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**CLERGY AND RINGERS.**

It is no bad plan to do as has been done in the last year or two at the annual dinner of Bristol United Guilds and give one of the principal speakers a definite subject on which to talk, especially when the person chosen can be depended upon to make the most of his material. Very often, at gatherings of this kind, those responsible for proposing and replying to toasts are at a loss for a theme which has any bearing upon topics of special or immediate interest to ringers, and the definite selection of a subject, if it is put into the right hands, does provide matter for thought, and, perhaps, suggestions for action. Last year, at Bristol, it was 'the young ringer' who formed the topic of a leading speech; on Saturday it was the ringer's grievance of neglect by the clergy.

This matter has been discussed at ringers' gatherings on frequent occasions from various angles; but the ringers' standpoint has never been more forcefully put than it was at Bristol by the Rev. M. Paterson, Vicar of St. Thomas' Church. It came with the more emphasis because it came from a clergyman who is not a ringer.

It is an old complaint that ringers are often 'out of sight and, therefore, out of mind,' and it is always refreshing to find the exceptions to this rule—for instance, where the clergy, even if they are not themselves ringers, show an interest in the bells and the ringers—but of all departments of Church work, the belfry, generally speaking, receives least attention from the clergy. Mr. Paterson brought the subject into its right perspective when he pointed out where the clergy fail and where the ringers might help to overcome this failure by an approach from their own side.

The point made by a subsequent speaker that future relations between clergy and ringers might be gradually drawn closer together by bringing into the belfry more of the younger members of the ministry, is one which offers great possibilities, if only incumbents will encourage their curates to take up this branch of work, amid the multifarious tasks which they are called upon to discharge, and give them opportunities of taking their place in the belfry. The president of the Central Council has recently urged that students at theological colleges should be given facilities to learn ringing, so that they may have some knowledge of the subject before they go out to the parishes where their work will lie. Something on these lines was begun at Cuddesdon a few years ago, and a similar effort has now been begun at Kelham, as a letter elsewhere in this issue describes. This course is the most gratifying of all means of inducing clergy to come into the Exercise, but there still remains the need for bringing

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the majority of incumbents into closer contact with their ringers. The day is still far distant, we are afraid, when every tower will have a clergyman among its active ringers, and there is, therefore, definite need for a development of the spirit which the Rev. M. Paterson put before the Bristol gathering. We hope a means will be found of bringing it to the notice of all the clergy in his diocese, and we wish it could be impressed upon the clergy everywhere.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 3	GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 9
SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY ... .. 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung in honour of the 83rd birthday of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Master of the Guild.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED E. BARKER ... .. Treble	RONALD G. JONES ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2	FRANK FOX ... .. 6
ERNEST J. WARING ... .. 3	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. 4	ARTHUR NEWALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the departure of the old year.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WILLIAM L. WHISTON ... .. Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... .. 5
FRED PRICE ... .. 2	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 4	JOHN GILSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Stedman and of Triples. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Rev. W. S. Power, Vicar of Erdington, as Rural Dean of Aston.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

NORMAN HEAPS ... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 2	DAVID VINCENT ... .. 6
ALAN J. BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. 7
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5018 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
GEORGE SCHLEUTER ... ..	Treble	RONALD SUCKLING ... ..	5
*DONALD JENNINGS ... ..	2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS ... ..	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... ..	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..	7
JOSEPH JENNINGS ... ..	4	H. WALTER SMITH ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Walter Smith.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.	
*ROBERT D. GUNTON ... ..	Treble
GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... ..	2
ERNEST WHITING ... ..	3
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... ..	4
STANLEY W. COPLING ... ..	5
FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... ..	6
RUSSELL RICHES ... ..	7
WALTER BARRETT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method.

DENHOLME, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
HARRY ATKINSON ... ..	Treble
MISS MARY WHITE ... ..	2
VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... ..	3
SAM LONGBOTTOM ... ..	4
HARRY WILDE ... ..	5
KENNETH SIMPSON ... ..	6
WILLIAM AMBLER ... ..	7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.	
JOHN WHEADON ... ..	Treble
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ..	2
HARRY HOSKINS ... ..	3
*DEREK M. SHARP ... ..	4
HARRY HOVERD ... ..	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... ..	6
*HARRY PARKES ... ..	7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

\* First peal of Bristol.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILLIAM D. PROCKSON ... ..	Treble	GEORGE A. PARSONS ... ..	5
JOHN W. JONES ... ..	2	GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	6
JAMES BENNETT ... ..	3	REUBEN SANDERS ... ..	7
*JOHN W. EUSTON ... ..	4	†ALFRED J. HOWELL ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. S. L. Sarel.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.	
GEORGE OLLIVER ... ..	Treble
LEONARD A. TIDY ... ..	2
KENNETH SNELLING ... ..	3
JOHN O. WELLER ... ..	4
ARTHUR G. WILLETT ... ..	5
*ROBERT J. ANDREWS ... ..	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ..	7
ALFRED J. BULL ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal of Major.

PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
THOMAS RODEN ... ..	Treble	*CYRIL GRIFFITHS ... ..	5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... ..	2	WILLIAM FISHER ... ..	6
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... ..	3	EDWARD G. BOWYER ... ..	7
*ARTHUR RODEN ... ..	4	*JEREMIAH BLOORE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BOWYER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman as conductor and first in the method away from the tenor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.	
WILLIAM CLOVER ... ..	Treble
MISS MABEL ROBERTSON ... ..	2
PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... ..	3
GEORGE MAYERS ... ..	4
THOMAS E. SPEIGHT ... ..	5
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... ..	6
WILLIAM E. BASON ... ..	7
HENRY TOOKE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by W. CLOVER.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 6th and tenor.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
*FRANCIS A. WHITE ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK MESSENGER ... ..	5
FREDERICK C. WHITE ... ..	2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... ..	6
CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... ..	3	WILLIAM WHITE ... ..	7
ARTHUR H. WHITE ... ..	4	FRED WHITE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

\* First peal of Triples.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*SIDNEY TUSON ... ..	Treble
THOMAS BARKER ... ..	2
KENNETH HALL ... ..	3
†ALAN CARPENTER ... ..	4
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... ..	5
JOHN JACKSON ... ..	6
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... ..	7
ALFRED BLOGG ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 133 Reversed).

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

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

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.	
ERNEST J. KING ... ..	Treble	NORMAN H. MANNING ... ..	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... ..	2	*GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... ..	6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... ..	3	†PHILIP A. CORBY ... ..	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... ..	4	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

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HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Twenty-one extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

*REG. T. SOLESBURY (17) ... Treble	BRIAN F. SIMS (17) ... .. 4
*OWEN G. WARREN (19) ... 2	DONALD L. COCKINGS (17) ... 5
†HUGH E. HARDING (17) ... 3	*DAVID W. BUTTON (17) ... Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' Youngest band to ring a peal in the county.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEOFFREY WATSON ... .. Treble	†CHRISTOPHER J. HENDRY ... 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 2	†HAROLD TURNER ... .. 4
BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from treble.

WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being ten 240's of Pitman's and of Morris', and three of Lindoff's, 21 callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Treble	REGINALD MORRIS ... .. 3
ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 2	JAMES T. RANDLE ... .. 4
JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mrs. Rothwell and her nurse, Miss Snead, who was in her 101st year.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PAEL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

WYNDHAM LEWIS ... .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... .. 2	*DONALD F. FERGUSON ... 5
DAVID REES ... .. 3	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

\* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENE'T,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being an extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... .. 2	RALPH BIRD ... .. 5
HARRY CARVER ... .. 3	THOMAS BIRD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PAEL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven extents in 25 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (2) Ockley and Morning Star Treble Bob; (3) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight; (5) Charlwood and Braintree Delight; (6) Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*NORMAN MEAKIN ... .. Treble	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. 4
ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 2	†JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in 25 methods. † First peal in 25 methods away from treble. There were 52 changes of method.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being one extent of Plain Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY E. JONES ... .. Treble	THOMAS COLLINS ... .. 4
*EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH J. CARLTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 4
RAYMOND G. CARLTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*THOMAS R. MOGG ... .. 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

\* First peal in six methods. Rung to commemorate the 51st anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob.

Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. 4
*EDWARD T. BARRETT ... .. 2	†RONALD C. FOWLER ... .. 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal in more than three plain methods. † First peal of Minor away from the treble.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,

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

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

First peal of Bob Major 'in hand' as conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)



## BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

### RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL DINNER.

#### Ringers' Relations with Clergy.

There was a record gathering at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner on Saturday, a company of about 280 spending a very enjoyable evening at the Grand Hotel.

During the afternoon several of the city towers were open and the bells were fully employed. The visitors also had the opportunity of inspecting Bristol University, and tea was served at St. Thomas' Parish Hall.

Mr. Donald Marsh (Coalpit Heath), chairman of the United Guilds, presided at the dinner, and was supported by the Lord Bishop of Bristol, the Rev. Alford (Archdeacon-designate of Bristol) and Mrs. Alford, the Revs. M. Paterson (St. Thomas'), Beddoe (St. Werburgh's), French (Coalpit Heath), Mr. and Mrs. Marsh (parents of the chairman), Mr. S. Romans (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), and ringers and friends from London, Birmingham, Manchester, Sheffield, Coventry, Croydon, Cheltenham, Bath, Swindon, Gloucester, Port Talbot, Newport, Gorseinon, Swindon, Mells, Lydney,



MR. DONALD MARCH,  
Chairman of the United Guilds.

Newent, Chew Magna, Gresford (North Wales), Wroughton, Congresbury, Taunton, Chippenham, Chilcompton, Kingston Seymour, etc. The Bristol Guilds represented were St. Stephen's, St. Philip's, St. Thomas', St. James', St. Andrew's, St. Peter's, St. Ambrose's, Mangotsfield, Emmanuel, Coalpit Heath, Henbury, Westbury, St. Matthews, Yate.

The Chairman, proposing 'The Church,' first welcomed the Bishop of Bristol and offered congratulations upon the successful way in which the diocese was being run. Many of them, however, he said, felt that in some cases more might be done in the Church to foster the art of bellringing. For example, they were hearing of cases where 'canned' bells and tubular bells were being installed. As bellringers they, naturally, did not agree with such performances. In most cases it was, perhaps, that money for bells was not forthcoming, while the new churches had only small spires which did not provide room for bells at all. That was a pity (hear, hear). Many of the clergy, he was happy to say, helped the ringers in many respects, but there were some bells which were not rung as regularly as they might be. In those cases the clergy could 'get their own back' on the ringers. The churches promoted various organisations, and he thought bellringing should come in for a greater share of support (hear, hear).

The Bishop of Bristol, in his reply, first mentioned that they had with them that night one who would shortly be Archdeacon of Bristol (applause). He need not look forward to that office with any amount of pleasure, said the Bishop, because the Archdeacon's job was to do all the dirty work the Bishop did not want to do himself (laughter). The Bishop went on to express the gratitude which the churches of Bristol and he thought, of all the country felt to those who, Sunday

by Sunday, rang the bells to summon the congregation to church and who, on occasions of national and local importance, expressed the feelings of the public with the sounds of the glorious old peals of bells. Bells, he said, seemed to have a personality of their own. They seemed to embody the spirit of the village, and for generations in many of their old churches on great occasions the bells had spoken for the community. He did not look upon them, therefore, as inanimate objects; as things of metal which just gave out a certain sound, but as having a real personality of their own. That personality, however, was only made possible by those who, at the sacrifice of a good deal of their leisure time, gave themselves to the great art of bellringing. Bells had always been associated with religion, which was something that ought to enter into every department of their lives. Whether men went to church or not, the sound of the bells brought just that touch of religion into their lives which might otherwise be entirely devoid of any such feeling. He was grateful to those in that diocese who not only made possible the message which the bells brought, but interpreted the spirit of the common life in such a way that men might hear. He wished every possible success to the ringers in all the different parishes (applause).

#### RINGERS ARE NOT ANGELS.

The Rev. M. Paterson said, when he was asked to speak at that dinner, he was told he might choose his own toast, and he therefore selected that of 'The Ringing World' for two reasons. The first was that, as some of them would recollect, last year at the request of the committee he spoke on the very important subject of the young ringer. 'The Ringing World' in its next number devoted a leading article to the subject, and the Editor said some very kindly things. He was glad, therefore, to have the opportunity of thanking him for what he said. Secondly, he chose the toast because he had another subject on which he wanted to speak. It did not relate to 'The Ringing World,' but he had told the Editor, who had absolved him.

Mr. Paterson said he wanted to deal with a subject that was seriously exercising the minds of some ringers. But before he did so he wanted to answer a question put to him by some members, when he was asked to speak: Will you also give us your candid opinion of the ringers of Bristol? (laughter). At that moment those ringers were probably regretting that request (laughter). It was his sad and painful duty to comply with it (laughter). For 14 years he had been attending those dinners, and he had heard many speeches—some had been good, some not so good (laughter) and some which he would call unbalanced. The unbalanced ones had been very popular, because the speakers had endowed ringers with the virtues not only of men, but also of archangels (laughter). He had been into the belfry and seen a great many ringers with their coats off, but he had never seen any wings, cherubic or seraphic, sprouting from their shoulders (laughter). He could see no ringer that evening with any saintly halo floating over him, and he had never met a ringer who looked as though he had just walked out of a stained glass window (laughter).

'No,' said the speaker, 'ringers are not archangels; they are not even angels, but some of the ringers of Bristol are very, very good men (hear, hear). Some of them are ordinary men like myself' (laughter).

#### A GRIEVANCE AGAINST THE CLERGY.

It is impossible, he continued, to have mixed with ringers without knowing that some of them had a grievance and a grievance against the clergy. They say that the clergy who have towers do not show sufficient interest in their ringers. That lack of interest may possibly be exaggerated; it may be confined to a very small circle, but that grievance undoubtedly exists. It is a difficult subject to speak upon, but perhaps there is no one in the whole of Bristol who is better qualified than myself to do so, because I am a clergyman and, although a non-ringer, I have, I think, been received to a certain extent into the great brotherhood and family of ringers (hear, hear).

