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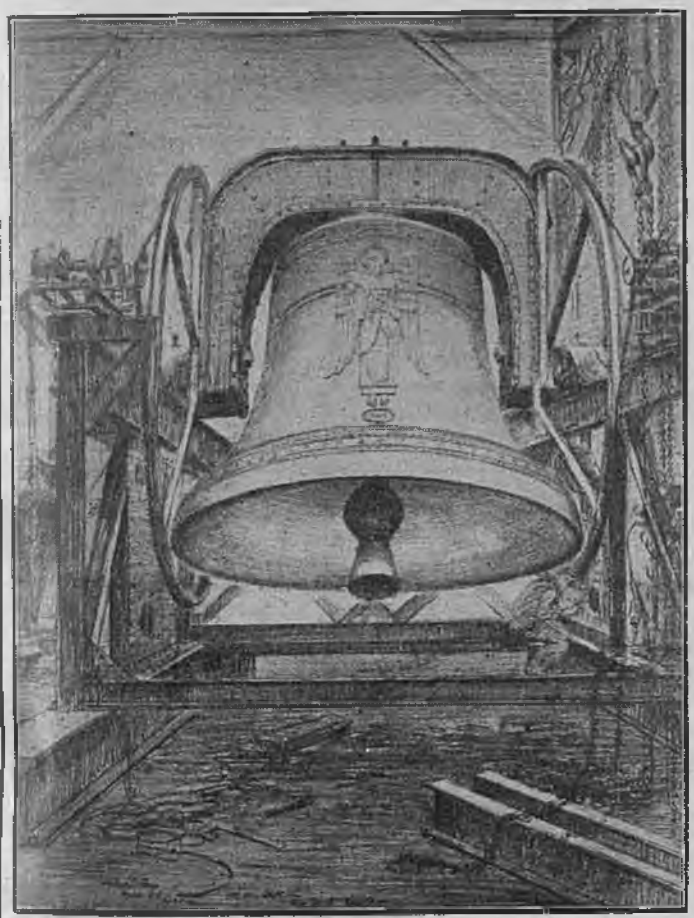

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## COMING EVENTS——.

Although it is still four months ahead, signs are not wanting that the Central Council meeting is beginning to occupy attention and, as there are in front of us, between now and Whitsun, many important county and diocesan association meetings it is well that ringers should again be thinking seriously of some of the matters affecting the Exercise which are likely to come up for discussion. Exactly what the agenda will consist of in the way of debatable subjects, it is too early to surmise, but the London meeting, being the triennial gathering at which a considerable amount of routine business has to be disposed of, may possibly provide a long and important programme. A variety of subjects which it would be open to the Council to deal with have been broached during the past year, and if only half of them get on the agenda the members will be in for a long sitting.

The question of what should constitute a six-bell peal, which has occupied attention at the last two meetings of the Council, is not unlikely to be again a bone of contention. The subject, since it was postponed from the Chelmsford meeting last Whitsun, has been simmering below the surface as it were, and elsewhere in our issue to-day a suggestion for a new definition of six and five bell peals comes from the Rev. H. Law James. It is true he does not say that he proposes to put it on the agenda for discussion in London, but it is one of the matters which is not unlikely to appear, and ringers, therefore, should make themselves thoroughly acquainted with what is now put forward.

There are two points in Mr. James' suggestions which deserve special attention. One is that a peal of Minor or Doubles need only consist of 5,000 changes, instead of 5,040, as has hitherto been the practice, thus putting them, he says, on the same basis as peals of Major, Caters, etc., and leaving only Triples at the compulsory length of 5,040. Ringers may or may not be prepared to accept this alteration in principle, but we hardly think it is likely to commend itself generally in practice, as, except in those cases where a band want to ring 'something different,' the seven complete 720's or the 42 six-scores seems so much more a commonsense performance for an ordinary peal length.

Be that as it may, however, the other point in Mr. James' suggestion to which attention will have to be directed is that upon which there is already strongly divided opinion, viz., whether within the limits of each 720 or 120 a repetition of changes is to be permitted. Mr. James' suggestion would open the way to peals in which the repetitions, which must necessarily take place

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where five thousands are to be rung on five or six bells, could occur at any point, so long as any change is not rung more than seven times in a five thousand of Minor or 42 times in a five thousand of Doubles. It raises afresh the controversy as to whether the 720's or 120's comprised in the peal are to be true in themselves, or not.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5004 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| William J. G. Brown | *Treble* | *William C. Duffield | 7 |
| Edward P. Duffield | 2 | George E. Symonds | 8 |
| William P. Garrett | 3 | T. Reginald Dennis | 9 |
| Harry R. Roper | 4 | Alfred G. Rivers | 10 |
| *John W. Ward | 5 | James F. Duffield | 11 |
| Charles A. Catchpole | 6 | William L. Duffield | *Tenor* |

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by George E. Symonds.

* First peal on twelve bells.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

At the Church of St. Alphege, Greenwich, S.E.,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| William H. Hewett | *Treble* | ‡James E. Davis | 6 |
| Charles W. Roberts | 2 | Herbert Audsley | 7 |
| *Wilfred Williams | 3 | Ernest Brett | 8 |
| †John T. Kentish | 4 | Thomas Groombridge, sen. | 9 |
| Edwin F. Pike | 5 | ‡Reuben Sanders | *Tenor* |

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by W. H. Hewett.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal, also the first on the bells. † 250th peal. ‡ 300th Surprise peal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Stockport & Bowdon Branch.)

*On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Richard E. Jones | *Treble* | William R. Madgwick | 5 |
| Ernest Bennett | 2 | William Fernley | 6 |
| James Fernley, jun. | 3 | Tom Wilde | 7 |
| James Fernley, sen. | 4 | John W. Hartley | *Tenor* |

Composed by James S. Wilde. Conducted by Tom Wilde.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 5th. Rung to celebrate the twenty-first birthday of Annie, only child of Mr. and Mrs. H. Langley (January 28th), and Ira, only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wolstencroft (January 30th).

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *E. Lloyd | *Treble* | W. G. Brewing | 5 |
| J. S. Carter | 2 | H. Carter | 6 |
| W. H. Humberstone | 3 | F. Lloyd | 7 |
| A. Chamberlain | 4 | F. H. Dexter | *Tenor* |

Composed by Henry Johnson. Conducted by F. H. Dexter.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the coming of age of W. H. Humberstone's eldest daughter.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, February 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *CHARLOTTE E. A. GRAY | *Treble* | JAMES H. ROMLEY ... ... | 5 |
| HARRY MANCE ... ... ... | 2 | CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... ... | 6 |
| HENRY R. NEWTON ... ... | 3 | RALPH MACKRILL ... ... | 7 |
| ERNEST E. BISH ... ... | 4 | WILLIAM G. GRAY ... | *Tenor* |

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, February 3, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SERGT. A. LAWRENCE... | *Treble* | EDWIN F. PIKE ... ... ... | 5 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH ... ... | 2 | CECIL J. PIPE ... ... ... | 6 |
| RICHARD F. DEAL ... ... | 3 | ERNEST BRETT ... ... ... | 7 |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... | 4 | JAMES E. DAVIS ... ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Sergt. Lawrence, of the Herts Constabulary, hails from Hatfield, and it was his first peal of Superlative. First peal on the bells since the reconstruction of the bell frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are to be congratulated on a very fine job.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. SIDWELL'S BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, February 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, HEAVITREE,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| EDWIN SHEPHERD ... | *Treble* | WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... | 5 |
| ARTHUR SEARLE ... ... ... | 2 | ARTHUR TRUMAN ... ... ... | 6 |
| TOM BARTLETT ... ... ... | 3 | GEORGE BETTS ... ... ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM HOWE ... ... ... | 4 | ALFRED MONKLEY ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Bartlett, also for the anniversary of his silver wedding.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST SOCIETY, CRAWLEY.)

