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There was never a time in history when so much attention was given to the restoration of church bells as at the present day. We believe that all the founders are as busy as the proverbial bees, and that the larger firms are booked up to full capacity for months ahead. This is a most satisfactory state of affairs from all points of view, but from two more particularly where the interests of ringers are concerned. It shows that the importance of keeping church bells in proper order and of having the best that can be produced for use in a building that calls for all that is highest in workmanship and service, is now becoming much more widely recognised among church authorities. Secondly, this growth of work in the bell foundries is the best guarantee we can have that continued progress will be made not only in the mechanical efficiency of modern bellhanging, but also in the desire to produce the best bells which scientific knowledge can design.

The boom in restoration and new work began soon after the war, and shows no sign of passing. Everywhere church authorities are evincing a desire to put their belfries in order, and this, without doubt, is due largely to the attitude of the ringers themselves. No longer, in the days of widely practised half-pull ringing, are they content to exhaust their strength on 'lugging' badly going bells and wasting their energy in pulling a loose frame about the tower and probably putting the very building itself into motion as well. All these things have been done in the past in hundreds of belfries, but the modern ringer is educated to a different standard, and has no hesitation in telling those responsible that unless the bells are put into order they will have to remain silent. Usually this attitude brings about an investigation and a restoration, but sometimes, of course—chiefly for lack of funds—silence does fall upon a steeple. It is remarkable, however, how quickly this has the effect of rousing someone to vigorous action, thus showing the innate love of bells which the people of this country possess.

Undoubtedly, then, the ringers are themselves largely responsible for a great amount of the work which is being provided for the bell founders; but the founders also can take credit for a great deal. Their adoption of new ideas has revolutionised not only bell tuning, but also bell hanging; and people who have been satisfied with the old order of things quickly change their views when brought into contact with what a modern foundry can do. We are not discriminating here between 'Simpson' and 'old style' tuning methods. In either scale there is no comparison between the bells of to-day and those of a

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generation ago. Both are now scientifically dealt with, and the one can have its peculiar characteristics as perfectly produced as the other. But what we want to emphasise is that ringers of to-day are not so easily satisfied with bells cast on the old haphazard plan, or indifferently hung in out-of-date fittings. And it is the ringers that count in this matter. It is they who have to do the work. As long as they are content to labour unnecessarily, church authorities are not likely to say them nay, but let us give these authorities their due; it is seldom that nowadays an appeal to them for restoration is made in vain, when a genuine case exists for the work to be done. What was accomplished at York Minster, and what is to be done at Worcester Cathedral and at Birmingham Parish Church, can be done on a smaller scale in the most modest of village churches if only the ringers view their responsibilities aright and approach the authorities tactfully.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

*THOMAS PRICE	...Treble	*JACK ROBERTS	7
JESSE GILLETT	2	CHARLES GARDINER	8
ERNEST DAVIES	3	GEORGE CONDICK	9
JOHN AUSTIN	4	LESLIE BARRY	10
THOMAS BALDWYN	5	JOHN BALLINGER	11
ALBERT WRIGHT	6	HAROLD BIRT	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung to celebrate the eighth anniversary of the record peal of 13,001 Grandsire Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

KENNETH KNOWLES	...Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS	6
CHARLES GREEDY	2	FRANK CRABB	7
GEORGE POPNELL	3	JOHN HAMMOND	8
PERCY JONES	4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS	9
FRED ATTWELL	5	ALBERT THOMAS	...Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

First peal of Caters as conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JOHN BEAMS	...Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	7
GEORGE F. HOAD	3	WILLIAM H. JOINER	8
JOHN HOYLE	4	ALBERT HARMAN	9
JOHN L. WATKIN	5	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	...Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK.
Conducted by C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.

This peal has alternate course-ends in the tittum and handstroke positions, with the 6th behind the 9th and 8th respectively. Rung as a silver wedding peal for the conductor.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCS.—On January 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: *W. Halford 1, *A. Hartland 2, †F. Lawrence 3, J. Bayliss 4, R. Lewis 5, C. Camm (conductor) 6.
* First 720 of Treble Bob. † First 720 of Treble Bob inside.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, February 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK	...*Treble*	HENRY HUTTON	5
*NORMAN V. HARDING ...	2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...	6
JOHN T. SCOTT	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise for the Guild.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, February 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM KNIGHT ...	...*Treble*	*GILBERT H. HARDING ...	5
RICHARD CLARK...	2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ...	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Surprise and first attempt.

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*R. DOUGLAS	...*Treble*	F. MEEK	5
J. STOTT	2	*J. BUTTERFIELD	6
C. GAMWELL	3	A. DICK	7
J. W. NEESAM	4	J. CORNELL...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. STOTT.

* First peal. Six of the ringers are ex-Service men.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*HERBERT S. THIRKELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM E. PITMAN	5
†HARRY BAKER	2	CHARLES H. SONE	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	BERTRAM LUCK	7
MRS. H. BAKER...	4	WILLIAM WENDAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. This composition contains 22 courses 4-6-8, and the extent of 6-7-8.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. CARTER'S FIVE-PART, No. 6. Tenor 30 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFIELD ...	...*Treble*	JAMES S. HUTCHBY	5
JAMES PAGETT	2	E. HARRY STONELEY	6
CHARLES DRAPER	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	4	JOHN CURTIS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

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ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
GEORGE H. CROSS	2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	6
FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ...	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	7
*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	4	JAMES BENNETT	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. Fredk. J. Cullum has now rung each of these bells to a peal since they were rehung in 1925. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Bennett.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. LEWIS ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES I. EDWARDS ...	5
HENRY C. CHANDLER ...	2	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ...	6
*LEONARD MANNERING ...	3	*FRANK CORKE	7
CHARLES S. BIRD	4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest R. Gladman.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER WATERHOUSE	...*Treble*	SIDNEY KEIGHLEY	5
WILLIAM BARTON	2	WILFRED WHEATLEY	6
WILLIAM STANHOPE	3	WILFRED LEE	7
WILLIAM E. SCRIMSHAW ...	4	JOHN AMBLER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

REV. R. P. FARROW ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ...	2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ...	6
ALFRED BALLARD...	3	JOHN THOMPSON...	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ...	4	*ARTHUR SIMPSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member before starting. Quickest peal on the bells.

HATFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
VICAR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*JAMES SHIRLEY... ...	...*Treble*	†HAROLD WAGSTAFFE... ...	5
GEORGE CLARK	2	HAROLD WALKER	6
JAMES MCKLUSKEY	3	PERCY GLADSTONE	7
MILTON C. FOWLER	4	J. EDWARD CAWSER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Oxford Treble Bob. First peal on the bells and in the tower. The bells were recently recast and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., having been a ring of eight since 1875.

WORSLEY.—At St. Mark's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Tuesday, January 17th, in 47 mins., after meeting short for a peal. Rung omitting the 2nd. D. Clark 1, S. Harrison 3, Chris. Gudgeon 4, F. Grundy 5, J. Bolton 6, J. H. Ridyard 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks & South Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

William E. Taylor ...	...*Treble*	John Evans	5
Phyllis M. Moss	2	Harry Wingrove	6
William L. Gutteridge ...	3	George Martin	7
Arthur Martin	4	Richard Buckland ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by G. Martin.

Rung as a welcome home from abroad to the son of the Vicar of Hughenden.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

Ernest Cutsforth ...	...*Treble*	Robert Wallwork	5
John Wilkinson	2	Edward Jenkins	6
Cyril Valentine	3	Titus Barlow	7
Thomas Wallwork	4	Thomas B. Worsley ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. Wilde (No. 8). Conducted by E. Jenkins.

First peal of Cambridge in the tower.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

George Staff	...*Treble*	Walter Staff	5
Miss Rose A. Bell	2	Frank Fielden	6
John Fitton	3	John H. C. Massey	7
William Horan	4	Herbert Davenport...	...*Tenor*

Composed by William Shipway. Conducted by George Staff.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

Herbert E. Tompkins	...*Treble*	*Leonard A. Smith	5
*Thomas E. Read	2	Ernest C. Lambert... ...	6
Edwin Yates	3	Albert J. Green	7
*Frederick C. Case	4	*William R. Neale ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. J. Green.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Single, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob, called differently.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Thomas W. Card ...	...*Treble*	Reginald E. Lambert ...	4
†Alan Bromley	2	George Burt	5
Robert T. Lambert ...	3	Fredk. J. Lambert, sen.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert T. Lambert.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in five methods on an inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Field-Marshal Earl Haig. Thomas W. Card was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

EXETER.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. H. Thomas 1, E. W. Biffin 2, R. Davey (conductor) 3, T. J. Stokes 4, C. Routley 5, W. H. Brewer 6, A. H. Goad 7, W. J. H. Bailey 8. First quarter as conductor. Rung for the farewell service of Rev. H. G. Chalk, Vicar, who has left for Uffculme.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 27, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Owen,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 23 cwt.