May I first of all say a word for the clergy. It is possible if there is a lack of interest on the part of the clergy that it is due to a misunderstanding. The tower may be to the clergyman a place where incomprehensible mysteries are in action; he may feel that as a perfect ignoramus he would not be welcome. If that is the case, it is for the ringers to eradicate that feeling. You must let your clergyman know that the tower is his tower, that the bells are his bells, that the ringers are his ringers; and that, if he comes up and mixes with his ringers, he will be welcomed and he will be honoured (applause). Perhaps there are some people who may think the word honoured is a little too strong, but in my experience—and it is a wide one—it is not (hear, hear).

But the ringers have a claim on the interest of their clergy, not merely because they are men who ring bells, but because they are men who are in a church tower. Every man, woman and child in a parish has a claim on the parish priest. Those who come within the precincts of the church; those who are willing to be friendly with their parish priest, have a very great claim, and of such are the ringers. Secondly, the ringers have a claim of remembrance on the clergy. Up there in the ringing chamber they are very easily forgotten.

Here is one possible case: I think of a Vicar who has a tower and bells, but no Guild. There comes an important day when he wishes to add dignity to his services by having the bells rung, so ringers are imported from other towers. Now it is possible that those ringers may go up the stairs and ring the bells and come down again and meet nobody except the sexton or the steeplekeeper. It is possible, when

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they have done their work for the church, they may receive no thanks. If that happens it is not due to any intentional discourtesy, but simply to the fact that they are not remembered; they are forgotten.

As ringers have continually said to me, 'You clergy do not forget to thank your choir sometimes; you don't forget to thank your Sunday School teachers sometimes; do you think it is fair for you to forget to thank your bellringers?' In that matter, said Mr. Paterson, my sympathies are wholly with the ringers.

Continuing, Mr. Paterson said he had been reminded that he would be speaking that night to ringers and that his words were unlikely to reach the clergy. He had, therefore, decided to do an extremely tactless thing. They had their Bishop with them, and, as the Bishop had told them, they had also with them one who had been called to high office in the diocese, and would soon be Archdeacon. As Archdeacon he would deliver charges to which the clergy would listen. He (the speaker) had heard many charges given by Archdeacons. They had dealt sometimes with church towers, they had dealt sometimes with bell frames and with bells, but, if his memory served him rightly, he had never yet heard an Archdeacon, in his charge, speak about bellringers. Of course, the Archdeacon might quite rightly say that was out of his scope, but if it was possible he thought they might ask the new Archdeacon sometimes in his charges to find a small place in which he could mention the ringers to the clergy (applause).

### 'MESSAGE' FROM RINGERS.

'It is not for me,' said Mr. Paterson, 'to dictate the words he should use, but I would give him this message from the ringers to the clergy: "We are the men in your towers; we ask you not to forget us, but to remember us. We ask you to take some interest in us; if you do you will find in your towers a body of men completely loyal, not only willing but eager to respect your office and your rights. Some of us are churchgoers, and some of us are not, but in our towers we are very close to you; we are ordinary men, men who have joys and sorrows, and we should like to find in our Vicar a friend; one to whom we can speak; one in whom, if needs be, we can confide with the certainty of understanding and sympathy"' (loud applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in responding to the toast, thanked Mr. Paterson for a very fine speech, which they, as ringers, would all appreciate. Mr. Paterson had, he said, put their case in a way that no ringer could put it, and they were indebted to him for what he had said. Mr. Goldsmith urged, as one way in which a closer relationship between the clergy and ringers could be built up, that incumbents should encourage the junior clergy to take up ringing. One of the difficulties, he knew, was that the junior clergy had a great deal of work to do. The Bishop had told them that he pushed the dirty work he did not like doing on to the Archdeacon. It was equally true that Vicars pushed the dirty work they did not like doing on to the curates (laughter), and the result was many of them could not find time to go to the belfry. But if only they could be encouraged to learn something of ringing and of the ringers by contact with them in the tower, he was sure it would be to the advantage not only of ringing, but of the Church (applause).

Mr. J. Hunt proposed 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.' The association, he said, had always stood for the best traditions of change ringing. They had attained a high standard in the past and had always endeavoured to maintain it. With regard to the Bristol United Guilds, Mr. Hunt said ringers throughout the country appreciated and congratulated them upon the work they had done in compiling the 'Ringers' Directory.' It was a thing that was much needed, but no one had had the courage to provide it until Bristol United Guilds undertook the work. He wished both the association and the United Guilds continued prosperity.

### ASSOCIATION'S DIAMOND JUBILEE.

Mr. S. Romans, in responding, alluded to the fact that the preceding Saturday was the 60th anniversary of the founding of the association by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. G. H. Phillott. Although both had passed away, their memory was ever dear and their work still lived. The association was grateful to them and past members such as Canon Mobray Trotter, the Rev. H. A. Cockey, the Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. Thorold, Mr. F. G. Ward, Mr. C. D. Boufflower, Mr. James Hinton and others for their devoted services during the early years of the association. It is now up to the present members to emulate their example and do all they could to further the cause. They had in Mr. Edgar Guise a very able secretary, who would complete 20 years' service this year. They trusted he might be spared for many years to continue that office (applause). They appreciated all that he had done from time to time in the furtherance of the association. They were also mindful of the assistance given to him by the branch secretaries throughout the dioceses. One had only to attend the branch meetings, as it had been his (the speaker's) pleasure to do, to realise what an important part they took. Their good work was evident, and he could not speak too highly of their services.

Mr. Romans added that he would like to see more individual effort on the part of some members. There were many ways in which they could help: by being prompt in the payment of subscriptions, being punctual and regular in attendance at Sunday ringing and practices,

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## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

### ANNUAL VISIT TO PUDSEY.

On Saturday last, the Leeds and District Society once again enjoyed the hospitality of the Pudsey company, and in spite of the wretched weather it was one of the largest gatherings of the society, a notable feature being the number of young ringers present.

The bells were rung up at 3 p.m., and except for the usual intervals ringing continued in a variety of methods until 9 p.m.

The business meeting was held in the Park Hotel shortly after tea, when the chair was taken by the president (Mr. W. H. Senior), who was supported by members from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Ripponden, Rothwell, Sherburn, Selby, Shipley and the local company, together with visitors from All Saints', Halifax, and Hemingbrough.

The following new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oldroyd, of Pudsey, Messrs. C. Parker, of Burley, E. Hallowell, S. B. Senior, H. Robinson, J. Leaver, W. Holroyd, A. Mitchell, J. Langley and C. Whiteley, of Ripponden, and H. Smith, of Sowerby Bridge.

Mr. F. Rayment proposed that the society's best thanks be accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey for the use of the bells and to the local company for their excellent arrangements and continued hospitality.—This was seconded by Mr. H. S. Morley.