*On Wednesday, February 5, 1930, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| KENNETH SNELLING ... | *Treble* | CECIL NICE ... ... ... ... | 5 |
| GEORGE OLLIVER ... ... | 2 | REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... | 6 |
| NELSON ELLIOTT... ... | 3 | GEORGE ELLIS ... ... ... | 7 |
| ROBERT SWIFT ... ... ... | 4 | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... | *Treble* | *JOHN HARLING ... ... ... | 5 |
| JOHN HADFIELD ... ... ... | 2 | WILLIAM MILLER ... ... | 6 |
| JOHN BROWN... ... ... ... | 3 | JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... | 7 |
| JAMES HARRISON ... ... ... | 4 | *TOM DEWHIRST ... ... | *Tenor* |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the 60th birthday of the ringer of the 4th.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.—On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 and 360 Grandsire Doubles with bells half-muffled for funeral of Mrs. Atkinson, a highly-respected and charitable lady of the village: A. Meakins, J. Higgins, E. Hillyer, W. Crowder, E. C. Lambert (conductor), E. Kingston.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FREDERICK BORRETT ... | *Treble* | GEORGE GOWER ... ... ... | 5 |
| WALTER MOBBS ... ... ... | 2 | GEORGE HOWLETT ... ... | 6 |
| WILLIAM ELDRIDGE ... ... | 3 | RUSSELL RICHES... ... ... | 7 |
| JAMES ELDRIDGE... ... ... | 4 | WALTER BARRETT ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by O. LANG. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22¾ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES BENNETT ... ... | *Treble* | FREDERICK W. THORNTON | 5 |
| HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... | 2 | JOHN H. CRAMPTON ... ... | 6 |
| JOHN J. LAMB ... ... ... | 3 | *JACK DAFTERS ... ... ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... ... | 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS | *Tenor* |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The ringer of the 6th was proposed a member of the association previous to starting.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

*On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WILLIAM WILKINSON ... | *Treble* | HAROLD HARPER ... ... ... | 5 |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON ... ... | 2 | GEORGE COLEMAN ... ... | 6 |
| FRANK DEWEY ... ... ... | 3 | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... ... | 7 |
| JOHN W. LAKIN, JUN. ... ... | 4 | FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE WILSON ... ... | *Treble* | C. ERNEST SMITH ... ... | 5 |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... | 2 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... ... | 6 |
| HENRY HUTTON ... ... ... | 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON ... ... | 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung on the 20th anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise rung by a local band in the Winchester Diocese, in which Messrs. Hutton and Pulling took part.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| WALTER THOMAS... ... | *Treble* | GEORGE R. JONES ... ... | 5 |
| JOHN HAYES ... ... ... ... | 2 | PERCY SWINDLEY... ... ... | 6 |
| HENRY W. WILDE ... ... | 3 | SAMUEL JONES ... ... ... | 7 |
| JAMES SWINDLEY .. ... ... | 4 | ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... | *Tenor* |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry W. Wilde and to Mr. Arthur E. Pegler. Miss Beryl Pegler, and Miss Katie Pegler (on her 21st birthday), daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Pegler, of Bangor.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

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

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ROBERT ROFFEY ... ... | ...*Treble* | HERBERT J. ELDRED ... ... | 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... ... ... | 2 | NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... | 6 |
| WILLIAM PYE ... ... ... | 3 | WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... ... | 7 |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... ... | 4 | ALFRED G. CRANE ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last measure of respect to the late Frank Alexander Milne, M.A., J.P., president of the Association. R.I.P.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| STEPHEN PARRY ... ... | ...*Treble* | SIDNEY W. DUNN ... ... | 5 |
| HAROLD HAMAR ... ... ... | 2 | GEORGE STAFF ... ... ... | 6 |
| JOHN FITTON... ... ... ... | 3 | ALBERT BUCKLEY ... ... | 7 |
| WALTER STAFF ... ... ... | 4 | JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by G. STAFF.

All are service ringers at the above church. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Edward J. Penistan and Mrs. Penistan, the former having just been appointed to the Vicarage of Milnrow.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

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

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. | ...*Treble* | *WILLIAM JACKSON ... ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM FERNLEY ... ... | 2 | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... | 6 |
| *ERNEST BENNETT ... ... | 3 | PETER LAFLIN ... ... ... | 7 |
| *HAROLD JACKSON ... ... | 4 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

HOGHTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCHES.)

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *CECIL WALMSLEY ... ... | ...*Treble* | GEORGE HOOPER ... ... ... | 5 |
| MISS MAY CLAYTON ... ... | 2 | JOHN BROWN... ... ... ... | 6 |
| THOMAS CALDERBANK ... | 3 | JAMES HARRISON ... ... ... | 7 |
| EDWIN JENNINGS ... ... | 4 | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by EDWIN JENNINGS.

* First peal of Major. E. Jennings is from Kendal, W. Sharples from Brindle, the rest belong to the local company. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Harrison, also on the 34th anniversary of his marriage. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison after the peal, together with a party of relatives and friends numbering about 100.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| GEORGE PHILLIPS ... ... | ...*Treble* | JACK M. CRIPPS ... ... ... | 5 |
| *ERNEST G. HIGGIN ... ... | 2 | FRANK BENNETT ... ... ... | 6 |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... ... | 3 | HENRY STALHAM ... ... ... | 7 |
| FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... | 4 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Having met one short through illness, the band are indebted to Mr. Phillips, who stood in at the last minute, and it was his first attempt to ring treble to Double Norwich.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *THOMAS SPARROW ... ... | ...*Treble* | SHELFORD SPARROW ... ... | 5 |
| JAMES BETTS ... ... ... | 2 | †GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... | 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... ... ... | 3 | LESLIE G. BRETT ... ... | 7 |
| †HARRY D. LISTER ... ... | 4 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

**Tenor 14¼ cwt.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *SAM LONGBOTTOM ... ... | ...*Treble* | WILLIE PROCTOR... ... ... | 5 |
| JOHN WINDLE ... ... ... | 2 | ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... ... | 6 |
| CLIFFORD ELLISON ... ... | 3 | VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... ... | 7 |
| EDGAR WHITELEY ... ... | 4 | WILLIAM AMBLER ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First Spliced peal by all the band.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21¼ cwt. in E flat.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| RONALD H. DOVE ... ... | ...*Treble* | HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... ... | 5 |
| *MISS JESSIE M. MELVILLE | 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... | 6 |
| ALAN R. PINK ... ... ... | 3 | FRANK E. DARBY... ... ... | 7 |
| JOHN SPARROW ... ... ... | 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... | ...*Tenor* |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

* First peal in the method. Arranged as a coming-of-age compliment to Miss J. M. Melville.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARTHUR BAKER ... ... | ...*Treble* | HERBERT KNIGHT ... ... | 5 |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... | 2 | EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... | 6 |
| WILLIAM BAYLISS ... ... | 3 | JOHN PERRY ... ... ... ... | 7 |
| ROBERT PICKERING ... ... | 4 | THOMAS PERRY ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Frank Bill (a former member of the band) and Miss Muriel Evans immediately after the ceremony had taken place. This was the 150th peal that the ringers of the 4th and 5th had rung together.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 10½ cwt.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| *ARTHUR F. JACKSON ... | ...*Treble* | WILLIAM UPTON ... ... ... | 5 |
| *HARRY DOWDEN... ... ... | 2 | BERTRAM J. SNOW ... ... | 6 |
| A. RICHARD WARD ... ... | 3 | HARRY BARTON ... ... ... | 7 |
| ARTHUR BRADING ... ... | 4 | ARTHUR WHITE ... ... | ...*Tenor* |

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the marriage of Lieut. Grey A. Neville, R.N., and Miss Margaret E. C. Stokes, eldest daughter of the Rev. H. C. Stokes, M.A., who is a life member of the Guild and ex-president of the Island District.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.
*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 20½ cwt.