*George White... ...	...*Treble*	*Ernest Freeman	4
*Alfred Everest	2	Harold Beard	5
*Frank Tysoe	3	Pearl Inskip	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Pearl Inskip.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday peal for Mrs. Brierley, a church worker of Bromham.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Eric G. Hobbs	...*Treble*	George J. Berry	4
William E. Taylor... ...	2	*Ernest W. Eldridge ...	5
†Charles F. J. Bunce ...	3	George Gilbert ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Geo. Gilbert.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. After the peal the ringers were entertained to a sumptuous repast and musical evening at the residence of Mr. Geo. J. Berry.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven extents as follows: Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Bob, St. Clement's, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*James H. Musson ...	...*Treble*	†Cuthbert T. H. Bradley	4
Kathleen A. Jutson ...	2	Joseph O. Landan	5
John J. Jutson	3	Horace M. Day... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. Day.

* First peal in ten methods. † First peal in ten methods inside. First peal in ten methods on the bells. Ringers of 2nd and 3rd hail from Peterborough, 5th from Deeping St. James, tenor from Market Deeping, the remainder belong to the local band.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 11, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfred,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb.

*Cornelius J. Partridge	*Treble*	Herbert G. Fretwell ...	3
George Wilson	2	*Samuel Hurdle	4
†John Bleby...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. G. Fretwell.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringer of treble hails from Sutton-in-Ashfield, 2nd from Ripley, 3rd from Swanwick, 4th from Mansfield Woodhouse, and 5th from Mansfield.

MARKET LAVINGTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, February 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

J. H. Merrett	...*Treble*	A. F. Burbidge	4
Rev. J. A. Sturton	2	Harry S. Parsons	5
R. A. Baker...	3	J. E. Gye	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. S. Parsons.

First peal by all except conductor. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung in ball bearings and steel frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Rung to celebrate the birth of daughters to the ringers of the 3rd and 5th (Messrs. R. A. Baker and H. S. Parsons). All the men are local and Sunday ringers, and deserve praise for the excellent striking throughout the peal, which was rung at the first attempt.

LLANGIBBY, MON.—On Wednesday, January 25th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: G. Knight 1, A. Probert 2, D. G. Clift (conductor) 3, E. Vimpany 4, W. Lewis 5, G. Hawkins 6.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent of Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD LOWREY	...*Treble*	HENRY B. TAYLOR	4
EDWARD A. HERN	2	ADAM DEAS	5
JAMES E. SCOTT	3	JOSEPH E. SYKES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)
On Thursday, February 16, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Court, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SUTTON	...*Treble*	GEORGE LADD	4
*ARTHUR GROUND	2	JOHN CURRY	5
GEORGE SEWELL	3	JOHN G. AMES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. G. AMES.

* First peal.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

DUDLEY F. SHELDON	...*Treble*	*FREDERICK G. SPARKS ...	4
*ARTHUR H. REED	2	WILLIAM H. COLES	5
ALFRED J. WYATT	3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Minor.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Including Bankes James' and Severn's arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR	...*Treble*	PERCIVAL A. KNIGHTS ...	4
JOHN H. BROTHWELL	2	WILLIAM H. TURION	5
JOHN THORPE	3	CHARLES SEVERN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Messrs. Thorpe and Knights hail from the Cathedral, Sheffield, and Brothwell from Neston, near Rotherham.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one 720 of College Exercise, and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SIDNEY J. WHITE	...*Treble*	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM	4
*BERNARD C. MANN	2	CHARLES J. MANN	5
*ALFRED APPLETON	3	HUMPHREY B. GARDNER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal.

BALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

*JOSEPH RAWLES	...*Treble*	†ALBERT WOOLLEY	4
*HAROLD HOSKINS	2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ...	5
†JOHN FARTHING	3	GEORGE PHELPS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILFRED P. LAMBERT ...*Treble*	*SIDNEY A. RICKETTS	4
WILLIAM J. COOMBS	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
*HAROLD F. TRAVERS	3	†THOMAS J. SETTER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal.

WORDSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SIDNEY G. THOMPSON ...*Treble*	JOHN BASS	4
†HAROLD V. COOPER	2	†WILLIAM A. BEDDARD ...	5
WILLIAM GIBBS	3	HENRY COOPER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD V. COOPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth for his 21st birthday.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 19, 1928, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORAN	4
THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAYS	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	5
GEORGE WM. STEEL	3	HARRY BLACKEITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAYS.

Rung after meeting short for Major.

HANDBELL PEAL.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT ALPHA COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor size 17 in A.

*WILLIAM A. TACK	...1-2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	...5-6
FRANK E. HAYNES	...3-4	STEPHEN H. WOOD	...7-8
		*ROBERT HOWARD	...9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

* First handbell peal of Royal.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT DISAPPROVE OF AMALGAMATION.

The Southern District of the Surrey Association held their annual meeting at Horley on February 4th. There was a very good attendance, members coming from Charlwood, Reigate, Redhill, Merstham, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, East Grinstead, Crawley, and the local band, with visitors from Balcombe.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Lewis), and, afterwards, tea was provided at the Six Bells, to which 35 members sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair.

The new draft rules were discussed, and a committee was formed to represent the Southern Branch. Mr. A. Bull was re-elected secretary of the branch.

The question of the proposed amalgamation of the Surrey Association with the Guildford Diocesan Guild was also raised, but found no favour with any of the members.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the bells, and for his kindness in providing the funds for tea; also to the organist for her services.

Ringing was kept up till 9 p.m. in the standard methods and Cambridge Surprise.

THE EXTENSION OF METHODS.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The examples I gave are intended to illustrate the fact that every round block (which, of course, includes the plain course of every method), is made up of a number of cyclical movements. I did not give the proof of this fact, because I want to keep these articles as simple as possible; but the proof exists. That it is a fact would not of itself make it important in this question of extension. There are many things which are true about methods, but they are not all equally important. Why I am stressing this fact is this. Ringing is essentially movement (i.e., hunting, dodging, and place making); this movement is, and in the nature of the case must be, cyclical. Therefore, when we are dealing with these cycles we are dealing with what chiefly and almost exclusively concerns the ringer—all the work which for him is the method, the hunting, dodging, place making, leading, lying, snapping and the rest of it. And not only those, but what follows from them, the rows, which are the particular orders in which the bells strike and which produce the music. So that, having found out what are the cycles which comprise any method, we have only to see how they will expand to have got the extension of that method.

And that brings us to a very important truth. All these cycles are either hunting courses or dodging movements. A hunting course can expand in one way, and one way only. A dodging movement can expand in two ways, and two ways only. This fact provides a sharp, clear distinction between what is a true mathematical extension and what is not. If your extension is produced by expanding the cycles in the only way they can expand, then it is a true extension. If it contains work which is an addition to that of the original, then it is not a true extension. The truth of all this is to be found by practical experience in the tower.

Well then, we might suppose that all you have to do when you are expanding a method is to find out what are its cycles, expand them according to the increased number of bells, and the job is done. Broadly speaking, it is so; but when we come to look closer we find ourselves confronted with another important fact, which is that expansion can never take place equally in all parts of the method. This does somewhat complicate the question. I propose to explain how expansion can take place by taking several methods as illustrations. Naturally, I shall begin with the simplest. But I want to make it perfectly clear that what I mean by extension is exactly the same thing as the practical ringer means when he says that he knows that hunting the treble in Bob Major is an extension of hunting the treble in Bob Minor. I want this thing worked out in terms of the actual ringing in the tower.

First let us see how a hunting course can expand. A hunting course is simply plain hunting. On two bells it is:—

12
21
21
12

On three bells it is:—

123
213
231
321
312
132
123

and so on, on four, five, six or any other number. There is one way, and one way only.

A dodging movement, which consists of a certain number of steps forward, followed by the same number of steps backward, can be the same on all numbers:—

12	1234	123456
21	2143	214365
12	1234	123456

Or one step forward, followed by one step backward, might become, on a larger number, two steps forward, followed by two steps backwards, or three steps forward, followed by three steps backward.

(Continued in next column.)

DEATH OF A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RINGER.

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of Mr. Geo. Taylor, of Hathwaite, Notts, at the early age of 46, after only a few days' illness. He had for a considerable time been a member of the Sutton-in-Ashfield Parish Church band of ringers.

He was laid to rest on Tuesday, February 14th, in the churchyard at Blackwell, where he was for many years a ringer. He leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn their loss.

A great number of friends were present at the funeral, and various local towers were represented. The bearers were drawn from Sutton, Blackwell and Normanton bands.

The deceased was well known in the district, and was a member of the committee of the East Derbyshire Association. He will be greatly missed by all.

In the evening, as a token of respect, six of his old colleagues rang a half-peal, at the Sutton-in-Ashfield Parish Church, composed of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, with the bells half-muffled, in 1 hr. 30 mins.: W. Allin, sen., 1, R. Huskisson 2, W. Allin, jun., 3, G. Allin (conductor) 4, C. Beckley 5, C. J. Partridge 6.