Mr. W. Barton, replying, said he regretted the absence of their tower president owing to illness, but he hoped that when the society next visited Pudsey the president would be back with them. He was pleased to see so many present, but the more who came the better they at Pudsey were pleased.

The secretary brought forward the request of the Ladies' Guild (Northern Branch) for a joint meeting with the society. It was unanimously agreed to invite the Ladies' Guild to hold a joint meeting in March.

Mr. Frank Rhodes referred to the appeal for funds for new bells at St. Andrew's Church, Northampton, and suggested that a collection should be made.—This was supported, with the splendid result that 11s. 6d. was received.

The date and place of the next meeting and also of the joint meeting in March were left in the hands of the secretary.

After the business meeting various touches were rung on handbells, as well as one or two tunes. While a sequence of bands kept the tower bells going, the remaining members fully enjoyed the hospitality provided at the meeting room, and, with the aid of the piano, the time passed all too quickly.

## THE BRISTOL GUILDS DINNER.

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and each pulling his own weight, thus encouraging more team work, so essential to the smooth working of the association. On visiting branch meetings he had noticed a steady inflow of new entrants. He appealed to all ringers to give these young men all the assistance and encouragement they could, by seeing that they got a fair quota of the time allotted for ringing given to them, bearing in mind that the sooner these young men become efficient the better for all. In Gloucester they had eight or ten youngsters coming on, and he hoped to see in time a complete band of ringers at every church (applause).

The Vice-Chairman, in submitting 'Kindred Societies and Visitors,' gave a cordial greeting to all their friends, both ringing and non-ringing, who had come from many parts of the country to be with them that night. Their attendance contributed very largely to the success of a gathering of that character, and it was a happy thought to realise that that attendance was prompted by a spirit of friendliness and fellowship always associated with ringers. This fact was brought home to him by a recent experience in the Isle of Wight, where Mr. Jennings went to great trouble to collect ringers and arrange practices when a party of three visited the island for a holiday. That spirit existed among ringers practically everywhere, and he hoped it would continue to be for ever dominant among ringing guilds and associations (applause).

Mr. C. Parks, who acknowledged the toast, spoke of the pleasure which members of other associations had got from their visit, not only from the enjoyable dinner and entertainment, but from the opportunity provided to meet old friends. He wished continued success to the United Guilds in maintaining the art of change ringing in that part of the country.

The remaining toast was that to the artistes, who were thanked by the pro-vice-chairman, Mr. William Abraham.

The entertainment was of a varied character. During dinner there was incidental music by a small orchestra, and the programme afterwards included selections of popular airs by St. Thomas' Guild handbell ringers, songs by Miss Kathleen Gill, piano and xylophone items by the Misses Evelyn and Joyce Holman, some cleverly executed costume dancing by young ladies under the direction of Miss Edie Ryan, a mystic entertainment by Mr. Alex Fear, and songs and tap dancing by Mr. Haydon Clifford. Mr. Charles Read, I.S.M., was the accompanist. All the items were greatly appreciated, but nothing delighted the company more than the 'turn' contributed by the two veterans, ex-Sergt. J. Williams and Mr. John Austin, who, sitting back to back, rang a course of Grandsire Triples 'four in hand,' and, turning about, played a number of tunes. These two gentlemen are respectively 80 and 75 years of age.

## PEAL NOTES.

### PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES.

Mr. Edward S. Ruck called a peal of Minor in six methods at Willesborough, Kent, on January 8th, to commemorate the 51st anniversary of his first peal (5,120 Bob Major), rung at Merstham on January 8th, 1887 (also Saturday), conducted by his father, who rang the treble.

Mr. Fred Dench's peal of Bristol Surprise, published in 'The Ringing World' of October 29th, 1937, was rung at Erith on Saturday, January 8th. It is only one lead short of the full extent of 5 and 6 in 4-5-6 in 13 courses. The peal, a birthday compliment to Mr. John Wheadon, was rung after meeting short for a new Surprise method, Derek Sharp filling the gap and scoring his first peal of Bristol.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, of Dunmow, Essex, was celebrated by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at the Parish Church on January 8th. Mr. Smith rang the tenor and afterwards he and Mrs. Smith kindly entertained the rest of the band.

The peal of Double Norwich on the bells at Bowdon, Cheshire, rung on January 8th, was a new composition by the conductor, Mr. Tom Worsley.

Mr. W. L. Whiston, who rang his first peal on Coronation Day, when he took part in the Grandsire Cinques at Aston, rang a peal of Stedman Triples on January 8th at Erdington—his second peal in two attempts.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where Matt Wood reigned supreme for two generations, is a tower where little peal ringing has been done in recent years. On January 8th members of the Middlesex Association rang a peal of Grandsire Triples there to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. S. L. Sarel).

Mr. Verney Bairstow rang his fiftieth peal on January 8th at Denholme, Bradford, and this was also Mr. William Ambler's fiftieth peal as conductor.

A peal in 25 spliced Treble Bob methods, with 52 changes of method, was rung at Marple, Cheshire, on January 8th, and was Mr. Ernest Bennett's one hundredth peal.

Mr. Ernest Stitch and Mr. Gwyn Lewis rang their fiftieth peal together when they took part in a peal of Bob Minor at Cadoxton, Neath, on January 8th.

The youngest band to ring a peal in Bedfordshire scored 42 extents of Doubles at Harrold on New Year's Day. Five of them were aged 17 and one 19, and three of them rang their first peal.

A birthday compliment to Russell Curzon (born on January 7th) and Henry Tooke (born on January 8th), a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung at Wymondham on January 8th.

St. Martin's Guild's veteran Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett) reached his 83rd birthday on January 8th, and on the first available 'ringing night' (January 11th), a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in the Bull Ring to celebrate the event. Three Trowbridge ringers took part in the peal, and two of them, Messrs. Sam Hector and Charles Andrews, rang their one hundredth peal together.

The other of this party, all of whom had been brought along by car by Mr. Frank Smallwood, of Bath, did not join in the general, if short, celebration after the ringing. He couldn't find the Tamworth Arms!

It was a chilly night ride back to Wiltshire, and the thoughtful provision of a hot drink, from vacuum flasks, by the driver was appreciated on the roadside in the wee sma' hours. But because he doesn't drink whisky one of the party had to content himself with hot sweetened water. No, it wasn't Sam.

The peal of Minor recently rung at Semley was said to have been rung on the heaviest six in Wiltshire. Although they are the heaviest six-bell ring in the county on which a peal has been rung, there is a heavier ring still awaiting a peal—Great Bedwyn, with 28 cwt. tenor—1½ cwt. heavier than Semley.

Three members of the local band at Penn, Staffs, rang their first peal of Stedman Triples on January 8th, and the peal was called by Mr. E. G. Bowyer, another of the local band, whose first peal it was in the method away from the tenor. It was also the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

It was called by his brother John, and his father also took part. For these two it was their first eight-bell peal 'in hand.'