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| FREDERICK G. BRETT | *Treble* | FREDERICK R. WELLER | 5 |
| WALTER FRIGHT | 2 | CHARLES W. FRANKLIN | 6 |
| ARCHIBALD C. KAY | 3 | HARRY PARKES | 7 |
| WILLIAM BIDNELL | 4 | CHARLES J. HEAD | *Tenor* |

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**
Tenor 10½ cwt.

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| HENRY TOOKE | *Treble* | WALTER FARROW | 5 |
| WILLIAM CLOVER | 2 | GEORGE PEGNALL | 6 |
| GEORGE MAYERS | 3 | FRANK DAVEY | 7 |
| GEORGE BAILEY | 4 | CHARLES LOVETT | *Tenor* |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by C. LOVETT.
First peal as conductor.

LYMINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

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| ALBERT TANTON | *Treble* | JESSE REEVES | 5 |
| *ALEC WEBB | 2 | JOHN SKEER | 6 |
| FRANK SLINGSBY | 3 | LOUIS HEAD | 7 |
| GORDON WEBB | 4 | †ROBERT WEBB | *Tenor* |

Conducted by GORDON WEBB.
* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| JOHN EVANS | *Treble* | THOMAS J. FOWLER | 5 |
| FRED BIGGS | 2 | RALPH H. BIGGS | 6 |
| ROLAND BIGGS | 3 | GEORGE GILBERT | 7 |
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR | 4 | ARTHUR G. JANES | *Tenor* |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.
Wedding anniversary compliment for Mr. F. Biggs, and a birthday peal for Mr. R. H. Biggs. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
*On Saturday, February 8, 1929, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**
Tenor 17 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM BROWN | *Treble* | *WILLIAM RANFORD | 5 |
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE | 2 | ROBERT MATTHEWS | 6 |
| JOHN BASS | 3 | HECTOR G. BIRD | 7 |
| SYDNEY T. HOLT | 4 | CHARLES CAMM | *Tenor* |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
* First peal in the method.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
**A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**
ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| JAMES F. GEORGE | *Treble* | WILLIAM THORNLEY | 5 |
| HENRY HARRISON | 2 | CECIL J. BAKER | 6 |
| *HENRY FLETCHER | 3 | *JOHN W. KIRTON | 7 |
| †FREDERICK BROWN | 4 | EDWARD C. GOBEY | *Tenor* |

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.
* First peal of Spliced. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. First of Treble Bob on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

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| *HAROLD L. FLAVELL | *Treble* | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD | 5 |
| THOMAS E. TAYLOR | 2 | WILLIAM H. LAWLEY | 6 |
| HERBERT T. PIPER | 3 | ALFRED FALLON | 7 |
| FRANCIS BROTHERTON | 4 | HARRY BOSWELL | *Tenor* |

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.
* First peal and first attempt on eight bells. Rung in honour of the 24th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Boswell, parents of the tenor ringer. The band were hospitably entertained after the peal.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)
*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**
HOLT'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| JAMES MARSH | *Treble* | JAMES TAYLOR | 5 |
| *JOHN ROTHWELL | 2 | *THOMAS ROTHWELL | 6 |
| JOHN LANHAM | 3 | EDMUND ROTHWELL | 7 |
| ROBERT LARKEY | 4 | WILLIAM GIBBONS | *Tenor* |

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.
* First peal. First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
*On Sunday, February 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| ALPHÆUS J. BERRY | *Treble* | CHARLES F. GOODMAN | 5 |
| RAY GRANT | 2 | GEORGE LAND | 6 |
| NOLAN GOLDEN | 3 | ERIC G. BENNETT | 7 |
| GARNHAM A. BLAXELL | 4 | ALBERT G. HARRISON | *Tenor* |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method on the bells. The composition is a forty-three course, irregular four-part peal, with the 4-5-6 only in 6th's, and now rung for the first time.

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PUTNEY, S.W.—On Wednesday, February 5th, for divine service during the Festival of the Purification of St. Mary-the-Virgin, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 49 mins.: A. E. Williams 1, T. Bolton 2, W. Ellingham 3, W. H. Ball 4, Robt. Bullen 5, W. Malins 6, W. T. Elsen 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8.

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# SIX BELL PEALS.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

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| F. HAWKINS | ...Treble | E. SHALLISH | 4 |
| E. AVERY | 2 | G. GILLING | 5 |
| E. NORTON | 3 | R. DARE | ...Tenor |

Conducted by G. GILLING.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. George Branch.

FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Consisting of seven different extents, viz., two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

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| THOMAS SPARROW | ...Treble | PERCY L. JOHNSON | 4 |
| SHELFORD SPARROW | 2 | HARRY D. LISTER | 5 |
| KEITH WHITTLE | 3 | GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL | ...Tenor |

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung on the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the bells, which were cast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and are a very musical peal. This was only the second peal on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Tuesday, February 4, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

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| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR | ...Treble | LEONARD STILWELL | 4 |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS | 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY | 5 |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE | 3 | GEORGE GILBERT | ...Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First seven-method peal on the bells. Arranged and rung specially as a birthday compliment to Miss Frances Berry (daughter of the local captain).

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.)

*On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Consisting of the following 720's: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne; (2) Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth; (3) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick and Beverley; (4) Allendale and Westminster; (5) London and Wells; (6) York and Durham; (7) Norwich.

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| ERNEST E. WOODAGE | ...Treble | ANDREW MARSHALL | 4 |
| JAMES BASSETT | 2 | JAMES WAGHORN | 5 |
| BERTRAM LUCK | 3 | ALBERT RELFE | ...Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in twenty-one Surprise methods by all the band, on the bells, and by the association. A birthday peal for B. Luck. All the above ringers belong to the local band.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, February 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

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

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

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM HAZLEDINE | ...Treble | THOMAS HURD | 4 |
| CHARLES S. RYLES | 2 | WILLIAM P. DEANE | 5 |
| JOHN E. WHEELDON | 3 | JAMES WHALLEY | ...Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. E. Lumb, D.D., as Rector of the Parish by the Bishop of Lichfield. Treble ringers hails from Biddulph, 4th belongs to Burslem and the others to Norton.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| JOHN COLEMAN | ...Treble | GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. | 4 |
| HOWARD W. CHENEY | 2 | JAMES M. NICKERSON | 5 |
| CYRIL WILSON | 3 | LESLIE GROOM | ...Tenor |

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

First peal in five methods and first peal away from the treble by ringer of 2nd.

GARSINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, February 8, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

In five methods, viz.: 2 of Oxford Treble Bob, 2 of Kent, 1 each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

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| GEORGE HORWOOD | ...Treble | WILLIAM T. COLLETT | 4 |
| FRANK BECKITT | 2 | FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS | 5 |
| CHARLES COLES | 3 | WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS | ...Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung on ball bearings by R. White, of Appleton, the 'go' of them being excellent.

# HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Thursday, January 23, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT 23, GREEK STREET.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in A.

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| FREDERICK PAGE | 1-2 | ALFRED BARNES | 7-8 |
| HAROLD JACKSON | 3-4 | WILLIAM JACKSON | 9-10 |
| ALLEN F. BAILEY | 5-6 | PETER LAFLIN | 11-12 |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells in the county and by the Guild.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

*On Sunday, February 2, 1930, in Two Hours,*

AT 8, NEW ROAD,

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

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

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| *JOHN J. PRICE | ...Treble | †WILLIAM J. BENIAMS | 3-4 |
| *HUBERT JONES | 2 | ARTHUR C. NASON | 5-6 |

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS. Witness: R. HUGHES.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal 'double handed.'

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Maidstone District was recently held at St. Michael's, Maidstone. Ringing, in the afternoon, was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. D. Bowen), who gave an interesting address. Mr. W. E. Pitman presided at the organ. Tea, kindly provided by Mr. W. J. Day, captain of the local ringers, was afterwards served in the Parish Room, and was much appreciated, nearly 40 members and friends being present.

The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Six new members were elected, including the Rev. L. W. Brown (Rector of Ightham), and Hollingbourne tower was brought into union with the association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Birling. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address, also to Mr. Day for his kind hospitality. Thanks were also extended to Mr. Pitman and the choir boys, who contributed so much to the success of the service. Ringing was again resumed both at St. Michael's and All Saints' Churches.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FEERING.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association opened their first meeting of the year with a record gathering at Feering on Saturday, upwards of 70 members representing 24 parishes being present. During the afternoon and evening methods ranging from Bob Minor to Bristol and London Surprise Major were rung on the bells. A service was held at which Rev. Dalton, Prebendary of Feering, gave an inspiring address on the inscription on some of the bells at Feering and their meaning. Mr. C. H. Howard, Master, Essex Association, read the lesson.

The company afterwards adjourned to the Bell Inn for tea. Mr. Howard was in the chair, supported by the Rev. Dalton, the District Master, and the district secretary.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Howard proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Dalton, to the organist and blower for their services. The speaker continued that he was pleased to see such a large number of ringers at Feering, and he expressed the opinion that this was chiefly due to the untiring energy of Mr. W. Keeble, who had done, and was still doing, so much for the association, and he (the speaker) would certainly have cancelled any other engagement to have been at Feering that day. He also remarked on the fact that of the 62 who sat down to tea 53 had given notice of their intention of doing so. This was certainly a record.

The Chairman then remarked that it was Mr. W. Nevard's 74th birthday. He was pleased to see him amongst them, and wished him 'many happy returns of the day.'—This was loudly applauded.

The Rev. Dalton, in replying to the vote of thanks, said it was a very great pleasure to him to welcome the ringers to Feering, as he took a great interest in the bells and was always pleased to hear them rung. He also wished to endorse the chairman's remarks respecting Mr. Keeble, and was pleased to think he resided with them at Feering.

Mr. Nevard also suitably replied, and said he hoped he should be with them for a few more years yet.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Earls Colne on April 26th.

ELMDON, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, February 4th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor in 26 mins.: Robert J. Negus 1, F. Fox 2, S. Bard 3, E. Hayes 4, J. H. Negus (conductor) 5, G. Hoy 6. First 720 in the method by the local band. Rung as a compliment to the new Vicar.

## ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

### A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

The annual general meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 15th. About 50 members attended, and ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Oxford and Double Norwich Major being rung. Service was conducted by the Guild president (Rev. M. N. Vischer), the lesson being read by Dr. Cock.

Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, at which the Rev. M. N. Vischer presided, supported by Dr. Cock, Mr. C. W. Player, the Guild Master (Mr. C. W. Everett), and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Battin).

The business meeting followed, the president taking the chair.

The report and balance sheet showed that the Guild was in a flourishing condition, both financially and in numbers, there being 112 members on the books, the largest number since the foundation of the Guild.

The Rev. M. N. Vischer was again elected president. The Master (Mr. C. W. Everett) and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Battin) were also re-elected, and the same committee were elected, with the addition of Mr. Button, Rolvenden and Mr. Bryan, Rye.

Other business included the revision of rules, the consideration of the Guild's proposed new form of divine service, and the proposed fixing of the monthly meetings for the third Saturday in each month, which was finally agreed to.

After the usual votes of thanks, harmony was the order of the evening, among those taking part being the Stone Glee Singers, Messrs. Pattinden, Balcombe, Freeman-Mathews, and W. Clifford, the latter keep the company very highly amused with his humorous songs and ditties. The Tenterden band also rang some courses on the handbells.

At 9.50 the whole party joined hands in 'Auld Lang Syne,' and the National Anthem then brought to a close the most successful annual meeting the Guild has held in its 28 years' existence.

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. John Smith, a well-known member of the Kidderminster band, was knocked down last week by a motor-car and badly bruised and shaken.

The bells at Windsor Parish Church are to be restored by the Whitechapel Foundry, and it is hoped to have them reopened by Easter.

A Brighton ringer, Mr. Richard Heather, who is about 60 years of age, has been reported as missing from his home. He disappeared after leaving work on Thursday week.

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The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

### BELFRY GOSSIP.

The half-muffled peal at Monken Hadley was the 150th by Mr. W. Pickworth, vice-president of the Middlesex County Association.

To-day is the anniversary of the longest length of Cinques, 13,001 Grandsire rung at Painswick in 1920, and to-morrow an attempt will be made on the same bells to regain the honour of the longest twelve-bell peal, which last August was taken to Ashton-under-Lyne, where the 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung.

The attempt made at Painswick towards the end of last year was not very long lived, only about two hours' ringing taking place in the effort to break the 12-bell record.

Grandsire Cinques has been a favourite method for record making since the early days of peal ringing. A hundred and ninety-nine years ago to-day the College Youths rang a peal of 7,018 at Cornhill, in which Benjamin Annable called the bobs. It was the longest peal on twelve bells up to that time.

On February 17th, 1883, '6,000 changes in 25 different methods upon six bells' was rung at Tong, Yorkshire. George Bolland was the conductor, and 240 changes of each method was rung. 'This peal,' says the record, 'was accomplished to celebrate the 72nd birthday of the veteran ringer, Mr. George Carter, who has been a ringer at Tong Church for more than 50 years. It was listened to by a goodly number of ringers from Birstal, Liversedge, Bradford, Pudsey, Guiseley, etc., who all acknowledged it to be a masterly performance.' George Carter rang the treble.

Oxford University Guild, which has lost one of its early secretaries by the death of Mr. F. A. Milne, was founded on February 20th, 1872.

A long span in the history of nineteenth-century ringing was covered by the life of George Wilson, of Sheffield. Born in 1809, he rang as his first peal 6,120 Treble Bob Royal at Sheffield on February 19th, 1833, while his last was a peal of Treble Bob Maximus at the same church on December 26th, 1876.