These are the only ways in which the cycles can expand.

Now take Plain Bob. It consists of two cycles—one a hunting course in which all the bells share; the other a hunting course in which the extreme or working bells alone take part. Expansion of these is easy and obvious.

The primary cycle:—

1234	12345	123456
2143	21435	214365
2413	24153	241635
4231	42513	426153
4321	45231	462513
3412	54321	645231
3142	etc.	etc.
1324		
1234		

The secondary cycle:—

1234	12345	123456
1324	13254	132546
1342	13524	135264
1432	15342	153624
1423	15432	156342
1243	14523	165432
1234	14253	164523
	etc.	etc.

It is just because this secondary cycle is expanded in the same way that plain hunting naturally expands, that we, as practical ringers, recognise Bob Major and Bob Royal as the same method as Bob Minor.

But there is an alternative extension. We could expand the primary cycle as above and keep the secondary cycle the same size as in the original. It would then be:—

1234	12345
1324	21354
1342	12534
1432	21543
1423	12453
1243	21435
1234	12345

That is to say, you would add to your hunt and keep the working bells the same as in the original.

ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

We have seen that many Treble Bob methods are derived from the Plain Hunt Principle by fixing a bell in the hunt in 1-2. We now come to a method which also comes from the Plain Hunt Principle, but in a totally different way. The method has 2nd's place made when the treble leads, and if we omit this place the bells come round just as they do in Plain Bob. To see the structure of the method, we need only examine the first half-lead.

All rows marked with a * belong to the Plain Hunt Principle, and the others are inserted by means of what we may call a series of singles.

Examine the course all through as given in Standard Methods, and you will find that it includes the whole course of Bob Major, with two rows singled in between each two rows of Bob Major.

Now how can we extend this method to Royal?

When the treble is in 1-2 and 3-4, we can make the places in 5-6 or 7-8.

When the treble is in 5-6, we can make the places in 3-4 or 7-8.

When the treble is in 7-8, we can make the places in 3-4 or 5-6.

Varying these, we get 20 different Royal methods which are all valid extensions of the Major.

12345678	*
21435687	
12346578	*
21436587	*
24163857	*
42613857	
24168375	
42618357	*
46281735	*
64287153	
46821735	
64827153	*
68472513	*
86475231	
68742513	
86745231	*
87654321	*

In Maximus:—

When the treble is in 1-2 and 3-4, we can make the places in 5-6, 7-8, or 9-10.

When the treble is in 5-6, we can make the places in 3-4, 7-8, or 9-10.

When the treble is in 7-8, we can make the places in 3-4, 5-6, or 9-10.

When the treble is in 9-10 and 11-12, we can make the places in 3-4, 5-6, or 7-8.

This gives us 180 extensions to Maximus. The treble is the bell in the hunt in all these extensions, and every method in Royal and Maximus contains the whole plain course of Plain Bob two rows at a time, with two other rows singled in between each pair.

H. L. JAMES.

THE RE-DEDICATION OF RICKLING BELLS.

On Saturday afternoon, February 11th, the Bishop of Barking re-dedicated the peal of five bells at Rickling, which have been taken down and tuned, and the fourth recast. The bells have also been hung in a new oak frame, the work having been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

After the service, the bells were rung by a band from Stansted, the methods being Stedman, Grandsire, and Bob Doubles. Everyone expressed their satisfaction of the way the work has been carried out, the 'go' of the bells being everything that can be desired. They are a very light ring, with tenor about 6 cwt.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH DORSET BRANCH SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

A meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, February 11th. In the unavoidable absence of the chairman, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, the chair was taken by the Rector of Sturminster, the Rev. H. Bowden-Smith, who also conducted the service and gave a short, plain and direct address. There were 47 members present from 13 towers, and four towers were available for ringing, viz.: Sturminster Newton, Okeford Fitzpaine, Marnbull and Manston.

The Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, who has been hon. sec. of the branch for five years, during which time the membership has increased enormously, resigned owing to pressure of other work, and the Rev. A. E. Nedham, who has been acting recently as assistant, was elected.

A message of sympathy with the chairman in his illness was unanimously passed.

SALISBURY BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Salisbury Branch was held at Tisbury on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing, which commenced at 3 o'clock, was followed by service, conducted by the Rev. G. T. Miller (Vicar), who gave a short address of welcome to all the ringers present. He expressed pleasure that the bells had now been restored, and that they could be rung again after such a long silence.

Tea was served at the Crown Inn, and about 50 sat down, the Vicar presiding.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) in the absence of the branch chairman.

Rev. W. Goodchild, of Berwick St. John, was re-elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. F. W. Romaine hon. secretary and treasurer. The committee were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. L. Belsey (Tisbury) and Mr. E. Noyce (Barford St. Martin).

The tower was again visited after tea, and the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in a new iron and steel frame and ball bearings, were kept going till nine o'clock. Everyone was pleased with the splendid 'go' of the bells.

The next meeting of the branch is to be held at Amesbury.

Ringers were present from St. Martin's and St. Edmund's, Salisbury, Berwick St. John, Barford St. Martin, Dinton, Tisbury and Mere, and Mr. J. Sheppard, Swindon.

AN EARL TAKES PART IN RINGING.

A quarterly meeting of the Wimborne Branch was held at Wimborne (St. Giles') on Saturday. Members from Bournemouth (St. Peter's), Poole, Wimborne and Ringwood met soon after 3 p.m., and the beautiful peal of six by Taylor and Co. were kept going in the four standard methods. During the afternoon the party were augmented by the arrival of Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (general secretary) and Mr. Martin Stewart.

The business meeting took place after tea, and was presided over by the Rt. Hon. Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Guild.

After the business, which was of little importance, the Earl of Shaftesbury welcomed the Guild to St. Giles', adding that he hoped the next time they came they would have eight bells at their disposal, as two more bells were being added shortly.

Six members then went to the tower and rang a six-score of Stedman Doubles for the service, at which the Guild's form was used. It was conducted by the Vicar, the Earl of Shaftesbury read the lesson, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards gave an address, in which he dwelt upon the way in which ringers can make the most of their bells for the services of the church, and use them to the best effect, whatever season of the church's year it may be.

A move was again made to the belfry, where the Earl of Shaftesbury was piloted through his first 120 Grandsire Doubles. He was also interested in a touch of Minor which followed, as it was the first time he had seen the tenor turned in.

The next move was made to Cranborne, where the local men assisted in ringing Grandsire Triples.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Swindon Branch annual meeting was held at Highworth on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. After two hours' ringing, tea was taken at the West Hill Cafe, after which the business meeting was held. The Vicar of Highworth (Rev. Clark Kennedy) was elected to the chair, and also made an honorary member.

A discussion took place re the jubilee meeting at Bristol on Whit Monday, and it was decided to send 10s. from the funds, and to make a collection in each tower.

The branch annual report and balance sheet were read by the hon. secretary and passed unanimously.

The next item being the election of branch officers, the chairman, Management Committee, representative and hon. secretary were re-elected, with Messrs. W. J. Lancaster, A. Bond, A. Heath and H. Wheeler as members of the committee.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the chairman and officers for their services, and they suitably responded, the Secretary stating that he should like a little more support at the meetings. With a branch of fifty members, and eleven meetings during the past year, an average attendance of ten to a dozen members was not good enough.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of eight at St. Peter's Church, Northampton, is to be rehung with new fittings, and the frame is to be strengthened. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are carrying out the work. They are also installing a new frame and fittings for the five bells at Moreton, Essex; and at Stanford-on-Avon, Northants, are recasting the 3rd, rehanging the ring of five in new fittings, and strengthening the frame.

There will be no falling off in the size of the gathering at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday, and the 'gathering of the clans' from north, south, east and west will be as comprehensive as ever. Past experience teaches that the 'week-end'—the dinner is only a part of the 'doings'—will be a thoroughly enjoyable one for those ringers who put in a couple of days in 'Brum.'

Those who attend the dinner are requested to bring with them their dinner tickets and hand them to the stewards at the door.

Henry Johnson, whose memory is kept green by the Birmingham dinner, was born on February 28th, 1809, and his birthday in 1881 was celebrated by a peal of 9,238 Stedman Cinques in the Bull Ring, the longest length in the method at that date.

It was also the late Mr. Ted Horrex's birthday. He was born exactly 90 years ago.

It will come as a surprise to many people to learn that there is such a variety of arrangement in peals of Cambridge Surprise Major (hitherto considered the most limited of all methods in composition) that Mr. Edward Jenkins, of Warrington, has called no fewer than 25 different arrangements.

We are asked to say that owing to unforeseen circumstances the bells will not be rung for the service which takes place at Stoke-on-Trent Parish Church next Sunday at 8 p.m.

In a letter from Mr. A. Nash, of Wath-on-Dearne, which appeared in our last issue, he inadvertently stated that an attempt for a peal in ten extents was made on January 31st. It should have been December 31st.

