman Caters, as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Berry, of Greenwich.



## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

### LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT OFFICERS RENOMINATED.

The Leatherhead District's last meeting of the year was held at Ewell on December 5th. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock and continued until 5 p.m., when the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Holland) conducted the Guild's form of service, the address, given by the Rev. G. Milsom Jukes, of West Ewell Church, dealing with the messages of different bells, from the common door bell upwards.

After the service a move was made to the Mary Wallis Hall for tea, to which 24 members and friends, including the two clergy, sat down. The Vicar welcomed the Guild's visit to Ewell and said he hoped to see them there again soon.

The hall proved to be a cosy place for tea and meeting on such a cold day. It was named after a poor servant, who, from her small wage of about £8 a year, saved nearly enough to cover the cost of building it, in order to have an alternative place of worship from the Parish Church.

After tea the clergy had to leave to attend to other duties, and so, on the Ringing Master's proposition, Mr. J. Corbett, the Guild's hon. treasurer, was voted to the chair for the business meeting, which was short.

The chief business was the nomination of district officers for next year. The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Harman) said he wished the meeting would find a new Ringing Master, as business prevented him from carrying out his duties as fully as he would like to, but as no one seemed to jump at the job, he was again renominated, as were also the district secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith), auditor and members on the Executive Committee of the Guild, with Mr. W. J. Whiting's name added to the latter.

The Hon. Secretary also mentioned the Executive Committee's decision that the contents of the Benevolent Fund boxes should be handed to each district secretary at the district's annual meeting, so that the treasurer should have the whole sum for inclusion in his yearly balance sheet. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to those who had helped make a successful and pleasant meeting.

Ringing was again resumed until nearly 9 o'clock in Triples and Major methods to suit all capabilities, the bells being finally lowered in peal.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### THE YEAR'S WORK IN SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Great Baddow on November 28th, 24 members attending from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Maldon, Springfield, Little Waltham and Writtle, also a visitor from Sudbury.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Holmes). A very interesting and instructive address was given by Mr. Hussey, of Chelmsford. The organist (Mr. Wheeler) accompanied the singing. The collection for the Association Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 7s. 9½d.

A very enjoyable tea was served in the Vicarage Room by the lady ringers of the local band and their friends, the Vicar presiding.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the Master, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, who was attending a meeting in another division, the Vicar presided.

The hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Shadrack) reported that since the last annual meeting the division has lost by death Canon Macdonald, an honorary member, and Mr. A. Tarbut, a life member of Widdford. As a mark of respect the members stood for a few moments in silence.

During the year five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 41 (against 33 for 1935), representing 16 out of the 20 towers in union with the association. There had also been visitors from 12 towers outside the division. Fourteen new ringing members had been elected.

Eleven peals had been rung, viz., 1 Maximus, 5 Major, 1 Triples and 4 Minor, the conductors being P. Groen (4), H. Mansfield (3), H. Devenish (2), G. Green and G. R. Pye (1 each). Ten members had rung their first peal, seven their first in the method; one had conducted his first peal, one had conducted a peal of his own composition. Great Waltham bells were being restored. In conclusion Mr. Shadrack thanked the Master, the hon. general secretary, the tower masters and secretaries for the willing help they had always rendered and all those who had helped to make the meetings enjoyable and successful.

Mr. H. Mansfield, of Maldon, was elected Master of the division, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack re-elected hon. secretary.

A vote of thanks to the past District Master and the hon. secretary was proposed by Mr. Mansfield, and Mr. S. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Mr. Hussey, the organist, and the ladies for preparing and serving the tea.—The Vicar and Mr. Hussey replied.

Handbell ringing followed and a return made to the tower. The bells of Chelmsford Cathedral were available during the evening and several members went there to have a pull.

## DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

### A WELCOME TO WEDNESBURY.

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, December 5th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, Staffs. The bells, a ring of ten, were placed at the disposal of the members and the usual service was held. Despite the inclemency of the weather, a fair number of members was present. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Rev. Prebendary H. W. Jones (Vicar), who also gave a very interesting address. He gave the members a hearty welcome to his church and parish and said how pleased he was to meet them. He could see by those present what a real interest in bellringing there was in the district.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Church House, where a substantial tea was in readiness.

The Vicar occupied the chair at the business meeting, at which several new members were elected, including three of the Wednesbury band. The Vicar of Wednesbury kindly allowed his name to be added as a vice-president. Mr. A. E. Reed, of Willenhall, was ratified as a member, having been previously elected in St. Thomas' belfry, Dudley.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting, which is the annual meeting, at Dudley. It was also resolved that the quarterly peal be attempted at Wednesbury, subject to the permission of the Vicar and local band, which, needless to say, was kindly granted.