A peal of twelve bells was lost to London on February 17th, 1836, when the ring at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire. They were replaced by a peal of eight.

A quarter of a century ago, last Tuesday, the longest peal by the Surrey Association was rung at Ashtead. This was a 10,208 Bob Major, and except for Edgar Collins, of Debenham fame, who was in the peal, all the band are alive, and, except Harry Last, who is in Canada, still actively interested in ringing. The others were A. H. Winch, J. Hoyle, J. Howes (conductor), F. G. Goddard, J. H. B. Hesse and Arthur Dean. The peal was rung at 'the second time of asking,' the first attempt failing after 8,080 changes had been rung.

Last Saturday was the thirty-fourth anniversary of a peal of London Surprise Major rung at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (the first in the county of Berks), which was conducted by Mr. John Evans. By a coincidence, four members of this band were ringing together in a peal of Stedman Triples at Hughenden, viz., John Evans, Ralph H. Biggs, Fred Biggs, and William E. Taylor.

In the peal of Bob Major rung at Pontypridd, on January 30th, the ringer of the tenor was Ernest Coombes and not Ernest Stitch, as stated.

## DEATH OF MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT.

### PASSING OF MR. F. A. MILNE, M.A., J.P.

### OXFORD UNIVERSITY RINGER OVER 50 YEARS AGO.

It is our mournful task to record the death, which took place at his residence at Barnet, on Wednesday week, of **Mr. Frank Alexander Milne, M.A., J.P.**, president and hon. treasurer of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. Born on July 5th, 1854, at Hadley, Middlesex, Mr. Milne had given up a great deal of his long life to useful public work, and his death will be as widely mourned as his service will be greatly missed.

Mr. Milne was educated at Winchester College and Keble College, Oxford, and it was while at the University that his active association with ringing began. The Oxford University Society had been in existence but a year or two, and Mr. Milne became a member. He was secretary of the society in 1876, and it was he who induced Canon G. F. Coleridge to join and take up change ringing. Their contemporaries at Oxford in those days were Messrs. C. D. P. Davies, H. A. Cockey, and Willett, all of whom afterwards rendered great services to the Exercise. Mr. Milne, in 1877, took part in the first peal rung by University men, when seven Oxford men and one Cambridge (C. A. W. Troyte) rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appleton: J. R. Keble (Keble) treble, F. A. Milne (Keble) 2, C. D. P. Davies (Pembroke) 3, H. W. Ellicott (Brasenose) 4, G. H. Phillott (Christ Church) 5, Rev. F. E. Robinson (Exeter) 6, C. A. W. Troyte (Trinity Hall, Camb.) 7, W. C. H. Burne (Keble) tenor. Mr. Milne also took part in the first 720 of Bob Minor rung by the Oxford University Society.

While at Oxford, Mr. Milne distinguished himself by being the first in the University to take a first-class in Jurisprudence, and later he was called to the bar and practised at Lincoln's Inn. In 1876 he was mainly instrumental in getting the four bells at Hadley Church rehung, one recast and two added, and at a special service on June 17th in that year the dedication took place and the bells were rung for the first time by H. Haley, sen., H. Haley, jun., Matt. Wood, Geo. Muskett, W. Greenleaf and F. A. Milne, all members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

### EARLY MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION DAYS.

On leaving the University, Mr. Milne's interest in ringing continued, and he rang constantly at the towers on the Middlesex and Herts border. In 1887, the 'North Middlesex Association' was formed, combining the three towers of Finchley, Hendon and Edgware. Mr. Milne became interested in this society, and in 1889 its scope was widened and it became 'The Middlesex Association,' with the towers of Barnet, Edgware, Finchley, Hadley, Hendon and Tottenham included. Mr. Milne was the first hon. secretary, an office which afterwards was undertaken by the late Mr. A. T. King, and Mr. Milne became treasurer. In the year 1897 came the amalgamation with the South and West Middlesex Guild under the title of 'The Middlesex County Association.' Mr. Milne became hon. treasurer, which post he held until his death. The added title of 'London Diocesan Guild' was taken in 1903.

In 1924 Mr. Milne was elected president, which office he thus occupied for almost six years. His many duties would not allow him much time for peal ringing, but he had rung in about 30 for the Middlesex Association—Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. Although his peal ringing was limited, he was never happier than when among the members at their meetings, the last occasion on which he thus met them being at Northaw on September 14th, 1929.

A few years ago Mr. Milne gave two new bells to Monken Hadley Parish Church, one in memory of his father and mother, and the other in memory of his son, who was a captain and adjutant of the Hertfordshire Regiment and was killed in action at St. Julien in 1917. This was a great blow to him, and the death of Mrs. Milne in November, 1927, deepened his sorrow.

Mr. Milne had been a member of the Central Council since 1924, and was a member of the Legal Committee, whose report was presented by him at the last meeting at Chelmsford, and which is undoubtedly a most valuable treatise on the law relating to church bells and ringers.

### PUBLIC ACTIVITIES.

Few men gave up so much time and energy to voluntary public work as Mr. Milne, who devoted himself with unremitting zeal particularly to education and Church affairs. He held many important appointments on education authorities, he was a member of St. Albans Diocesan Conference, the Diocesan Board of Finance, the Diocesan Education Committee, the Chipping Barnet Parochial Church Council, of which he was vice-chairman for several years; a member of the Barnet Ruri-decanal Conference; a diocesan lay reader, and a sidesman of Chipping Barnet Parish Church.

He was appointed a justice of the peace for Hertfordshire in 1918 and for Middlesex in 1925. He discharged offices in connection with a number of charitable trusts, was secretary of the Folk Lore Society for 40 years, chairman of the district Income Tax Commissioners, a keen member of the Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society, and hon. secretary for Barnet of the Waifs' and Strays' Society. How Mr. Milne was able to carry out all the multifarious

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## PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

### SUGGESTED NEW DEFINITIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Every definition of peals on five and six bells so far given is open to serious objection. Seven different 720's is not satisfied by a different order of rows, because that statement comes into conflict with the statement that variations of, say, Holt's Ten Part are all the same peal. On the other hand, there are only five possible 720's in any Treble Bob method, and some Treble Bob methods have only one possible composition.

I suggest the following definitions after consideration of the question very carefully, since the last Council meeting:—

'A peal of Minor must consist of 5,000 changes at least, rung in one or more methods, and in order that it may be recognised as true, these changes must be equivalent to six true 720's and one true touch of 680 changes at least.

'Longer peals must be equivalent to seven or more true 720's, with or without one true touch.

'A peal of Doubles must consist of 5,000 changes at least rung in one or more methods, and in order that it may be recognised as true, these changes must be equivalent to forty-one true six-scores and one true touch of 80 changes at least.

'Longer peals must be equivalent to forty-two or more true six-scores with or without one true touch.'

These definitions put peals of Minor and Doubles into the same position as peals of Major, Caters, etc. H. LAW JAMES.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GUILD'S SUCCESS.

A well-attended meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association's Wednesday Afternoon Guild was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Wednesday, Feb. 5th, when there was one of the best attendances yet made at these mid-week gatherings. The methods practised were Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Plain Bob Major. Double Norwich was also tried, and two of the learners rang their first course of Stedman Triples. Ringers were present from North and South Shields, Sunderland, Chester-le-Street and the local band, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

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duties which he undertook, and to do so with such thoroughness and efficiency and attend to his legal practice, was a matter of wonderment to all who knew him. No man ever lived a more active life or was more ready to serve his fellows, and the community is infinitely poorer for his passing.