THE CURFEW.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I observed a few weeks ago a statement, subsequently quoted in 'The Ringing World,' to the effect that the curfew is still rung in a score of parishes in this country. I should think that figure well within the mark, as I know of at least eight places in the diocese of Salisbury alone where it is rung, besides two where, to the everlasting shame of those responsible, the ancient custom has been given up.

It may be of interest to mention that in the old Spanish city of Seville (where the oranges will soon be ripe for picking), the curfew, as distinct from the Angelus, is still tolled at 10 o'clock every night.—Yours faithfully,

F. Ll. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna.

CHESTER GUILD AND BELL RESTORATIONS.

PROPOSED INCREASED MAXIMUM GRANT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like a little space in the next issue of 'The Ringing World' to remind members of the Chester Diocesan Guild that at the annual committee meeting held at Stockport on Saturday last, February 18th, it was resolved, on the proposition of the general secretary, to raise the Guild's grant towards bell restorations in the diocese from a maximum of £5 to a maximum of £7 10s.

It was also decided to make two grants of this amount during 1928—one to Higher Sutton, who have been in union since the Guild started, the other to Marbury, who, according to all published reports, have never been in union.

These two grants, with a deferred grant of £5, which is made to Nantwich, make a total of £20 to be paid out of the funds under this head during 1928. Some members of the committee, including myself, voted against the proposition to increase the grants.—Yours truly,

W. BIBBY.

BELL LECTURE TO THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

On February 14th the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, gave a lecture on Church Bells at the Salisbury Theological College. The lecture was illustrated by working models of bells, the handiwork of Mr. E. B. Barter, who was also present, and read extracts from his 'Lines in praise of good ringing.'

The students, whom the lecturer addressed as 'potential incumbents,' displayed the keenest interest, and several responded to the invitation to ask questions. A simple demonstration of change ringing in the form of Bob Minimus on four large handbells evoked vigorous applause.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT LIVERPOOL.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on Monday, January 30th, 528 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: C. I. Davies 1, E. Jones 2, J. Wilkinson 3, W. Bibby 4, T. Hammond 5, J. E. Bibby 6, G. R. Newton 7, G. Lindoff 8, J. Martin 9, E. Jenkins 10, P. W. Cave 11, E. Caunce 12. A previous course was rung on January 14th. Messrs. H. Chapman and J. C. Simpson taking part. These are the first two courses to be rung in the county.

ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING
AT THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY ON MARCH 3rd.

The programme for the day will be :—

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.—Ringing at St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, and Croydon Parish Church, by arrangement.

2 p.m.—Works open to visitors. Demonstration of a peal of ten, having as tenor the 19-ton Bourdon for New York, which will be rung in its frame; a ring of eight; a carillon of 23; and sundry other peals of bells.

3.30 p.m. to 4.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's, Croydon.

5 (for 5.15 p.m.).—Invitation tea at the Baths Hall, Scarbrook Road.

6.45 p.m. to 7.45.—Ringing at the Parish Church and St. Peter's.

8 p.m. to 11.45.—Social at the Baths Hall: concert, handbell ringing and dancing.

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RAILWAY FACILITIES.

The Associated Railway Companies have agreed to the issue of cheap return tickets to Croydon from any railway station upon payment at the time of booking of single fare and a third (minimum 1s., fractions of 3d. reckoned as 3d.) and surrender of a voucher, which will be forwarded in due course with the admission tickets required. The tickets will be available for the forward journey on March 2nd or 3rd, and for return on March 3rd, 4th or 5th. This will enable visitors to break the journey by staying in London one or two days, if desired, up to and including March 5th.

DEATH OF A KENT RINGER.

OLD MEMBER OF THE ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

The Kent Association, and the Rochester District in particular, has suffered a great loss by the death of one of the oldest members, Mr. Charles Waterman, of Cobham, who passed away after a long and painful illness, on Saturday, February 11th, at the age of 66.

The deceased was born and had lived at Shorne and Cobham all his life, having been employed by the Earls of Darnley for 52 years, and was one of their most trusted servants. He was pensioned from the estate as recently as last month, so did not live long to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

Mr. Waterman started his ringing career at the age of 19, and joined the Kent Association in 1887. In his early ringing days he would walk from Shorne to Gillingham, a matter of ten miles each way, three times a week. He was one of the regular band at Gillingham when they were making history under Mr. G. Lindoff and Mr. W. Haigh, and took part in the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, and Superlative for the Kent Association. He rang about 50 peals in all.

It is doubtful if any ringer could equal Mr. Waterman in the number of miles he walked to try and advance the art, and for service ringing. He was a member of the College Youths, and on visiting London, either for a peal attempt or to attend a meeting, he lost the last train and walked back to his home, a distance of 26 miles, and expressed his sorrow that he was too tired to walk on to Gillingham—a further ten miles—for Sunday morning service.

The funeral took place at Shorne on Wednesday, February 15th, and as the cortege left the village of Cobham the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band. On arrival at Shorne, the coffin was carried by four of deceased's fellow-workmen on Lord Darnley's estate, and, in addition to the family mourners, the Kent Association were represented by two of his oldest ringing friends, Messrs. W. Haigh and Easter, of Gillingham, and Messrs. J. Avis, G. Morrad, and F. M. Mitchell, Rochester District hon. secretary.

At the wish of the relatives, the grave was chosen close to the belfry door, and as the coffin passed from view among the laurel leaves that lined the last resting place there passed one who was very highly respected by all who knew him. Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from his fellow-members of the Rochester District.

The following half-muffled ringing took place in memory of the late Mr. Waterman:—

At Cobham, on Wednesday evening, after the funeral, a 720 London Surprise by the Milton band in 28 mins., this being the first on the bells: Cyril M. Mitchell 1, Fred A. Mitchell 2, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, Harry Argent 4, J. Burles 5, G. Morrad 6. Also 240 Cambridge, 240 Grandsire, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, in which also Messrs. J. Dalton, G. Mungeam and J. Wood took part. A peal could not be attempted owing to the bad 'go' of the bells.

At Gillingham, on Thursday evening, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, by old colleagues, in 50 mins.: W. Easter 1, E. A. G. Allen 2, S. Shellock 3, J. Haigh 4, C. Winser 5, W. J. Walker 6, W. Haigh (conductor) 7, C. Norris 8. Also 384 Superlative by the same band.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

A HEAVIER PEAL TO BE INSTALLED.

Ringers generally will be interested to know that the order has been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to carry out a comprehensive scheme in connection with the bells of Worcester Cathedral. There are at present sixteen bells in the tower, comprising a ringing peal of twelve, three semi-tone bells which, with the peal of twelve, are used for the tunes played several times each day by the carillon machine, and a Bourdon on which the clock strikes the hours.

The whole of the bells are to be recast except the large hour bell, and the recast peal will be in the key of 'B' natural, i.e., a whole tone lower than at present. The scheme includes hanging one of the semi-tone bells for ringing, so that a 'light eight' will be available for practice. The tenor of the 12 will be a bell of about 50 cwt.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. may be relied upon to take this opportunity of demonstrating their skill and experience by equipping the magnificent central tower at Worcester with one of the most glorious peals in the country.

In connection with the restoration, the Worcestershire Association Central Committee have issued an appeal for funds to all honorary and performing members through the official channels. Life and unattached members, however, cannot be reached by this agency.

The committee, therefore, hope that any such members, or their friends, who wish to subscribe to the common association fund will kindly forward their donations, before the closing of the fund on March 31st, to Mr. A. E. Parsons, hon. treasurer, Upwey, Barrs Road, Old Hill, Staffs.

The committee, who have made a grant of £20 from the Belfry Repairs Fund of the association, hope their appeal will meet with generous support, in order that the cost of recasting one or two bells may be defrayed, so that they may be inscribed with the name of the association.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

There was a good gathering at the annual meeting of the London County Association on Saturday, February 11th, and a very successful meeting was held. The towers of St. Clement Danes and St. Dunstan's-in-the-East were open during the afternoon, some good touches being rung. A service was held at St. Clement Danes Church, conducted by the hon. chaplain, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, an excellent address being given by the Rev. Foster Pegg, who had kindly agreed to come for the occasion.

After the service, the ringers adjourned to the Parish Hall, where an excellent tea had been provided through the generosity of the hon. chaplain and Mrs. Pennington Bickford. General regret was felt that Mrs. Pennington Bickford was unable to be present owing to ill-health, though without doubt she was there in spirit, as was testified by her generous donation of £1 1s. to the association's funds.

Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master) presided at the business meeting. He was again heartily welcomed to the position of Master, which he has so ably filled during the past fifteen years.

It was regretted that Mr. A. H. Keighley, who, as secretary, has conducted the affairs of the association with such competence during recent years, was unable to stand for re-election.

The following officers were elected for 1928: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; secretary, Mr. S. C. Moye; assistant secretaries, Messrs. T. W. Taffender and T. Wyatt; stewards, Messrs. F. W. Chorley and Grainger; treasurer, Mr. E. Alex. Young; trustees, Messrs. F. E. Dawe and A. H. Keighley.