Mr. Harry Boswell made an earnest appeal to members to support 'The Ringing World' in the coming year and help to increase the circulation of the paper.

Mr. W. C. Rhodes proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar of Wednesbury for granting us permission to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, for his able and interesting address and for the use of the tower and bells and for presiding at the business meeting; also to the organist; to the ladies for their kindness in preparing and serving the tea; and to Mr. A. J. Hubble for his services in making the arrangements for tea and meeting, which were greatly appreciated by all present.—The Vicar returned thanks for all concerned and closed the meeting with prayer.

Several members again returned to the belfry and kept the bells merrily going in various methods until nearly 9 o'clock.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH ACTIVITIES.

A very well-attended quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, December 5th, members attending from Bletchley, Beechampton, Bredwell, Buckingham, Drayton Parslow, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Weston Underwood and the local tower.

Service was conducted by the Vicar of Stony Stratford (the Rev. E. A. Steer), the Guild form being used.

At the tea the branch were welcomed as the guests of the Rev. E. A. and Miss Steer, whose kindness was very much appreciated. After tea, as no special business was to be transacted, a brief outline of the working of the branch and its activities was given by the secretary. The monthly meetings that had been arranged at various places in the branch were thought to be doing good and were very well attended.

The chairman, the Rev. H. A. Byard, of Newport Pagnell, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. E. A. and Miss Steer for their hospitality and for making the arrangements for the meeting. This having been suitably responded to, further ringing took place in various methods to suit all who wanted to ring.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery Branch was held at St. Mary's, Taunton. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and an hour later service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Heaton-Renshaw) addressed the gathering. Tea followed in the Corfield Hall, and was much enjoyed. The president of the branch took the chair at the meeting, and the annual report and balance sheet were adopted. Three new members were elected.

Then followed the election of president and other officials. None of them desired to be re-elected, but the meeting thought otherwise, when they were all reinstalled in office: Rev. F. L. Grosvenor, president; Mr. P. Merson, hon. secretary; Mr. J. Hunt, Ringing Master.

The hon. secretary was also elected as representative on the Diocesan Committee.

The meeting was a great success. Forty-five sat down to tea, and with a few latecomers over 40 took part in ringing on the fine peal of 12 bells. Rounds, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques and Treble Bob Royal were included.

## BISHOPS FIRST VISIT.

On Sunday, December 13th, for the Confirmation service, at Lyme Regis, Dorset, a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major: Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 1. F. Hiscock (first quarter of Major away from the treble) 2. J. E. Philbrick 3. H. G. Keeley 4. C. W. H. Powell 5. G. Whitmore 6. F. E. Blackmore 7. F. Price 8. Rung as a compliment to the Bishop of Salisbury on his first visit to the parish. Also in honour of the accession of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.



**SCHOOL GUILD'S QUARTER-PEAL.****RAPID PROGRESS OF WEST BUCKLAND BOYS.**

At East Buckland, Devon, on Thursday, December 3rd, on the occasion of the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. C. E. Curzon, M.A., as Bishop of Exeter, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles by the West Buckland School Guild: Rev. J. H. B. Andrews (conductor) 1, C. S. Gread 2, H. L. Morgan 3, P. R. Dale 4, D. Turner 5, E. V. Westcott 6. First quarter-peal on the bells, recently restored by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. First quarter-peal by any of the band and first attempt.

This modest report is of greater interest than is revealed by the announcement of the success attained. In anticipation of the restoration of the bells of East Buckland, which were rededicated on October 15th, the boys of West Buckland School, who attend East Buckland Church, where their chaplain, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, is assistant priest, formed a Guild of ringers. None of them had learned to handle a bell before this summer, and they have only been practising change ringing since October. But, as may be gathered, under the encouraging leadership of their chaplain, they are greatly enthusiastic and all ring regularly for Sunday services, in alternation with the local band.

The tenor at East Buckland is 7½ cwt. The four back bells were cast in 1718 by E. and W. Evans, of Chepstow. Two trebles were added in 1906 in an auxiliary frame above the other four. This year the old wooden frame having become insecure, it was decided to rehang the bells in a metal frame on one level, and at the same time to retune and quarter-turn them.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****GLOUCESTER BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 5th, and was well attended. There were visitors from London, Coventry, Hinton-on-the-Green, Minchinhampton, Ruardean, Westbury, Newent and Cheltenham. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. Chapman. The Rev. W. C. Prichard, Rector of St. Michael's, was also present. After service the Rector invited the members to tea at the Parish Reading Room, 38 sitting down.