He had been ill for some time, and gave up many of his duties on account of his failing health in December last, since when he had got slowly weaker. He died from cancer of the liver, but it is comforting to know that the great pain from which he had suffered did not trouble him during the last few days, and he died peacefully.

Mr. Milne leaves one daughter, Mrs. Rowland, whose husband, the Rev. John Rowland, is Vicar of Llanfair, Montgomery, and Rural Dean of Caereinon.

### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place at Barnet on Saturday, February 8th, the service being held in the Parish Church at noon. The church was almost filled, and among the many clergy officiating were Dr. Furze (Bishop of St. Albans), Rev. W. E. Moll (Rector of Barnet), Rev. Ernest Milne (Winchester), a brother of deceased, Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council). The family mourners included the daughter (Mrs. John Rowland) and son-in-law, Rev. John Rowland, Mr. Herbert Milne (brother) and other relatives.

Among those also present were Messrs. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex Association), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), W. H. Oram (Harrow), H. J. Eldred and R. Roffey (Barnet), G. R. Lucas (Walthamstow), A. G. Crane (Southgate), G. R. Pye (Romford), J. Wicks (Hadley), and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Edmonton). The service was conducted by the Rector, the prayers and collects being said by the Bishop. The committal service at the graveside was said by Rev. E. Milne (brother), and afterwards a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by G. R. Lucas, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, G. R. Pye, and C. T. Coles.

The Bishop of London, who was a great friend of the late Mr. Milne, sent a letter of condolence to the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association (Mr. C. T. Coles) on the death of the president, stating that the society will miss very much his valuable help and support.

Amongst the large number of floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell bearing the inscription, 'With deepest sympathy from the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.'

A half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Monken Hadley, in the afternoon, and is recorded in another column. Barnet tower is at present being strengthened, and the bells are out of the frame, so peal could not be rung there.

An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples was made at Wraysbury with the bells half-muffled, but unfortunately came to grief: W. H. Fussell 1, H. Wingrove 2, W. H. Hollier 3, W. Henley 4, W. Bolwell 5, A. Harding 6, W. Welling 7, F. Corke 8.

## 'SEVEN DIFFERENT 720's.'

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—As you yourself suggest, there are different answers to the question put, according to whether it is looked at from the composer's or the practical ringer's point of view.

Presumably, the original inquiry was made in good faith in the desire to know the extent of the alterations required for the purposes of a peal. On this assumption, the reply you give is naturally the only one possible. In fact, it is so obvious that experienced conductors probably thought it hardly worth while to fill your space with the information. The analogy of Grandsire Doubles is conclusive. Everyone recognises '42 six-scores—10 different callings.' And at the same time nearly everyone is also aware that there are only two different compositions with common Grandsire Singles and Bobs.

Of course, the greater practical variety that can be introduced the better, not only as showing the competency of the conductor, but still more, because the variation makes a larger call on the knowledge of the other ringers. At the same time it is impossible to make set rules for this purpose, just as much as it would be ridiculous to lay it down that any particular band of ringers is not to ring the same composition of Grandsire Triples (say, Holt's 10 part) more than a certain number of times, desirable as this last regulation might be in theory.

Further, even to-day we do not know all there is to be known about variation and reversal, and any rule laid down would be out of date almost before it was drawn up.

I fear that your suggestion of distinction in the report of peals—excellent in theory—would be impracticable in fact. How many conductors have the necessary knowledge to discriminate? For example, call the tenor W, R, W with bobs, single half-way and end; or call S1—S2—S3—S4 repeated five times, plain lead half-way and end. There must be a large proportion of conductors who are unaware that these are variations of one another.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

### A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT 720's.

Sir,—I quite agree with you in the definition you give of different 720's, and, like you, have been waiting to see if some of the pundits would give their views on the subject. My views are that if you call the 6th without the 5th (or I.O.I.) or the 6th without the 4th (or O.I.O.) they are different 720's. Treating all the bells in a similar way, you get a fair number of 720's, all of which, in my opinion, are different.—Yours truly,

C. SEVERN.

Killamarsh.

### THE FUNNY MAN POPS UP.

Sir,—You were quite right in assuming you would be wrong in your definition re seven different 720's.

I had seven dinners last week, each consisted of roast beef, roast potatoes and Yorkshire pudding. I know they were different, because I started and finished seven times.

May I also add, seven indifferent 720's can still be claimed as a peal.—Yours,

A FLAT.

### A COUNTRY RINGER'S VIEWS.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article in this week's issue, on what should constitute 'seven different extents,' in my humble opinion, expresses the correct view. I have not rung a great number of six-bell peals, but have taken part in over 200 on 8, 10 and 12. However, I am a country ringer, and knock about a lot amongst six-bell towers, and give what help I can on Sundays and practice nights, and this is what I find.

You get an out-of-the-way village several miles off the main road, the ringers have rung Grandsire Doubles for a number of years, and have got into a rut, then some young enthusiast comes to live in the place. Possibly he is not very advanced himself; the most he has ever done is call a 720 Bob Minor (calling tenor Wrong, Right, Wrong).

Well, he succeeds in persuading the ringers to leave the old Doubles 'track' and venture on to Minor, they find considerable difficulty in getting used to the tenor being rung inside, but after a winter's practising they manage to ring a 720, and this is a great event for them. They write the particulars on some cardboard and hang it on the wall, as it is their first extent of Minor and the first ever rung on the bells.

Then comes the question, 'What about attempting a peal?' Well, if our young enthusiast has got to call seven entirely differently constructed extents and correct all trips, it is very doubtful if they will ever ring their local peal. If, however, he can transpose or vary the calling of two or three of the simpler extents, they will stand a fair chance of success. Take, for instance, what we may term the 'hardy annual' (call tenor W.R.W.); he can get several variations of this simply by calling the Single in a different place—it is all right so long as he doesn't shift the 5th and bring 5-6 up the wrong way—and then the other one, call tenor Twice In, and 4th's. He

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## CHINGFORD'S NEW BELLS.

At the Chingford Parish Church on Thursday, February 6th, the Bishop of Barking, before a large congregation, dedicated the peal of six new bells. They replace the three old bells, which after being tuned have been returned to the tower of the Old Church on the Mount, from where they were brought in 1844, when the church was abandoned. The new bells are equal in weight to those they replace. The whole cost of their casting and hanging, and the removal, tuning and rehanging of the old bells has been borne by Miss L. G. Boothby Heathcote.

The new bells have a tenor of 5cwt. 13lb., but they are only hung for chiming. Of the three bells that have been removed to their old home, the 2nd was cast in 1626, the 3rd in 1657, and the treble in 1835.

## METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD

### INCREASING MEMBERSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Metropolitan Police Guild was held on January 29th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark.

The business meeting took place in the vestry, and seventeen members attended. The Rector (Rev. Edward Neeps) was also present.

The officers were all re-elected for the ensuing year, and a committee formed.

Inspector Bottrill (Master) thanked the Rector for the facilities he had given the Guild, for practice and peal attempts during the past year.

The Rector thanked the Guild for their Sunday service ringing, and expressed his pleasure at having the Guild attached to his church. He congratulated the Guild on its membership, and said what a good thing it was for ringers who came from all parts of the country to join the London Police Force, to be able to unite and practise their art. He wished the Guild success.

After the business meeting, all adjourned to the tower, where Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob Major were practised.