It is hoped that members will endeavour to attend all the meetings they possible can, and help the officers to make 1928 a successful year.

NEW NORTHERN DISTRICT MASTER.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at Walthamstow on Saturday. Ringing commenced at St. Saviour's Church at 3 p.m., when some good touches were rung, including 'Cambridge' and 'Superlative,' with Grandsire for the beginners. The business meeting was held in the Church Hall.

A desire was expressed that the next meeting should be held either at Bethnal Green or Dalston. Mr. Gray having intimated that he wished to resign the District Mastership, Mr. Alleway, of Stanmore, was unanimously elected to the office. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of St. Saviour's, Canon Siddons, for the use of both the bells and hall. The Rector is to be complimented on the state of the bells. They are now in excellent condition, and if there were more incumbents like Canon Siddons, there would be a great many less derelict towers.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rector of St. Mary's for the use of the bells at that church. The respective steeple-keepers (Mr. Edwards and Mr. Adams) were also give a vote of thanks, as were also those who helped at tea and in the tower. Among the latter, Mr. Steed was particularly thanked for his able conducting.

A move was then made to the belfry, where ringing was indulged in until 7 p.m., when the members went to St. Mary's to ring Stedman Caters and Treble Ten.

The number of members attending was not quite as good as it might have been, owing partly to the fact that there was a peal on, on the same day, not very far away. However, there was a good muster of visitors, including three from Gravesend and four from Southwark.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRURO BRANCH DISCUSS A BODMIN DIFFICULTY.

Over fifty ringers attended the Truro Branch meeting of the above Guild, held at Ladoch on Saturday last, from Redruth, St. Gluvias', St. Agnes, Kenwyn, Truro Cathedral, St. Newlyn East, Illogan, Mabe, Gwennap, and St. Stephens-in-Brannel, as well as many of the local ringers.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and continued until 4.30 p.m., when there was a temporary cessation owing to a funeral. During this time, however, the ringers adjourned to the school for tea.

Afterwards, a discussion took place. The District Secretary (Mr. A. S. Roberts) remarked that the St. Stephens-in-Brannel ringers were present by a special invitation, and had turned up in force, 12 being present, with their Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Gilbert. They had, until this year, been affiliated to the Guild, and were in the Bodmin Branch. This branch at present lacked a secretary, and the difficulty of filling this position was acute. As nothing was done in that district, it was undoubtedly their reason for resigning membership.

The captain of the St. Stephen's band, Mr. M. Jenkin, said this was exactly why they had decided to take the course which they had done, as during the last nineteen years only two or three minor festivals had been held in their district.

The Rev. F. F. Gilbert regretted his band had dropped out of the Guild, but thought they had only done so to cause a 'stir' in their district. He hoped they would reconsider their decision and rejoin the Guild.

Mr. W. H. Southeard spoke strongly, remarking that it was the ringers themselves who formed the Guild, and urged them to try to make it flourish.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, the Rev. H. D. Jackson, for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Chapman, the local captain, for arranging the tea.

Very little method ringing was done, as the only change ringers present were from Truro Cathedral and Kenwyn. However, a few touches of Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Doubles were brought round. Rounds were in pre-eminence, whilst one band preferred rising and falling in peal, which they did to perfection.

DEVON GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Thorverton on Saturday. There were 64 members present, and ringing took place before and after service, which was conducted by the chairman of the branch (Rev. E. V. Cox). The address was given by Rev. G. E. F. Molineux,, chairman of the North-East Branch.

A business meeting and tea took place in the Church Schoolroom, at which the president of the Guild, Rev. E. S. Powell, who was present, was the recipient of the best wishes of the members upon his taking the Vicariate of Clyst St. George in the Exeter district.

It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Colaton Raleigh on September 1st.

Reports from the bands in union showed progress and the maintenance of Sunday service ringing.

At Thorverton, touches of Cambridge, Kent, Stedman and Grandsire were rung, and the bells of Stoke Canon and Rewe were also rung in Doubles by the members.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A successful meeting was held at Willenhall on January 21st, when the following towers were represented: Bilston, Birmingham, Blakenall Heath, Bloxwich, Bradley, Brewood, Cannock, Coseley, Darlaston, Kingswinford, Stafford, Tettenhall, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton (2), Wood Green and the local tower.

A short service was held in church, the prayers and lesson were read by the Rev. K. Howarth, and an interesting address was given by the Rev. R. L. Hodson (Vicar). A bountiful tea was provided in the schoolroom by members of the congregation of St. Giles' Church, when more than 100 seats were occupied—a record for a quarterly meeting. A communication was received from the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Exmouth (who for some years was clerical secretary and treasurer of this society), extending good wishes for the success of the meeting, and regretting, through lack of spare time, the inability to follow his old pursuit as much as he would like.

A hearty round of applause was given in response to a vote of thanks (moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker) to the Rev. R. L. Hodson for his address, use of bells, etc., to the organist and choir for their assistance at the service, to those who had so kindly provided tea, and last, but not least, to the ladies who catered and waited at the tea tables.

The Vicar replied, and gave all a warm welcome, adding that he hoped the time would come when Willenhall would again be honoured with a visit. Musical selections on handbells were given by the Walsall contingent, which gave great pleasure. Mr. T. J. Elton and his colleagues are to be congratulated on the progress they have made.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Brewood on April 14th.

PUTNEY.—For a thanksgiving service, and as a compliment to the Bishop of London who preached on Thursday, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. C. Moody 1, T. Bolton 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, W. W. Bailey 4, Robt. Bullen 5, J. Herbert 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION SECRETARY'S RECORD.

MR. ERNEST MORRIS' 500 PEALS.

The enthusiastic hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association recently scored his 500th peal, and his list includes an unusual variety of methods. The most remarkable feature of his achievement, however, is the number of towers in his own county of Leicestershire in which he has rung peals, his ambition being to score at least one at every church where there is a ring of bells. The number of towers in Leicestershire in which he has rung peals is now well over a hundred.

MR. ERNEST MORRIS.

It has taken Mr. Morris over 21 years to accomplish this record, and while doing it he has undertaken the correcting and revision to date of the late Thomas North's 'Church Bells of Leicestershire,' giving all the inscriptions and known history of all the ecclesiastical bells in the diocese. In addition, Mr. Morris is engaged in rewriting his brochure on the history of St. Margaret's Church, and he will shortly undertake the transcription of the ancient registers of the church.

The following is the list of Mr. Morris' 500 peals:—

		Rung.		Conducted.	
Doubles:	1 to 6 methods	56		54	(a)
Minor:	1 to 7 methods	53		49	(b)
	Cambridge Surprise	3		1	
Spliced Minor and Doubles		1		1	
Triples:	Grandsire	56		37	
	Stedman	35	(c)	2	
Spliced Triples and Major		2		2	
Major:	Plain Bob	35		25	(d)
	Little Bob	2		2	(e)
	Spliced Plain and Little	1		1	
	Kent Treble Bob	17		9	(f)
	Oxford Treble Bob	2		1	
	Spliced Treble Bob 'Ilkeston'	4		2	(g)
	Spliced Treble Bob 'Worcester'	1	(h)		
	Double Norwich	26		7	
	Forward	1		1	
	Canterbury Pleasure	1		1	
	Spliced C.P. and Plain	1		1	
	Duffield	1			
	Superlative Surprise	24		5	
	Real Superlative Surprise	1		1	
	Cambridge Surprise	29	(i)	4	
	New Cambridge Surprise	2			
	Bristol Surprise	19			
	Yorkshire Surprise	1			
	London Surprise	19		1	
Caters:	Grandsire	13		8	
	Stedman	34		5	
	Spliced Stedman and Grandsire	1		1	
Royal:	Plain Bob	3		2	
	Kent Treble Bob	5		2	
	Spliced Treble Bob	1			
	Cambridge Surprise	17		2	
	New Cambridge Surprise	1			
	Leicester Surprise	2			
	Pudsey Surprise	1			
	Princess Mary Surprise	1			
Cinques:	Grandsire	3		2	
	Stedman	19			
Maximus:	Kent Treble Bob	1		1	
	Cambridge Surprise	5			
	Total	500		230	

(a) 6,600 M.C.A. record, (b) 7,200 and 10,080 M.C.A. record, (c) includes heaviest and lightest handbells ever rung, (d) 7,488 Northants record and 13,440 M.C.A. record, (e) 6,720 record, (f) 10,912 M.C.A. record, (g) 9,120 record, (h) 9,600 record, (i) 7,008 and 12,896 record. Rung in 164 towers, in 23 counties, for 22 associations.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Queensbury, Bradford, on Sunday, February 5th, for evensong, a date touch of 1,928 Bob Major in 1 hr. 12 mins.: R. Kendall 1, W. Hamer 2, C. Ellison 3, S. Longbottom 4, H. Wilde 5, T. Senior 6, C. Drake 7, Wm. Ambler (conductor) 8. Longest length for ringers of treble, 4th and 5th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

FARNHAM DISTRICT ESTABLISHED.