It is interesting to record a peal of Minor at St. Bene't's Church, Cambridge. It was at this church and on these bells that Fabian Stedman rang in the middle of the 17th century, and it was probably here, too, that the method bearing his name was rung for the first time.

In 1931 the Exercise restored the ancient Saxon tower and rehung the bells to commemorate the tercentenary of Stedman's birth.

The bells at the Abbey Church at Dorchester have recently been rehung on ball bearings by Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and an Appleton band rang the first peal on them, since this change-over, on January 8th. Six members of the White family were in the band.

Mr. Arthur Knights' peal of Treble Bob No. 133 was rung for the first time in its reversed form on January 8th at Adlington, Lancs. It was called by Mr. W. Sharples, and was his 150th peal.

To the memory of Mrs. Rothwell and her nurse, Miss Snead, who was in her 101st year, a half-muffled peal of Doubles was rung at Whitney-on-Wye, Herefordshire, on January 6th.

A peal of Minor was rung at Polstead, Suffolk, on January 8th. It was the first peal on the bells since 1894.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. W. J. Nevard has generously undertaken to restore the bells of his Parish Church, Great Bentley, Essex. Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, is to retune the bells and rehang them in a new frame with modern fittings.

At the meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association to be held at Stourbridge to-morrow, names and other information for the annual report should be handed to the branch secretary.

The annual meeting of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild is to be held on February 12th. As the meeting is usually held in January, this announcement is made in the hope that other prospective arrangements will not be allowed to clash.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer wishes to thank 'Member of the Second Eleven' for her letter and congratulation, but would like to know her name and address. If she sees fit to reveal her identity, will she communicate with Miss Bowyer at 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

Canon G. F. Coleridge was re-elected chairman and Mr. W. J. Paice hon. secretary and treasurer of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, when the annual meeting was held at Wokingham. Despite a motion to the contrary, it was resolved to continue the combined practices in the branch.

Eleven of the sixteen towers in the area are affiliated to the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. In the report presented by the hon. secretary to the annual district meeting, it was stated that the bells in the district are generally in good order, except those at Mottesfont, which badly need expert attention.

All the officers of the Northern District of the London County Association were re-elected at the annual meeting. Mr. J. G. Prior had announced his intention of retiring from the secretaryship, but he reconsidered his decision.

Further reports of these meetings will appear in due course.

The College Youths, the Cumberland Youths, the Lancashire, Yorkshire, Swansea and Brecon, Llandaff and Monmouth, Bath and Wells, St. Martin's, Warwickshire, Surrey, Guildford and North Wales Associations, as well as the Gloucester and Bristol Association, were represented at Bristol United Guilds' annual dinner on Saturday, when a record attendance proved the growing popularity of the event.

A considerable party visited Chew Magna on Sunday morning and enjoyed ringing for service on the fine ring of bells at the Parish Church.

Some of them were also glad to get their 'shoes mended.'

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

**WIVELISCOMBE RESENTS UNMERITED IMPLICATION.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—The Ringing World of December 31st contains an official report of the annual meeting of the Taunton Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, in which it is stated that the retiring secretary said 'he hoped that special efforts would be made in the coming year to help those towers which were somewhat backward.' Also it states that Wiveliscombe was chosen as one of the towers to be visited.

As these statements contain a derogatory and entirely false implication which has caused surprise and very strong resentment, we should like to make the matter clear. Firstly, our tower is not in any way connected with the Taunton Branch. It is in the Dunster Branch, and all the 14 who ring here are members of that branch.

Secondly, ours is certainly *not* one of the 'somewhat backward towers.' On the contrary it is one of the most progressive in the district, and, having attained our present state of progress entirely by our own efforts, we do not now need, nor want, any outside help, especially as there are so many towers within the Taunton Branch that are so badly in need of help.

W. H. HARTNELL, Captain.

C. W. PARKMAN, Sub-Captain.

Wiveliscombe.

## CLASHING MEETINGS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. H. Kippin asks 'What of it' if visitors cannot 'bag' two fresh towers because of clashing meetings? I would point out that that is just the reason *why* two fresh towers *can* be visited. It is all to the advantage of the visitor, but *not* to the district members when meetings clash.

I know all about the 'cut throating' business, but would ask 'Why?' It does no good to anyone, and the sooner everyone 'cuts' it out the better for the Exercise.

A. PATRICK CANNON.

## A QUARTER-PEAL AT NINETY.

Mr. Harry Smith, of Ripple, Worcestershire, is 90 years of age, and he is still actively engaged in ringing at his Parish Church, where he has rung regularly on Sundays and practice nights, as well as ringing the old year out and new year in for over 70 years. His colleagues would like to know if this is a record.

On December 27th he rang the 2nd to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: C. Haylings (conductor) 1, Harry Smith 2, C. Darby 3, T. Bennett 4, A. Griffin 5, J. Hill 6.



## LEADING CONDUCTORS—2.

WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Few conductors have as many notable performances to their credit as Mr. William Henry Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was born at Clent, Worcestershire, on November 4th, 1876. His occupation has taken him to reside in many parts of the kingdom, and his peal ringing has been done in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, on the sea and under the earth, for, in addition to his tower-bell peals, he has rung in a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells while crossing the Irish Sea, and has conducted a peal of Grandsire Caters at the bottom of a coal mine, at West Cramlington, Northumberland. He is also the only man who has called a peal begun in one century and finished in the next—Thurstans' one-part at Deritend, Birmingham; on December 31st, 1900, and January 1st, 1901.

Bill Barber is one of those men specially gifted by Nature as a ringer. No job of conducting has been too difficult for him, and one of his most outstanding performances was when, in 1908, he called Carter's odd-bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's Church, Gateshead, while blindfolded.

His first peal was Stedman Triples, rung at Kidderminster shortly before his sixteenth birthday, and it was here, too, that he called his first peal on tower bells, Bob Major in 1906. Previously, however, he had called a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, and this came about in a curious way. The bells were being rung in rounds when Mr. W. T. Pritchett told 'young Barber' to call the peal. He called Holt's ten-part and it was his first peal as conductor.

Having rung in the first peal on handbells in Ireland—Grandsire Triples at Dublin, in April, 1899, the following month he conducted, on tower bells, the first peal of Stedman Caters out of Great Britain at Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. Two years later he shared in a memorable tour, when the first peal of Treble Bob Royal out of Great Britain, at St. Patrick's, was followed the next day by the first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells out of Great Britain, and a short course peal of Stedman Caters at Christ Church Cathedral, which Mr. Barber called from a non-observation bell—something which had never before been done. On the same trip was rung the first Surprise peal out of England, the first peal of Stedman Caters at St. Patrick's, the first peal on the sea and the first Surprise peal in Wales, rung at Bangor. No mean achievement in six days, 37 years ago.

In Scotland Mr. Barber was instructor to St. Mary's Cathedral Guild, Edinburgh, from 1903 to 1905, and called the first peal on handbells—Bob Major—over the border at Edinburgh in 1903. He also conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells at the Old Steeple, Dundee, in 1905. Before going to Scotland, however, he had been the first to call Carter's odd-bob one-part peal, which he did both on tower bells and handbells.