Several new members have joined during the past year, bring the Guild's membership up to a total of 23.

Will all ringers who join the Metropolitan Police please communicate with Inspector Bottrill, Kentish Town Police Station, London, N., or P.C. F. Digby, 4, Crawford Buildings, Homer Street, London, W.1.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, January 25th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued throughout the afternoon and evening, touches in several methods, simple and complicated, being successfully brought round. Service was held at 5 p.m., the Rector (Rev. Canon J. E. Dawson) officiating and giving a very interesting address.

After the service, the members adjourned to the Village Hall for tea. A varied and substantial repast was supplied by the generosity of the Rector and churchwardens. The Rector welcomed the association to Chislehurst.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. A. Jeffries presiding. Six nominees were duly elected members of the association.

Mr. E. Barnett, jun., read a report of the proceedings at the association's committee meeting at Canterbury in November. This report was adopted, the Chairman congratulating Mr. Barnett for a very clear, concise report.

Then followed a discussion on the arrangements for the jubilee of the association. It was announced that this meeting would be held at Canterbury on Easter Monday next. Mr. W. A. Jeffries was selected to represent the district on the sub-committee to be appointed to make arrangements for this event.

Dartford was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge moved a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. T. Emsden, for many years a ringer at Chislehurst. The vote was signified by the members standing in silent remembrance. The secretary was instructed to convey the meeting's sympathy to the relatives.

Mr. F. Richardson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for giving his address, to the organist for her services, to the Rector and churchwardens for their generous hospitality, and to Mr. E. Edwards (Rector's warden) for his presence at the meeting. This was carried with applause. Mr. Edwards briefly responded, this bringing a very well attended and successful meeting to a close.

Then followed some touches on handbells, after which the members returned to the tower for further ringing.

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can get enough variations out of those two (both on page 69 of 'Ropesight') to make seven different extents, and, in my humble opinion, they must be different if the changes come up in a different order.—Yours truly,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Kenstone, Salop.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT HANDICAPPED BY CLOSED TOWERS.

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is an area in which the activities of the Guild and those of the Surrey Association overlap, and the friendly spirit existing between the two organisations was again manifested on Saturday week, when the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild was held. Most of the members present were members of the two societies, and the happiest relations prevailed. Members of the Guildford Guild were present from Leatherhead, Newdigate, Dorking, Banstead, St. Martin's, Epsom, Ewell, Cobham, Guildford (S. Nicolas') and Woking, and there were visitors from Croydon, Brockley, Beddington and Hillingdon, among those present being Admiral T. P. Walker (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Guild), Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. C. H. Kippen (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. D. Cooper (Surrey Association district secretary), and the veteran, Mr. D. Wright, of Croydon. Leatherhead's ten bells are always an attraction, and much ringing was done on them during the afternoon and evening from rounds to London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The service was conducted by the Rev. H. V. James (curate), in the absence of the Rector (Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge), who was fulfilling an engagement at his old parish of Erith, by marrying one of the ringers there. The Rector, however, returned in time to preside at the business meeting which followed tea at the Institute, when about 40 were present.

The hon. secretary (Mr. Alan R. Pink) presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts, including 2s. 6d. brought forward, of £12 8s. 9d., and expenditure, including £3 7s. 6d. remitted to the Guild treasurer, of exactly £12, leaving 8s. 9d. carried forward. The Secretary referred to the losses of about a guinea on teas, and said these could be avoided if the meetings were better supported. The balance sheet was adopted.

In his report, the Hon. Secretary said they looked back on the past year with mixed feelings. In some ways they had progressed, but in others they had not made much headway, due, in most cases, to circumstances beyond their control. There was nothing the matter with their advance in the study of the higher methods of change ringing, but they had not been able to make much headway in the six-bell towers. In addition, Capel bells had now become unringable, Christ Church, Epsom, were now silent for want of attention, and Dorking were also not being rung owing to the tower being out of repair. Although fate had dealt them a blow in cutting down the number of their towers from 12 to 9, they felt they had done their best under the circumstances. The average attendance at meetings had been 22, and the committee appealed to the members for better support in this direction in the future. The membership remained about the same, 64 ringing and two honorary, with seven life honorary members. The closing of the bells at Capel had caused the members there to drop from 12 to 2, but increases in other towers had made up the balance. The hon. secretary appealed to the members to obtain the support of more hon. members. The number of peals rung was eleven—one less than last year, but they represented better performances.

Mr. A. Harman, District Ringing Master, presented a report, emphasising the need for better support for the meetings, and Mr. A. H. Winch reported on the combined practices, 35 of which had been held. He put forward a new scheme, in view of the closing of three towers, by which six of the remaining towers were divided into two groups, while of the others Leatherhead and Ashtead, which did not need combined practices, would be open every practice night to welcome any visitors who chose to come.—The scheme was adopted.

Messrs. T. Norman (Banstead), G. Lee (Cobham) and G. Fletcher (St. Martin's, Epsom) were elected members and Mr. A. Harman as Ringing Master, and Mr. A. Pink as hon. secretary, being the only nominations, were declared re-elected to their respective offices. The representatives on the Executive Committee (Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge and Messrs. G. Marriner and A. H. Winch) were also re-elected.

Nominations for general officers of the Guild resulted in the same names being again put forward, while the following were nominated for the three places on the Central Council: Messrs. A. Dean, A. Harman, A. H. Pulling and R. Whittington.

The following places were selected for meetings during the coming year: St. Martin's, Epsom, Cobham, Ockley and Leatherhead (annual), with, it is hoped, a joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Ranmore and another with the Sussex Association at Warnham.

The General Secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) asked for expressions of opinion on the venue of the summer festival, and the meeting voted in favour of the Thames-side.

On the question of whether the Guild should organise a dinner next winter, a number of members indicated their willingness to support such a proposal.

Cordial thanks to the officers of the district, Mr. A. H. Winch and to the Rector and the curate, concluded the business, and the ringers then returned to the belfry.

## THE COUNCIL AND CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—May I trespass on your space to offer a few words of comment on two matters arising out of your last issue?

The first is Mr. Whitford's letter. I entirely agree with his contention that change ringing on six or eight bells is far better calculated to appeal to the general public than on ten or twelve. Broadcasts in the higher numbers should, to my mind, be confined to exceptional occasions, such as ringing in the new year, or the broadcast of some special ceremony from a Cathedral or Parish Church. Whenever change ringing is specially to introduce a broadcast service or to illustrate the use of bells according to English methods, the sound of six or eight bells is much more likely to ensure the appreciation of the uninitiated.

The other matter is your leading article. It seems to me that there is sometimes a tendency to show undue impatience with regard to controversial questions submitted to the Central Council. It is all right for the Council 'to show a mind of its own,' when the premises are such as to warrant a definite conclusion, but the subjects under discussion are often in an entirely experimental stage, and it would be premature to attempt any conclusive pronouncement on them, before further light has been thrown on them by research and experience. Change ringing is a progressive science, and it is hoped that it will continue to be so for many generations to come. Just for that reason we must expect at any given time to have open questions awaiting solution, when our knowledge is sufficiently complete. If on a recent occasion the Council had attempted to lay down the law as to the correct extension of Superlative, it would, to my mind, have been much like a board of astronomers in the sixteenth century making a 'final' pronouncement on the number and motion of Jupiter's satellites, while Galileo was still experimenting with his new telescope. In many cases years of discussion and experiment may be required before any satisfactory conclusion can be reached.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### NORTH-EASTERN DISTRICT.