In connection with the organisation of the districts of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild, a meeting was held at Farnham on Saturday to establish the Farnham District, which includes eleven towers in the south-west corner of the diocese. There was an attendance of nearly fifty ringers, welcome visitors being Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and Mr. F. J. Rogers, Portsmouth, district secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. After an afternoon's ringing on the eight bells of the Parish Church, the Guild's short, but beautiful, service was conducted in the chapel by the Rector (Rev. J. M. C. Crum), who, in an inspiring address of a quite unusual character for this kind of gathering, first read the Epistle for the following day (Quinquagesima Sunday), which begins: 'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.' He pointed out that through most of St. Paul's epistles there could be found some great 'sound' to distinguish them, and in that respect they resembled the pealing of the bells. In the Epistle for the morrow it was 'charity' which was the recurring note, and it reminded him of the recurring of the tenor at the end of each change on the bells.

Tea was served in the Church House, and the meeting which followed was presided over by the Rector, who was supported by Mr. Churchwarden Grange, the hon. treasurer of the Guild (Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O.), and the hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith). The towers in the Guild represented were Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Farnham, Frensham, Seale, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Oatlands, and Woking.

At the outset the Rector welcomed Mr. Cockerill, who expressed his pleasure at being present, and wished the Guild success.

The Hon. General Secretary pointed out that in the Farnham District they already had 86 ringing and 14 hon. members. Aldershot had the largest number of ringing members of any tower in the diocese, viz., 18, and he was particularly pleased to notice that they included a number of quite youthful ringers. If they were to keep the ranks filled in future they should follow the example of Aldershot and 'catch 'em young.'

The new members elected included six of the Hawley band, with their Rector, the Rev. A. W. Armitstead, viz., Messrs. J. Boyles, L. Boyles, Martin, Trussler, W. Marshall, and W. Wooldridge. Three ringers from Frensham, Messrs. T. A. Stroud, A. J. Chuter and W. Chuter, were elected, as were also the following hon. members: Rev. J. M. C. Crum (Farnham), Mrs. Hasted (Farnham), Rev. R. S. Arrowsmith (Seale).

The following district officers were unanimously elected: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted (Farnham); hon. secretary, Mr. Bernard Clark (17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham); ringing members on the Executive Committee, Messrs. H. Tinsey (Seale), F. Nye (Bagshot); hon. members' representative, Major-General Deare (Bagshot).

On a vote being taken, Farnham was selected for the next annual district meeting on January 26th, 1929, and it was also resolved to hold five other district meetings, namely, at Frensham, Ash and Bentley (six-bell towers), Yorktown and Aldershot (eight-bell towers), the dates being left to the district secretary to settle in conjunction with the other district secretaries.

The meeting approved in principle of a similar scheme of combined practices, as arranged in the Leatherhead District, and details were referred to the District Committee to settle.

Among the proposals put forward for the development of the work of the Guild was a suggestion that a class should be formed for the instruction of local conductors, and this matter will come before the Executive Committee.

The hon. general secretary brought before the meeting the question referred to the affiliated societies by the Central Council, namely the issue of diplomas to young ringers on ringing their first peal, and a motion in favour of this proposal as encouragement to beginners was passed, it being noteworthy that the many young members (who are looking forward to their first peal) voted enthusiastically in favour of it.

An appeal was made for support for the Winchester Diocesan Guild scheme for erecting a memorial to the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for conducting the service, and for presiding; also to Mr. Hasted and the Farnham ringers for their arrangements. A vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith for his part in the work.

Further ringing on the Parish Church bells concluded a successful meeting.

HIGH WYCOMBE RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the members of the High Wycombe belfry was held at the Vicarage recently under the presidency of the Rev. W. L. P. Float. The officers for the year were re-elected as follows: President, the Vicar; foreman, Mr. R. Coles; deputy foreman, Mr. E. Markham; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. Twitchen; collector, Mr. F. W. Boxell. The list of attendances at ringing for service, etc., was given as 1,377. The balance sheet was submitted and passed, and, after various grants had been made, a balance was left of £1 11s. 2d. At the close of the meeting the campanologists were very kindly entertained to a first-class supper by the Vicar and Mrs. Float, who were heartily thanked.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR.'

The splendid assistance given to this fund by the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association is recorded below, and those responsible for organising the collection on these lines have our grateful thanks. Association meetings, as well as bands and individuals, are providing welcome additions to the total, which this week passes the £150 mark.

This magnificent response to a deserving cause is worthy of the Exercise, and will be a source of solace as well as of material help to Mr. Alf. T. Baker in the days of darkness which are unhappily before him.

The fund will shortly be closed, and we shall be glad, therefore, to receive the contributions of all who desire to help.

The following amounts are acknowledged with thanks:—	£	a.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	138	3	11
Collection on behalf of Mr. Baker, from Hinckley District of M.C.A., per Mr. W. A. Cope, hon. sec.:—			
	s.	d.	
Barwell	7	6	
Broughton Astley	2	6	
Desford	7	0	
Earl Shilton	6	6	
Higham-on-the-Hill	12	0	
Hinckley	10	0	
Kirkby Mallory	6	0	
Lutterworth	3	0	
Peckleton	10	0	
Sapcote	2	6	
Sharnford	5	0	
Stoke Golding	10	0	
Stoney Stanton	2	6	
Thurlaston	8	0	
	£4	12	6
Less postage expenses	2	6	
		4	10 0
London County Association, per S. C. Moye		2	2 0
Hough-on-the-Hill ringers, Lincs.		10	0
St. Edward's Guild, St. Edward's Church, Romford ...		17	0
Collected at Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association meeting at Cramlington		1	5 0
Collected at the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, per G. Pullinger		16	6
W. J. D., Northampton		5	0
J. S. Pritchett, Birmingham		5	0
A. L. Bennett, Buckfastleigh		2	0
Mrs. W. Watts (1s.), Walter W. Watts (2s. 6d.), Lower Beeding		3	6
B. Clark, Farnham		5	0
Anonymous, Barnsley		6	0
T. F. King, Bath		10	0
C. Fray, North Stoneham		2	0
G. W. Edwards, North Stoneham		2	0
	£150	4	11

DEATH OF MR. A. BALLARD, LEICESTER.

It is with deepest regret we have to record the death of Mr. Alfred Ballard, of Leicester, who passed away at the age of 61 on January 12th. He had been a member of the Midland Counties Association since 1896, but had been a ringer at Birstal and Belgrave many years before—over 40 years altogether. Joining St. Margaret's company in 1913, he took part in exactly 40 peals, comprising Doubles, Minor, Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal and Little Bob.

Always a conscientious churchman and a sidesman, he never professed to be an 'expert,' but always did his best, and will be sadly missed by all his many friends, both in and out of the belfry.

He was laid to rest in the pretty little cemetery of his native Belgrave, after a short service at St. Margaret's on Monday, the 16th Jan., four of his brother ringers acting as bearers, viz., Messrs. J. Morris, E. Morris, A. Catteil and E. Whitehead.

On Tuesday, the 17th Jan., at Belgrave, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins. by L. G. Pratt, 1, L. H. Whitehead 2, H. W. Martin 3, J. Pole 4, G. H. Straw 5, R. Barrow 6, W. A. Skinner (conductor) 7, J. Grant 8. The treble and 3rd ringers are nephews of the late Mr. A. Ballard. On Wednesday, the 18th January, St. Margaret's bells were rung muffled to a peal.

THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

At Buckley, Flintshire, on Sunday, February 12th, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 48 mins. with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of Glanadda, Bangor, who was for many years president of the North Wales Association: J. Hayes 1, W. Short 2, E. R. Usher 3, J. E. Usher 4, S. Birks 5, J. T. Hopwood 6, E. Messham 7, A. H. Jones 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF LONDON MEETING.

The first session of the 13th Council (35th meeting) was held in the Conference Chamber of the Mansion House, in the City of London (by the courtesy of the Lord Mayor), on Tuesday, June 7th, at 11 a.m. The chair was taken by the president, Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, who opened the meeting with prayer. There were present 96 members, 38 Guilds and Associations being represented.

The Lord Mayor, Sir Rowland Blades, welcomed the Council to the Mansion House. He referred to the ability and distinction with which the bells were rung in England, and that in this country they were unequalled in many ways. He felt that the Council represented a body doing valuable work with the Church.

Archdeacon Holmes then addressed the Council. He said that the bells, whether rung in London amidst the clamour of the city or in the quiet of the country, carried some message. He also spoke of the necessity of throwing oneself into the work, so that it would extend far and wide, as bells were a great national instrument. In the name of the Bishop of London and himself, he gave them a hearty welcome to the diocese.

The President, having thanked the Lord Mayor and the Archdeacon for this kindly welcome, the Council proceeded to discuss the business upon the agenda.