Among other performances have been 8,888 Stedman Caters on handbells at Aston in 1898, 11,111 Stedman Cinquses at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1901. He called the first peals of Forward Maximus (Birmingham, 1903), Little Bob Maximus (1923), Kent Treble Bob (Granta) Maximus (1930), and Spliced Caters (Stedman and Erin) (1925), all of them at Newcastle Cathedral.

Altogether Mr. Barber has rung 562 peals and conducted 295. They have been rung in 108 towers in 23 counties for 16 associations. Fifty-eight of the peals have been rung on handbells, and of these Mr. Barber has conducted 45.

Mr. Barber has been a member of the Central Council for 15 years.

**Next Week: Mr. Frank Bennett.**

## THE GLOSSARY.

The hon. Librarian of the Central Council has still several hundred copies of 'The Glossary' for disposal. They can be had by associations, free of cost on payment of postage, for distribution to members. The Librarian is Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Lindley Lodge, near Nuneaton.



MR. WILLIAM H. BARBER.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held on January 8th at Shrewsbury and attended by some 50 members. After service in St. Chad's Church, tea was served in the Church Room, where the meeting was afterwards held, the Master, Major E. R. Trevor Corbett, presiding. The towers represented were St. Chad's, Hodnett, Wem, Condover, Coalbrookdale, Clive, Market Drayton, Moreton Corbet, Wellington, Great Ness, Malins Lee, Berrington and Alberbury.

Major Corbett was re-elected Ringing Master, the Rev. E. C. Pigot hon. treasurer and the following other officers were also elected: Hon. secretary, Mr. W. A. Farmer; peal secretary, Mr. J. Griffiths; committee, Messrs. G. F. D. Pratt, A. Pritchard, W. Saunders and E. V. Rodenhurst.

On behalf of the association, Major Corbett presented the Rev. E. C. Pigot with a framed enlargement of the group of the July meeting at Moreton Corbet, to mark his retirement from the living. In thanking the association, Mr. Pigot spoke of his 20 years' connection with the association or its predecessor, the Salop Archidiaconal Guild.

Thanks were expressed to the Rev. K. C. Millington for use of St. Chad's bells, and for conducting the service, and to the churchwardens of St. Mary's for the use of the fine ring of ten in their tower.

Following are the places for 1938 meetings at the discretion of the committee: Coalbrookdale, Shifnal, Ruyton-XI-Towns, Bickton and Montford (together), Market Drayton, Condover and Worthen.

The meeting expressed pleasure on hearing that the Bishop of Lichfield (Dr. Woods, until recently Bishop of Croydon) had intimated his willingness to become a patron, and of his expressed interest in the association.

Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were: At St. Mary's, Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal; at St. Chad's, Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinquses, Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Maximus, Cambridge Major, interspersed with rounds for the less experienced. Striking was of a consistently high standard.

## A PIONEER OF SPLICED MINOR RINGING.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. J. FERNLEY.

The dedication of the tablet placed in the belfry of Norbury Church recording the muffled peal rung on October 20th, 1934, to the memory of Mr. James Fernley, took place on Monday evening, January 10th, in the presence of members of the family, his fellow-ringers and friends. The short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphreys), who spoke of the devotion of Mr. Fernley to the church and to the belfry. It seemed to him, he said, very fitting that this memorial tablet should be placed in the belfry where he had rendered so much service and spent a great part of his time. He was pleased to see members of the family present and to know they were still actively connected with the belfry and hoped that it would always be so.

At the close of the service Mr. S. Fernley thanked the Vicar and recalled the early days of change ringing at Norbury and the part played by Mr. James Fernley.

Mr. J. Dean also spoke of their early days together.

A great deal of the progress made in those early days was due to the able instruction received at the hands of Mr. James S. Wilde, now resident in New Zealand, who still keeps in touch with the tower. Mr. Fernley was always a keen supporter of the Chester Diocesan Guild and was vice-chairman of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch at the time of his death. It was the band under his conductorship who first really exploited the possibilities of Spliced Minor ringing. The culmination of their efforts was the first 35-method peal rung at Norbury in 1923, and this peal laid the foundation for the advances which have followed.

The tablet, executed by H. Webb, of Coventry, has been placed immediately below the board recording this peal.

## BELLS ON THE FILMS.

## To the Editor

Dear Sir,—After reading the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' I feel inclined to call it a 'publicity number,' as in several different places arguments for and against publicity of ringing are put forward.

I expect many readers of 'The Ringing World' are like myself and find little time to spend on visits to the cinema, but on a recent occasion when I did visit one I was struck by the bad publicity given to ringing by the films.

The particular film which I saw was 'Victoria the Great,' and, as one might expect, there was plenty of bellringing in the film at such times as the Queen's wedding, Jubilee, etc. This ringing was (presumably) produced from records of change ringing, but unfortunately the scenes accompanying the sound of the bells were only of bells swinging to and fro in a very haphazard manner.

Perhaps some of your readers have seen similar scenes to the one described in other films, and I would like to suggest that, through the Central Council, some action be taken to prevent such scenes appearing in any future films, as I feel sure that films of the 'real thing' could be easily procured and thus bad publicity would be turned into something which would at least do justice to our art.

J. E. BAILEY.

Dartford.

## LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### GREAT BOURDON PRESENTED.

#### Another Munificent Gift.

Lord Vestey and his brother, Sir Edmund Vestey, who have already given, at a cost of £220,000, the great central tower at Liverpool Cathedral, have promised a further munificent gift. By their generosity, a bourdon bell of about 14½ tons is to be provided. The estimated cost of the bell and fittings is £6,800. In size this bell will be second only, in this country, to 'Great Paul' in St. Paul's Cathedral, which weighs 16 tons 14 cwt.

The great tower of the new Cathedral will eventually reach a total height of 331ft. above floor level, or 351ft. above St. James's Road. Only 84ft. of the structure remains to be built.

A ring of twelve bells, with a four ton tenor, and an additional half-tone bell to make a light octave, is already provided for by the generosity of the late Thomas Bartlett. Work on these bells has been begun at the Whitechapel Foundry. These bells will be hung in separate frame units of concrete, and the bourdon bell will be in the centre.

The immensity of the new tower is impressive. It is 75ft. square inside. Writing in 'The Ringing World' in November, 1936, Mr. E. H. Lewis said: In such a tower it would be possible to hang on one level 25 rings of eight bells, each with a 14 cwt. tenor, or 16 rings of ten bells, each with a 25 cwt. tenor.

The crown of the vault is about 170ft. from the floor. Clear of the vault by a few feet are the bottom edges of the huge girders that are to carry the load of 16 tons of swinging bells. These four girders are trussed steel structures placed in pairs diagonally across the tower. The ends rest on other shorter girders, which cross the angles of the tower. They look like two full size railway bridges, each with 20ft. clear trackway, about 85ft. in span and 20ft. deep, interlacing where they cross. Like railway bridges, the ends are mounted on rollers to allow for expansion. The 20ft. square at the intersection of the two bridges will ultimately be the ringing room.