At the business meeting, with the Rector presiding, the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Mr. S. E. Romans (chairman), Mr. W. H. Harris (branch hon. secretary), and Mr. T. Baldwin (representative on Management Committee).

The Rector was heartily thanked for his kind hospitality on the proposition of Mr. S. Romans, seconded by ex-Sgt. Williams, and the Rector suitably responded.

Handbells were then brought into use by the two oldest veterans, namely, Mr. J. Austin and ex-Sgt. Williams. Members then returned to the tower, and touches of Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

**BELL LECTURE TO MUSICIANS.****DEMONSTRATION AT BOURNEMOUTH.**

A lecture on the 'Ringing of Bells, English Style,' was given by Mr. F. Frankland Rigby, deputy captain of St. Peter's band of ringers, Bournemouth, to the Incorporated Society of Musicians at the Hotel Metropole, Bournemouth, on Saturday afternoon, November 28th.

The chair was taken by Mr. J. D. Chandler, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., F.R.S.A., who introduced Mr. Rigby to the meeting.

Mr. Rigby began by pointing out the difference between the Continental style of sounding bells and the English style of ringing them. A model of a bell hung for ringing was exhibited and explained, after which Mr. Rigby showed the number of changes possible on the different numbers of bells.

He was ably assisted in his demonstration by some well-struck changes on handbells by Mr. F. W. Townsend's youthful party of handbell ringers from St. James', Poole. Courses of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung, also Bob Minor and Major, with a touch of Triples to demonstrate the calling of bobs and singles.

Mr. Rigby revealed to the very interested gathering that John Bunyan appeared to be the most picturesque figure in the history of change ringing, and read a passage by him after he had given up the practice of the Exercise.

The lecture was brought to a close by an excellent course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, which brought prolonged applause from the listeners.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Rigby for his talk, Mr. Davis for constructing the model and Mr. Townsend's party for the handbell change ringing.

After tea a party was conducted over St. Peter's tower by Mr. A. V. Davis, captain of the St. Peter's band.

**BELL LECTURE.**

A lecture on bells and bellringing was given on Wednesday week to the Halesworth Congregational Church Guild by Mr. F. C. Lambert, leader of the local ringers. He incorporated in it some interesting local history of Suffolk bells, and illustrated it with handbell ringing, in which he was joined by Messrs. A. H. Took, W. Kemp and W. J. W. Wright.

**FIRST QUARTER PEALS.**

**HOLBORN, LONDON.**—On Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. C. Alford 1, W. E. Seabrook (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, R. W. Greer 4, U. W. Wildney 5, H. Belcher 6, E. Brett 7, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 8.

**KINGSBURY, MIDDLESEX.**—On December 6th, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*D. Bowen 1, Miss M. Barrett 2, F. Wilson 3, R. Spears 4, \*J. Humphries 5, \*C. Symm 6, P. Barrett (conductor) 7, \*W. Yeabsley 8. \* First quarter-peal. † First in method on tower bells. ‡ First in method. First quarter-peal by a local band at this church.

**CHICHESTER.**—On Sunday, December 6th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. D. Atfield 1, W. Falconer 2, H. Stovold (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 3, W. E. Ticehurst 4, T. A. Doick 5, G. Marshall 6, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for ringers of treble and tenor, from Pulborough.

**EASTBOURNE.**—At Christ Church, on Thursday, December 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): J. Elsell 1, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 2, E. Baber 3, E. Gower 4, H. Reynolds 5, C. Savage 6, F. Dallaway 7, L. Faulkner 8. First quarter-peal in the method for ringers of treble, 3rd, 5th and 6th. First quarter in the method as conductor.

**SALISBURY.**—At St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, November 25th, in connection with St. Paul's sale of work, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings): F. Manns 1, L. E. Harris 2, J. Robinson 3, A. Southey 4, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 5, T. Macey (first quarter-peal) 6. Ringers of 1 and 6 belong to St. Paul's, the rest to St. Martin's.

**CRAYFORD, KENT.**—On Sunday, November 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: E. H. Oxenham 1, Miss R. Redpath 2, A. J. Hopper 3, Miss M. Redpath 4, E. A. Barnett (conductor) 5, D. M. Sharp 6, G. V. Murphy 7, C. A. Hopper 8. First quarter-peal of Treble Bob by A. J. and C. A. Hopper. Rung by a local band.