The Hon. Secretary temporarily took the chair. He stated that only one nomination for president having been received, and that on behalf of Canon Coleridge (who had been proposed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill), he declared Canon Coleridge duly elected for the ensuing three years. The president then took the chair. After expressing his thanks to the Council, the President said that for hon. secretary there was only one nomination, that of Mr. E. Alex. Young (who had been proposed by Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. E. W. Elwell). He therefore declared him elected. Rev. C. D. P. Davies proposed, and Mr. E. Alex. Young seconded, that the hon. librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, be re-elected, which was carried, together with a vote of thanks to the Council's officers for their services.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read and duly confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey and H. S. T. Richardson, Alderman R. B. Chambers, Mrs. Edwards, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, G. P. Burton, G. Chester, H. Haigh, C. F. Johnston, E. H. Lewis, T. Metcalfe, Pryce Taylor, and C. F. Winney. Letters having been sent by the hon. secretary to the relatives of Rev. C. E. Matthews, Canon H. Papillon and Mr. John Carter, expressing sympathy and condolence, the replies received were briefly referred to and laid upon the table.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Alex. Young, presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £67 6s., and that the balance, after the receipts and expenditure of the year had been dealt with, was £45 3s. 10d. The accounts being audited by them, were, on the motion of Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes (the auditors) adopted. The Hon. Secretary stated that five new associations had joined the Council during the year, one being the Truro Guild, which carried the territory of the Council into Cornwall. A special welcome was extended to the representatives.

The Hon. Librarian, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, then read his statement, saying that it was gratifying to be able to hand over a cheque for £7 10s. 5d., instead of drawing on the Council's funds, as in previous years. He then referred to various books and MSS. in the library, and suggested that the Council should elect one or two experts to go through its contents with him and report as to their value and disposal, and Rev. E. S. Powell and Mr. J. A. Trollope, having expressed their willingness to serve, were accepted, as was the hon. librarian's statement.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn proposed, and Mrs. H. Howard seconded, that the 'Rules for a local company' be reprinted, after revision by a small committee, the following being appointed, viz.: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. E. W. Elwell and H. W. Wilde.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

Those retiring were re-elected, viz.: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. J. Griffin, J. A. Trollope, E. Alex. Young (Mr. John Carter being deceased). On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, Rev. A. T. Beeston and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston were elected to fill the vacancies, and Mr. A. Paddon Smith proposed, and Mr. C. F. Sedgeley seconded, that Mr. J. S. Goldsmith be elected, which was unanimously agreed to.

A large number of new members attending for the first time were then introduced to the president, who cordially welcomed them.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The previous members were duly re-elected, viz.: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon H. J. Elsee, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Law James and C. D. P. Davies, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, E. A. Young, A. A. Hughes and Cyril F. Johnston. Upon being duly proposed and seconded, the following were added to the Standing Committee, viz.: Messrs. W. A. Cave, C. T. Coles, J. D. Matthews, A. Paddon Smith and Rev. A. T. Beeston.

The Council then received the following committees' reports:—

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

Miss E. K. Parker reported, and said that since the last meeting 500 further compositions had been sent in, which entailed a lot of work, but this being practically completed, it was hoped to present the Collection at the next meeting. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows: Revs. H. S. T. Richardson and E. S. Powell, Miss E. K. Parker, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. W. Parker.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who reported for the Committee, referred to their loss by the death of their convener, Rev. C. E. Matthews. He said the committee and the hon. secretary had now finished the revision of the 'Rules and Decisions.' They had also been, during the year, in touch with the British Broadcasting Corporation. He then referred to the fact that both the London and provincial Press had devoted more attention to bells, etc., than in past years. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-elected, viz.: Revs. F. Ll. Edwards and A. T. Beeston, Messrs. G. P. Burton, W. Wilson and A. Paddon Smith. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was added to the committee.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. Law James reported for the committee, and said he was pleased to be able to state that a large number of the 'Collection of Plain Major Methods' had been sold. The reprinting of the 'Minor Methods,' with the addition of hobs and singles and 720's, or the Treble Bob Major, were two matters to which he thought the committee might give their attention. Having published the 'Plain Methods,' he thought they should now reissue the 'Minor Methods.' As Mr. E. H. Lewis was so busy, he suggested that Rev. E. S. Powell should be added to the committee. Mr. J. A. Trollope asked if the six-bell ringers had any suggestions to make, to let the committee know, and it would be included in the reprint. It was proposed by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and seconded by Mr. T. Salter, that a reprint of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' be proceeded with. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows, viz.: Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope. (See further discussion after lunch.)

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. T. Beeston moved the adoption of the report which was printed in 'The Ringing World.' He said that in a number of cases the conductors' names had to be omitted, and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith referred to the defective reports received by him for publication in 'The Ringing World.' On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. J. W. Parker and G. Williams and Miss E. K. Parker, were re-elected. The President thanked the committee for their work.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

Major J. H. B. Hesse said that during the year he had inspected certain towers. Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said that he had been very busy visiting towers. He thought this was largely due to a great number of branch meetings their Guild held, and dwelt upon the importance of such meetings. The Hon. Secretary said he had received a letter from Mr. E. H. Lewis, saving he had given advice on Bow bells, etc. After remarks by Rev. H. Drake and the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows, viz.: Revs. C. D. P. Davies and C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. E. H. Lewis and E. Alex. Young.

RECORDS COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. T. Beeston read his report, and said that he had had copies of the records typed and handed to the hon. secretary. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted, and the committee re-appointed, viz.: Revs. A. T. Beeston and H. Law James, and Mr. T. Hervey Beams.

NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE.

Rev. H. Drake for his committee referred to their anomalous and difficult position, as their report had been neither accepted nor rejected. Mr. T. Hervey Beams deprecated their work being nullified. Mr. J. A. Trollope, in explaining last year's decision, said that what he objected to was autocratic rules for naming all records, and wholesale alterations in the names of methods which had been rung. After further remarks by the President, Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. J. Hunt and Rev. H. Drake, Alderman J. S. Pritchett proposed, and Rev. E. S. Powell seconded, that the committee be thanked for their services, but not reappointed. The motion was carried by a large majority, and the committee thanked by the president for their services. The Council then adjourned.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

After the interval, Mr. J. A. Trollope said the Council had empowered them to reissue the 'Minor Methods,' but it was also necessary for the committee to deal with names, and he moved that they be empowered to deal with the whole matter at their discretion. This was seconded by Rev. H. Law James. Mr. W. Willson opposed giving the power asked for, which had been previously taken from another committee, and Mr. T. Faulkner suggested that the committee should add to theirs the names of the late Nomenclature Committee, but Mr. E. W. Elwell opposed this. Mr. Trollope explained that they did not propose to throw over the Nomenclature Committee's work entirely. Alderman J. S. Pritchett said he saw no harm if it were understood that the committee proposed to make the best selection from existing names. After Mr. J. A. Trollope gave a pledge to this effect, his motion was carried by a large majority.

The Hon. Secretary presented the revised 'Rules and Decisions,' which had been enlarged and brought up to date, especially in regard to the decisions (the triennial leaflet having been dispensed with for several years). He also said that the new matter would include a portrait of Sir Arthur Heywood, their founder, as a frontispiece. He then read the verbal alterations in the rules necessitated by the incorporation of certain decisions (a copy of which had been supplied to them) and further proposed that the summary leaflet circularised immediately after the annual meetings should be dispensed with, and that instead the official minutes should be published about January; also that he be instructed to send a copy of them to the affiliated bodies. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who had collaborated in the work, supported the proposals, which, being seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, were carried, with instructions that 300 copies be printed.

The President then called upon Mr. T. H. Taffender, who moved his resolution, 'That the Council approach the British Broadcasting Corporation with a view to broadcasting during the evening programme a series of instructional talks on change ringing, with handbell demonstrations.' After referring to lectures on bells, etc., in the 'Children's Hour,' he said that he thought it would be better if the talk took place in the evening. Mr. A. D. Barker seconded. Revs. F. Ll. Edwards and C. D. P. Davies both supported the proposal, and said that the committee should consist of men living in London. Mr. A. A. Hughes said they had heard chiming on the 'wireless,' but the public, who did not understand change ringing, preferred it to even Stedman Cinques at Bow; they had got to overcome the difficulty of the B.B.C.'s idea of the public's preference for chiming. Mr. H. W. Wilde supported the motion, which was carried, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. D. Matthews, A. A. Hughes, T. H. Taffender and E. Alex. Young, were elected to take action.

Mr. G. Williams moved that the agenda should be published twelve weeks, and notices of motions three months, before the Council meeting. Mr. A. H. Pulling seconded the motion, which was supported by Messrs. H. Barton and J. S. Goldsmith, and carried.

Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved his resolution, 'That the Council should issue peal diplomas for young ringers,' and explained his proposal at some length. This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary. Mr. C. H. Howard said that anything that would encourage the young ringer would be an advantage. Rev. H. Drake and Mr. T. R. Dennis supported the motion. Mr. W. Willson reminded the Council that he proposed this 20 years ago. After remarks by Revs. C. D. P. Davies and C. W. O. Jenkyn in favour of it, it was opposed by Messrs. P. J. Johnston, J. George and H. Barton, who asked that members should have another year to consider the matter. An amendment having been proposed by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, that the matter be deferred until next meeting, was passed and agreed to as a motion, the hope being expressed that the members would consider it during the year.

Rev. H. Law James then moved his resolution, 'That since William Shipway extended Superlative Surprise Major to Royal, and the first peal of Royal was rung at Wakefield in 1826, the Council cannot accept any extension to Maximus which does not agree with the Major and the Royal.' The speaker said that he had dealt with the question at some length at the Newcastle meeting, and explained his motion by references to what had been accepted in other of the standard methods where they were based largely upon practice rather than theory. He contended that Shipway's Royal stood on as firm a basis as did the extensions of Loudon and Stedman, and that the decisions of 100 years ago should stand to-day. Mr. R. Richardson formally seconded.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett contended that since the Major and the Royal already disagreed with each other, the resolution was a meaningless one. Mr. J. W. Parker proposed, and Rev. E. S. Powell seconded, as an amendment, that in the opinion of the Council there was no correct extension of Superlative Surprise Royal Major.

Mr. J. A. Trollope supported it, and pointed out the difficulties of the whole situation, and Mr. C. J. Sedgeley defended the peal of Superlative Maximus rung at Ipswich, when Mr. C. T. Coles moved a further amendment that: 'As the expert advisers of the Council disagree, this meeting is of the opinion that no good purpose can be served by coming to a definite decision on this subject.' This was seconded by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. After further remarks by Rev. H. Law James, the first amendment being withdrawn, the second on being put was carried by a large majority.

The President then called upon Mr. J. A. Trollope to move his resolution, 'That a committee be appointed to report to the Council (a) bells, (b) ringers, and (c) ringing respectively on the one hand; and (d) the incumbent, (e) the churchwardens, and (f) the Parochial Councils respectively on the other hand, and any other legal matters affecting the Exercise. And, further, to consider the advisability of issuing a statement of these matters for the guidance of ringers and other persons affected.' The speaker, after referring to the action of Parochial Councils, said he thought it would be advisable if the Council knew definitely how ringers stood in legal matters, and suggested Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Mr. F. A. Milne, who were barristers, to serve on the committee. Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded. Alderman J. S. Pritchett said a useful pamphlet might be compiled, so that ringers would know where they stood regarding incumbents and Parochial Councils. He suggested that Mr. E. W. Elwell be asked to compile the pamphlet. This was supported by Canon W. W. C. Baker, who said

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, February 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: S. Baker 1, F. Seabright 2, C. M. Mitchell 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6. Rung as a compliment to F. Seabright on his 19th birthday.

SALEHURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: F. Standen (first quarter and first attempt) 1, F. Morgan 2, G. King 3, E. Mills 4, C. Creasey (conductor) 5, G. Mills 6, T. Booth 7, J. Goodsell 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on February 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in 48 mins.: E. Shaw (first quarter in method) 1, A. King 2, A. Smith 3, H. Walker 4, H. Burton 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

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BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT'S GOOD START.

The inaugural meeting of the re-formed Basingstoke District was held at Basingstoke on Saturday, and over fifty members were present from Basingstoke (St. Michael's and All Saints'), Bramley, Binfield, Deane, Ellisfield, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Oakley, Overton, Sherborne St. John, Sherfield, Silchester, Winchester and Yateley.

Service was held at St. Michael's, and was taken by Rev. E. Jones. At the close the members adjourned to the Church Hall, where a splendid tea, very generously provided by the Basingstoke bands, was enjoyed.

At the business meeting the Rev. G. H. Jeudwine, R.D., was voted to the chair and was supported by Rev. H. T. Adams, Rev. E. Jones, Dr. Boustead, D.D., Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. F. Wilson, Mr. H. Horne and others.

The General Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) explained the reasons for forming the diocesan area into smaller districts, and stated that the following towers had been provisionally placed in the new Basingstoke District: Basingstoke (All Saints' and St. Michael's), Yateley (eight-bell towers); Bramley, Deane, Kingsclere, Oakley, Odiham, Overton, Rotherwick, Sherfield and Wolverton (six-bell towers); Baughurst, Dummer, Ellesfield, Heckfield, Monk's Sherborne, Sherborne St. John, Silchester, Strathfieldsaye, and Wootton St. Lawrence (five-bell towers).

District officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Dr. Boustead; secretary, Rev. E. Jones (Basingstoke); auditor, Mr. F. Wilson (Basingstoke); Ringing Master, Mr. C. Osler (Bramley); representative on Central Committee, Mr. C. Chesterman (Basingstoke).

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th, 1929.

Quarterly meetings were arranged as follows: Deane and Church Oakley on April 28th, Yateley on June 6th, and Kingsclere and Wolverton on September 15th.

The bands at Ellisfield and Sherborne St. John joined the Guild. This brings the number of affiliated towers in the new district up to 15, while a letter was read from the Vicar of Monk's Sherborne, from which it appeared that his band were likely to join shortly.

The bells at the churches of All Saints and St. Michael (both rings of eight) were available during the afternoon and evening, and various methods practised.

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the control of the bells was absolutely in the hands of the incumbent. Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said there appeared, however, to be some doubt, and Rev. E. S. Powell said that churchwardens were associated with the incumbent in the tolling of one bell only. The motion was then agreed to. The Hon. Secretary then proposed that Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. F. A. Milne and E. W. Elwell be elected to form the committee. This was seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and carried.

PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The Standing Committee having recommended Hereford for next year, Mr. W. A. Cave proposed, and Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded. Bristol; Canon F. J. O. Helmore proposed Wells; Rev. E. S. Powell then proposed Plymouth, which was seconded by Mr. James George. Upon being put to the meeting, the voting was as follows: Hereford 40, Bristol 28, and Plymouth 10. It was therefore decided that next year's meeting should be held at Hereford.

The President moved that letters of thanks be sent to the Lord Mayor, Archdeacon Holmes and the Astronomer Royal. This motion was carried nem con, as was a vote of thanks to the president and one to the hon. secretary for arranging the social events. The meeting closed at five o'clock.

NOTICE.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Larkhall, Bath, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Red House. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 7th.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 40th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets must be accompanied by remittance. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10), St. Chad's and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow (8 bells) on Saturday, February 25th, at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A meeting will be held at Long Buckley (5) on Saturday, February 25th. Usual arrangements.—K. J. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. All members and ringing friends welcome. —Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town St., Duffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Hatfield, on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting will be held at St. Audrey's, by the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. J. Antrobus).—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Meeting at Great Dunmow, Saturday, Feb. 25th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1928 now due, and should be paid to Walter Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cutcombe on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Malling on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.30. Tea at the Church Institute at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. Frequent bus service from Maidstone.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m., tea at 5 p.m.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 1st, 15th, 29th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock, service in church 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Tuesday, Feb. 28th?—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Rd., Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand, also certificates, 3d. each.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. A ringing meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 29th. All ringers welcome. — Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Silverdale (8 bells) on Saturday, March 3rd. Will all who require tea please inform me not later than Feb. 29th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 12th and 26th, at 7.30. St. Mary's Lambeth, Tuesday, the 20th, at 8.—S. C. Moye, Gen. Sec., 14, Great Bland Street, S.E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.— The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. onward. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Schools at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, on or before Wednesday, March 7th, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are not due, and annual reports ready for distribution.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The meeting arranged for Feb. 25th at Long Buckby is postponed until March 10th. Usual arrangements.—K. Cater, Althorp Park Station, East Haddon, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., 9d. each. Meeting to follow. Special attention to Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Those intending being present please notify me before Tuesday, March 6th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Lenton on March 10th. Bells (8) will be available from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, March 24th, to consider the proposed amalgamation of the association with the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and other business. Full particulars will appear later. Will all those interested in the future of the association please reserve this date?—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Jubilee meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association will be held at Bristol on Whit-Monday, May 28th. A Life Member's peal is being arranged and other peals for visitors on Saturday, May 26th. Will those wishing to take part kindly advise soon? Arrangements for ringing, etc., on Sunday are being made. Monday's programme, ringing up till noon at any or all city churches. Service at St. Mary Redcliffe, 12 noon. Luncheon 1 p.m. Business meeting 2 p m. Tea to follow. Social evening arrangements (good train service to Hereford), luncheon 3s. 6d., tea 1s. (a grant will be made towards this cost). Will members and visitors kindly advise early *now* so that extra accommodation can be sought if necessary. The 1928 Report will be issued in souvenir form on May 28th. Life members and visitors wishing to take part in peals for Saturday should apply early. Hotel accommodation will be arranged at reasonable cost.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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