Over the girders will be a floor and 10ft. higher another floor, supported from the girders by reinforced concrete pillars. On this second floor will be the 'bell frame,' which is not a bell frame in the ordinary sense of the word, but a series of wedge-shaped concrete pedestals arranged in a circle. These pedestals will each carry two bearings and all the bells are to swing in radial planes—that is, towards and away from the centre of the tower. All the wheels are to be roped on the inside, so that the ropes will fall in a perfect circle in the ringing room.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### PROMISE OF 'YOUNGSTERS' IN WIRRAL BRANCH.

On Saturday, January 15th, the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at St. Saviour's Church, Oxtou, Birkenhead. There were about 60 present, including some old friends from Liverpool and Halewood, who are always assured of a hearty welcome at Wirral Branch meetings. The peal of eight was set going shortly before 3 o'clock, and several touches brought home, but, unfortunately, after about a couple of hours' ringing, notification of a case of sickness near the church imposed a closure on the tower bells. The bells go like the proverbial 'tops,' and, considering they have been hung for 43 years and have not been in the bellhangers' hands during that period, it speaks well for the care and attention bestowed upon them by the towerkeeper, Mr. Harry Brocklebank, who is the genial hon. secretary of the branch.

However, after the tower bells had been stopped, recourse was had to handbells for the brief time that remained before the service, which usually accompanies these meetings. This was held in the Chapel of St. Thomas in the Parish Hall, the Guild form being used. The Rev. Canon Sayer (Vicar) conducted the service and gave a really interesting and instructive address with a threefold message of harmony, fellowship and service. Incidentally he congratulated those present on their singing and responses, saying it was a long time since he had heard such heartiness in that chapel.

Following the service, a splendid tea was served and the usual business meeting was held. At this Mr. J. W. Milner, the popular Master of the Chester Guild, was re-elected as president of the branch, an office he has held for some years, and Mr. H. S. Brocklebank was again appointed hon. secretary.

Thanks to the Vicar and all who had contributed to the arrangements were voiced by Mr. Milner and heartily endorsed by those present.

One of the things that impresses an onlooker at these Wirral meetings is the number of 'youngsters' who are coming on, ensuring that in some churches in the district, at least, there will be no shortage of ringers to carry on when the 'old 'uns' fall away for various causes.

After the election of officers, etc., the company settled down to an enjoyable concert. Undoubtedly the star 'turn' of the evening was Mr. Herbert Ludkin and his handbell ringers from Halewood, who rendered several well-known items in a manner that brought unstinted and well-deserved applause. If the B.B.C. are looking for handbell talent here is some ready to their hand that would be appreciated by all who are privileged to hear them. Members of St. Saviour's choir and other friends contributed vocal selections, which added considerably to the pleasure of the evening, and a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes concluded one more annual meeting which will be long remembered.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on January 8th. The bells of all three churches were available. Service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Dabbs), assisted by the Rev. H. Uphill (St. Mary's). Tea was served in the Parish Room, 72 sitting down. Apologies were received from the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Past Master), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Guild hon. secretary) and the Rev. C. R. Cottell. Mr. E. F. White, branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, those present including the Rector of Devizes, the Rev. A. W. Douglas (Vicar of Southbroom), the Rev. A. Swann (Vicar of Potterne), Mr. F. Green (assistant secretary, Salisbury Guild), Messrs. T. F. King, W. J. Prescott and Mrs. Evans (Bath), Messrs. W. A. Stote (Coventry), H. W. Bishop and H. W. Wells (Swindon), besides representatives from most of the towers in the branch area.

The Chairman gave a summary of the past year's work, and congratulated certain members and towers on their achievements.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected for 1938 with the exception of Mr. J. Francis, one of the Ringing Masters, who had held office since 1924. Mr. E. Parker was elected to this post.

It was regretted that Mr. Francis did not seek re-election, the chairman pointing out that Mr. Francis had served the Guild faithfully and well and thanked him most heartily on behalf of the members.

The Revs. E. S. Dabbs and A. W. Douglas were elected hon. members, together with seven others as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hilperton in February.

A message was received from Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, vice-president, and the secretary was asked to reply, offering the good wishes of those assembled, with the hope that improved health would enable Mr. Heginbotham to join again in the work of the Guild.

Mr. W. J. Prescott, on behalf of the visitors, expressed a wish to be associated with this letter.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and the members returned to the various towers, where ringing continued until 9 p.m. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 1st. The bells of St. Martin's Church were available for one hour only, and during this time were made good use of. The business meeting took place in the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Mr. Vice-President James George presided in the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.

Apologies for absence were read from the Master, who sent hearty greetings for the New Year, and Vice-President the Ven. Archdeacon of Aston, the Rev. H. McGowan.

A letter of appreciation and thanks was read from Mr. J. T. Dyke for the welcome extended by members of the Guild to his party on the occasion of their visit on Boxing Day for a peal of Stedman Cinques. Also from Mr. J. George, thanking the Guild for their good wishes and peals arranged for his 84th birthday.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. N. Goodman, Selly Oak; L. C. Williams, Sutton Coldfield; J. R. Graves, Nechells; H. R. Barrett, Bournville.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston, and the bi-quarterly meeting at Great Barr.

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected: Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.; Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, M.A.; trustees, Councillor A. Paddon Smith and Mr. E. T. Allaway; auditors, Messrs. Jonathan Preston and Fred Price; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

The following additional vice-presidents were also unanimously elected on the proposition of Mr. F. E. Haynes, seconded by Mr. A. Walker, viz.: Canon S. Blofeld, Vicar of Edgbaston, and the Ven. Archdeacon J. H. Richards, Provost of the Cathedral.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed a small increased balance in hand. The auditors having given their report, the accounts were unanimously adopted.

The secretary reported that the Master had definitely promised to preside at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner on March 5th, and that the Bishop of Birmingham had promised to attend if possible. Arrangements for the dinner were discussed, and these were left in the hands of the committee.

This concluded the business, and the remainder of the evening was very enjoyable with some good handbell ringing in various methods.

### FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry for evening service on January 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Murrell 1, E. S. Owen 2, M. Hodgson (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 3, F. C. Shorter (conductor) 4, R. Allen 5, H. Pinchbeck 6, E. Murrell 7, H. E. Reynolds 8.

HORNINGSHAM, WILTS.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on January 4th: R. Gould 1, E. F. White 2, P. Merrett 3, H. Blanchard 4, W. A. Avery (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. Trollope 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 6.