**CHATHAM.**—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, on November 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Parkes 1, H. Springate 2, F. Southgate (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, H. Hogart 4, C. Norris 5, F. Belsey 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. The conductor is from Milverton, Somerset.

**PRITTELEWELL.**—At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on November 16th: William Dudley 1, \*Robert Watts 2, John Belehams 3, John Fowler 4, Albert North 5, Stanley Baybutt 6, Frank Luffkin (conductor) 7, \*Norman Townsend 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman. First quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor.

**FINEDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, November 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. A. White (longest length) 1, T. R. Hensher (conductor) 2, E. Chapman 3, J. R. Main 4, D. York 5, George Ette 6, T. Abbott 7, R. Smith 8. A 21st birthday compliment to E. Chapman.

**MACCLESFIELD.**—On Sunday, November 15th, for the civic service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,231 changes): H. Fairhurst (first quarter) 1, H. Davenport 2, G. Bottomley 3, A. Burgess 4, W. Stevenson 5, J. Tipper 6, W. Matthews 7, H. Dean 8, J. Bradbury 9, H. Lomas 10, J. Worth (conductor) 11, J. Clarke 12.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Sunday, November 15th, for divine service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Newbury 1, A. H. Winch (conductor) 2, Hannah Darvill (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, A. Harman 4, A. C. Otway 5, W. J. Whiting 6, A. H. Smith 7, G. Marriner 8.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, November 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. W. Webb 1, A. Jones 2, F. J. Cattermoul 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, H. C. Chandler 5, W. T. Godfrey 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, E. R. Gladman 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor. All are local Sunday service ringers.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, November 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. N. Nash (first quarter-peal, at the age of 16) 1, S. O. Holloway 2, H. H. Fearn 3, W. Mumford 4, C. Webb 5, E. J. Cole 6, G. E. Fearn (conductor) 7, T. Russell 8.

**LLANTRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**—On Sunday, November 1st, at the Parish Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10½, 120's, five callings): \*Howard Pooley 1, Robert Smith 2, Gwyneth Smith (conductor) 3, William Powell 4, George John 5, \*Edward Pratt 6. \* Longest length. Rung before the evening service on the patronal festival by members of the local band.

**RINGER'S WEDDING.**

On Saturday, December 5th, at All Souls' Church, Bolton, Mr. John Marsden, a member of that tower, was married to Miss Edith Bentham, a niece of Mr. R. W. Mosley, another member of the band. In honour of the occasion a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung after the ceremony by E. B. Webster 1, R. Holden 2, J. Helme 3, J. Yates 4, P. Crook, sen. 5, H. Johnson 6, C. Brownlow (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. W. Mosley 8.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

**ISLEWORTH.**—At All Saints' Church, on Advent Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss May Lidbetter (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, Miss Doris Lidbetter 2, R. K. Mowforth 3, Miss Olive L. Ashbrook 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, J. Herbert 7, H. Brooks 8. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

**REDBHILL, SURREY.**—On October 29th, at St. John the Evangelist's Church, for the institution of the Rev. J. Macvicar, M.A., to the benefice by the Bishop of Southwark, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Alan Gear 1, Alfred Gear 2, B. Wells 3, Mrs. Shelton (first quarter-peal) 4, A. Shelton 5, W. Claydon 6, A. Willett (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Moon 8.

**GREAT YARMOUTH.**—On Tuesday, October 27th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Harwood 1, \*R. W. Barber 2, R. Davey 3, C. Parnell 4, A. King 5, \*R. Tooley 6, E. Kett (conductor) 7, H. Jermy 8. \*First quarter-peal of Stedman.—On November 9th, Mayor's Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: P. Newstead (first quarter-peal, aged 16) 1, J. Harwood 2, A. Moy 3, A. King 4, R. Davey 5, C. Parnell 6, W. Lee 7, R. W. Barber 8, V. Kett (conductor) 9, H. Jermy 10.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on October 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. G. Jones (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Worsfold 2, Mrs. F. W. Housden 3, Miss G. Collinson 4, F. W. Housden 5, E. J. Ladd (conductor) 6, A. E. Richardson 7, B. V. Collison 8. Rung by an entirely local band of service ringers at this church.

**HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.**—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes): R. Blaby 1, Dorothy R. Fletcher 2, Rev. R. P. Farrow (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, F. G. Biggs 4, Mario R. Cross 5, G. R. Cross 6, R. Biggs 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8. A peal of London was specially arranged for the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who was on a visit from Dorset, but as there was not time for a peal it was decided to ring a quarter-peal.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—At St. Mary's Church for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: C. Parks 1, R. Davies 2, D. Buxton 3, H. Skelt 4, G. H. Humphries 5, H. Pratt 6, F. Mitchell 7, A. Clark 8, D. Cooper (conductor) 9, G. Ades 10. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at St. John's Parish Church, Croydon, whose bells are at present being recast at the Croydon Bellfoundry. They would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Beddington ringers for their hospitality in granting them the use of the bells.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—At the Parish Church for matins on Advent Sunday, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Parish 1, G. L. Perkins 2, H. Saunders (74 years) 3, F. Nichols 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—For evening service at the Parish Church on Sunday, November 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. G. Bell 1, C. L. Leman 2, W. Norris 3, H. L. Long 4, F. H. Crook 5, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 6, H. G. Cashmore 7, J. Horton 8. A welcome to Raymond George, the infant son of Walter Paul, whose christening took place just before ringing commenced.

**NEWMARKET.**—At St. Mary's Church for evensong on October 18th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. C. Sharpe 1, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 2, A. E. Austin 3, A. Beale 4, F. Hurry 5, S. Brown 6.—For evensong on November 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. J. Twitcheat 1, B. D. Buttress 2, R. C. Sharpe 3, A. Beale 4, A. E. Austin 5, S. Brown 6. The Cambridge was called by A. E. Austin and the Oxford Treble Bob by B. D. Buttress.

**GOLDEN WEDDING.**

On November 28th, at the Parish Church, Mitcham, Surrey, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Seymour, of Bledlow, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,264 changes): W. S. Smith 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, D. Wright 3, R. Charge 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, C. Potheary 6, W. H. Joiner 7, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 8.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 24th, \*St. Giles's, Cripplegate, on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Arundel on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/-. Half rail fares (maximum 1/6) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**CALVERLEIGH, TIVERTON, DEVON.**—On Saturday, Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m., the Bishop of Crediton will re-dedicate the ring of six bells which has been tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, December 19th. The list of meetings for 1937 will be compiled at this gathering. Ringing from 3 o'clock.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, December 19th, at Marlow, 3.30 p.m., and Wooburn, 7 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Tea will be provided at a time after the football match at Burnden Park. A peal tablet will be unveiled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Chelsea (10 bells), on Saturday, December 19th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—C. M. Meyer, Hon. Dis. Sec., 87, Norfolk House, Regency Street, S.W.1.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—Silver Jubilee. A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, December 19th, at 3 p.m., to celebrate the silver jubilee of the formation of this branch. Tea at 5 in King Alfred's Chamber. All ringers are invited, especially those who took part in the early stages of the branch. Please come and bring your friends with you, and have a good time with us at Sandy.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bury Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin on Saturday, December 19th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Please turn up and make it a meeting.—J. Porter.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, the 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Important business at the meeting. Please turn up.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—City meeting on December 19th as arranged. St. Dunstan-in-the-East (8 bells) available 3.30 to 5 p.m. and 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Ringing for service will take place at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, on Sunday next, December 20th, at 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

**NEW MILL, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.**—On Monday, Dec. 21st, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will re-dedicate the ring of six bells, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**MELTHAM, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD.**—On New Year's Eve, at 7.30 p.m., the Bishop of Wakefield will dedicate the bells, a ringing peal of six and four stationary bells, which have been restored, including rehanging in a new framework, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 2nd, 1937, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 1937, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from the Hon. Secretary, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking, or any District Secretary. Further particulars later.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—Sixteenth annual dinner will be held at the Cadena Cafe, Wine Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 16th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. 6d. each, from Messrs. W. Kynaston (Swindon), J. Austin (Gloucester), H. Knight (Wroughton), J. S. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), W. Yeend (Cheltenham), G. Nailor (Chippenham), S. Price (Stonehouse), A. Prince (Bath), stewards and officials, or direct from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.



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## BIRTHS.

**MARCON.**—On December 6th, at Ivanhoe, 17, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marcon (nee Norton), the gift of a daughter.

**WALKER.**—On December 11th, to Mabel (nee Bate-man), wife of Harold Walker (late Lincoln and York), Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, the gift of a son.

## DEATH.

**HOLLIER.**—In loving memory of Annie A. Hollier, of Chiswick, who passed peacefully away from her sufferings on December 2nd, aged 59 years. R.I.P.

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