**NOTICES.**

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The sixth annual supper and social will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 22nd, at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from association officers and tower secretaries until January 16th. Heston bells available from 4.30 p.m. Ticket sellers are reminded to send their returns, etc., to me this week-end. Note: The district A.G.M. will be at Heston on February 12th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under Lyne Society will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Jan. 22nd. The bells will be available from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Horley on January 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Six Bells. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting?—W. Claydon, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 3.45, and St. Martin's from 4 to 5.30 p.m. Tea in the canteen at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting in the Vestry Hall.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, January 22nd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton (St. Laurence's) on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5, followed by business meeting.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Northalerton on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available for ringing. Tea at Russell's Cafe at 5 p.m., 1s. 3d.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. It is hoped a service will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kempthorne, D.D. (formerly of Lichfield). Tea at the Green Man Inn at 5 p.m. Will all please make an effort to attend?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford, on Saturday, January 22nd. St. Peter's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5. Meeting to follow. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stourbridge to-morrow, Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names and other information for annual report should be handed to me at this meeting.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, Birmingham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, January 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. One member from each tower should attend. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Main Road, Stonebroom, Alfreton. Will all please notice change of address?

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Milton Clevedon bells also available.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Messrs. Darracott's Restaurant, West Street, 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Grimsby District.—The annual district meeting will be held at SS. James' and Mary's, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and 8 to 9. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Church House, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Let us have all towers represented.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

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**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. J. H. Masters, 25, Boulby Street, Houghton-le-Spring. All welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Edenham, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Five Bells Inn. All welcome. Outstanding subscriptions for 1937 should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradford Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Goring, Oxon (8 bells), on Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m. Streatley bells available. All visitors very welcome. Please notify number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 128, Halls Road, Tilehurst.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., at the Joiners' Arms Hotel at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—There will be ringing for evensong on Sunday, January 23rd, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings, Cripplegate, 25th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 27th, at 8 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Anyone requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 26th.—J. B. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed by the meeting, at 5.30 p.m. All district members are urged to attend, as the meetings for the year will be provisionally fixed. Other ringers will be cordially welcomed. To enable arrangements to be made for tea, *do please* let me have a card by the Thursday morning previous at the latest.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, January 29th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, at Short Bros., 1s. per head. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, January 29th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., when the preacher will be the Vicar of Leeds. Tea (1s. 6d.) in St. Peter's Hall, at 5 p.m., and the general meeting immediately after in the Parish Church Schools. Applications for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Armitage, 9, Beechwood View, Bury, Leeds, 6, before January 26th. Bells available: Parish Church (12), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; St. Michael's, Headingley (8), and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. The audit will take place in the schools at 11 a.m., and tea tickets will be issued there during the afternoon. As Leeds is the headquarters of the association, it is hoped there will be a really good attendance of members.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, followed by the annual business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by January 27th, to H. J. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I.O.W.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—NOTE: The payment of an annual subscription does *not* release our members from their duty to attend *their* meetings and, having noted and resolved accordingly, read on. The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Saturday, January 29th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells in the afternoon. Shalford in the evening. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.15 p.m. Please send me your numbers for tea by January 25th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. As there is important financial business to transact, details of which have been circulated to towers, all members are requested to attend. The district committee will meet at 3.45 p.m. Further ringing in the evening. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major. Please advise me for tea by January 26th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkswold 1959.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Larkhall, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Please let me know in good time to order your tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

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**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting of this branch will be held at Buxton on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45. *Please note:* A free tea for all who send a card by Wednesday, the 26th, to Mr. W. C. Duffield, Flour Mills, Buxton, Norwich, or H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Over, near Cambridge, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. G. Weston, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in Schoolroom. Eastern Counties buses pass church door; L.N.E. Railway station, Swavesey, one mile. Please notify me by Thursday, January 27th, you are coming.—Frank Warrington, Over, Cambs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—The 39th annual meeting will be held jointly with Peterborough Branch, at Warmington, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea, please write by January 25th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrook Rectory, Peterborough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, January 29th. Service 3.30. Tea and business meeting 4.30. Please notify for tea, Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon Vicarage, Towcester.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cheadle on Saturday, January 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise Mr. A. Carr, 12, Church Street, Cheadle, Cheshire.—K. Lewis, Hon. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged on the day. All ringers welcome.—Harold V. Frost, Dis. Sec., 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Glastonbury, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, c/o 3, Great Stanhope Street, Bath.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 29th. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, January 29th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than January 27th.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, January 29th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells ready 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Business meeting 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea (at 1s. per head) must notify me not later than Monday, January 24th. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Downham Market on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, January 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions for 1938 now due.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested as the president is shortly leaving this church.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil (10 bells) on Saturday, January 29th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting is at Kirkby Mallory, recently augmented to six bells. The Rector is kindly providing tea, and hopes to welcome a good number to this meeting. Names for tea *must* be sent to me as early as possible. The date? I *nearly* forgot to send it—January 29th.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, January 29th. Bells of St. Deny's (8) will be open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea 1s. each to all who notify the undersigned by Friday, February 4th.—H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Grove, Sleaford, Lincs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Oak Lounge, Church Street, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, not later than Tuesday, January 25th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. F. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, not later than Wednesday, January 26th.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by January 25th to Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Uppingham on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Practices: St. Clement Danes, Strand, January 31st at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Feb. 1st, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting on Feb. 12th, particulars later. Entrants for handbell competition must notify me before that date.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Parish Church, Chester-le-Street, on Wednesday, February 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea as early as possible.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Goudhurst has a fine peal of bells. Take this opportunity of ringing on them. The winter meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, February 5th. Notify me for tea by Tuesday, February 1st. Other details later.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Hereford District will be held on Saturday, February 5th, when the programme will be as follows: Bells available: Hereford Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church, 4.15 to 4.55 p.m. Further ringing at All Saints' tower (8) except for Diocesan Guild committee members, for whom there is a meeting at the Booth Hall at 5 p.m. (Committee members will be notified direct by the Master of the Guild.) For other ringers the bells of All Saints' Church will be available till 5.25 p.m. Tea at the Booth Hall at 5.30 p.m., price 6d. (to those notifying me by Tuesday, February 1st), followed by the annual meeting of the district. After the meeting the following towers will be available for ringing: Hereford Cathedral (for 8 and 10 bellringing) and All Saints' (for 6 and 8 bellringing), 6.45 to 8.30 p.m. As there is no ringing at St. Nicholas' tower in the evening, will the members ringing there in the afternoon kindly sink the bells before leaving at 4 p.m.?—R. H. Stickley, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Book the date, February 5th. Longton bells (8) will ring any method. One minute bus service, and main line trains, Crewe to Derby (L.M.S.), all stop on the doorstep. All ringers welcome. Rounds to Cambridge.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broadclyst on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow in the Victory Hall at 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, January 31st.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Reports are to hand. Quips and 'sallies' and a 'warm' welcome for all at this tower. Please do your best.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on Saturday, February 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from K. Thacker, Corner House, Reeves Avenue, Newcastle, and A. Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than February 1st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (6s. each) will be available at the annual meeting on January 22nd.—Norman Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

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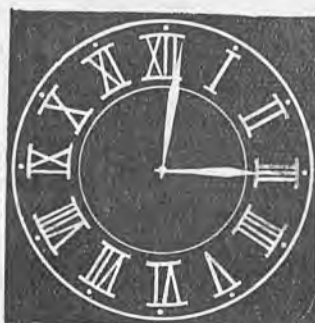
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