The annual district meeting of the North-Eastern District was held at Colchester on Saturday, Jan. 25th. A service was held in St. Peter's Church. The Lord Bishop of Colchester said the Ringers' Office, the lesson was read by the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard), and the address was given by the Vicar (Rev. C. E. Cardo).

Tea, followed by the meeting, was held in the Parish Room. The Master presided, supported by the Vicar, the Rev. R. B. Vaizey (Vicar of Wormingford), Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master), Mr. R. W. Stannard (district secretary), Messrs. A. Saunders and F. Ridgewell (Master and secretary respectively of the Northern Division), Messrs. D. Elliot, E. P. Duffield and about sixty other members.

The retiring Master and secretary were thanked for their past services and re-elected.

Votes of condolence were passed with Messrs. Smith, of Langham, and H. Evers, of Colchester, who have recently been bereaved of their wives.—One new ringing member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Great Tey, at which members of both Northern and North-Eastern Divisions will be asked to attend.

An invitation from the Vicar of Wormingford to hold a meeting in June in his parish was accepted.

The District Master gave a very interesting account of his peals (21) and ringing during the past year.

Votes of thanks were accorded, upon the proposition of the Master, to the Bishop of Colchester for his attendance, the Vicar for the use of the bells, his excellent address, and the use of the room, to the organist, blower and verger, and to Mr. F. L. Bumstead, the steeplekeeper, for his assistance in having everything in readiness. Ringing in the following methods took place: Bob Major, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Superlative and other standard methods.

The collection in church for the Association Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £1 0s. 5d.

## SURPRISE RINGING AT BATH.

At Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, on Monday, January 13th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,568 changes) was rung in 58 mins.: W. H. Crocker 1, T. F. King 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, H. W. Brown 6, W. J. Prescott 7, G. H. Harding (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and the first ever rung in Bath by a local band. Also, on a previous date, and by the same band, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

London Surprise Major is now being persevered with.

## THE TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £17 7s. 6d.; Mr. R. K. Knight, Levtonstone, 10s.; Mr. J. J. Parker, Farnham Royal, 5s.; A Friend, 2s. 6d.; total £18 15s. The fund being still open, donations will be thankfully received on behalf of Mr. Beadle by Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### BEDFORD DISTRICT MEETING AT CARDINGTON.

A most successful and enjoyable meeting of the Bedford District was held at St. Mary's Church, Cardington, on Saturday, February 1st, and was attended by about 40 members and welcome visitors. The church, a well-built structure, was rebuilt, with the exception of the chancel, during the period 1898-1902, and is in the Perpendicular style. It consists of a chancel, nave of four bays with clerestory, aisles, south porch, and a fine western tower containing an excellent peal of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt) by Taylor and Co., which won the admiration of all on Saturday week, both in regard to tone and 'go,' the latter being like the proverbial 'tops.'

The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and kept going constantly until tea time. Mr. E. Freeman was in charge of the ringing, and looked after everybody's wants in a capable manner. Tea was served at the King's Arms, and as such a large meeting had not been anticipated, it kept the waiters going at full pressure, but they eventually overcame this.

At the business meeting, Miss E. Steel was in the chair, and Wootton (6) was chosen for the next meeting on March 1st if the bells are available, with Kempston as an alternative tower.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for making arrangements, was also passed.

Ringing was afterwards indulged in until 8.15 p.m., with varying degrees of success, and ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

Members were present from Bedford (St. Paul's and St. Peter's), Bromham, Clapham, Kempston, Riseley, Keysoe, Harrold, Turvey, Stagsden, Roxton, Biggleswade, Southill, Clifton, with visitors from Offley, Hitchin, Northampton, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough and Raunds, and the local tower.

When these monthly meetings are as well attended and successful as this meeting was, it amply repays the work of arranging them, and it is to be hoped the future meetings throughout the year will be as well attended.

## KILLED BY 'THE WALL OF DEATH.'

### THE FATAL ACCIDENT TO MR. H. COCKINGS, OF STAGSDEN.

It is with profound regret that we have had to record the death of Mr. Bert Cockings, of Stagsden, Beds, which was briefly mentioned last week.

While cycling home on Wednesday evening, January 22nd, from Harrold to Stagsden, Mr. Cockings was passing through Turvey, when a lorry with a trailer attached overtook him. The lorry passed him all right, but, unfortunately, the trailer swerved, knocking him off his bicycle underneath the trailer, the rear wheels of which passed over him, causing serious internal injuries, from which he passed away.

The lorry and trailer contained the 'Wall of Death,' on which trick motor-cycling has been done in Bedford. At the inquest before the borough coroner (Mr. R. C. Rose), a verdict of 'Accidental Death' was returned.

Mr. Cockings was a man of a quiet and genial disposition, with a cheery smile and kindly word for everyone. He was an old member of the Bedfordshire Association, and formerly belonged to the Harrold company. Since residing at Stagsden, he has been the mainstay of the young band there, and was a great help when change ringing was taken up in this tower. He is already keenly missed by his fellow-ringers. Only on the Sunday before his death he was ringing for both services, and little did his fellow-ringers realise that was the last 'touch' they would ring with him (a 360 of Grandsire Doubles) to which he rang the tenor. He had rung several peals, and was a good striker. He was keenly looking forward to the proposed restoration of the bells.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, January 28th, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. E. Nickisson) in the presence of a large company of sympathising parishioners.

A wreath in the shape of a bell was sent from his fellow-ringers, and there was also a wreath from the Bedford District of the Bedfordshire Association. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved wife and daughter in the sudden and tragic loss.

As a token of respect the ringers rang some short 'touches' of Doubles in the evening after the funeral, assisted by the Bromham ringers, the bells being half-muffled.

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LYMINGE, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (first quarter of Holt's Original) in 46 mins.: G. Sheppard 1, A. Webb 2, F. Slingsby 3, G. Webb (conductor) 4, A. Tanton 5, W. Nye 6, J. Skeer 7, R. Webb 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance should be paid immediately. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 20th (7.30 p.m.). *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by kind permission of the Rev. W. Gerty. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meetings; all ringers being cordially welcome.—A. C. Kay, Sec., K.C.A.; A. J. Battin, R.M. & D.G., 6, Sturges Rd., Ashford

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells ready 6 o'clock. No business. As this is the first meeting under the new arrangement, will members turn up in large numbers?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A meeting will be held at Elton on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Urry's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcomed.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

W. D. CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER.—The 8th annual dinner will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 15th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 5s. each, to be obtained from the Master, Mr. A. Coppock, Hon. Treas., Miss I. B. Thompson, and the Hon. Sec. All visitors heartily welcomed.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Arnesby on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (5) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Shoulder of Mutton Inn at 5.15 p.m.—Alban Disney, Local Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available afternoon. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin, on Saturday, February 15th. The bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea at The Grange at 5 p.m. Tower Secretaries please note that this is the last quarterly meeting of the year, and I should like all subscriptions as soon as possible. Please come, and make the meeting a success. —Donald C. Mears, Offley, Hitchin, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, February 15th, and not the 8th, as previously arranged. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION & SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Newmarket on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6 and 8) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., E.A.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington, near Nuneaton, on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in Schoolroom, 1s. each. Midland 'Red' buses from Nuneaton (Bond Gate) 2.20 and every 30 minutes; from Coventry (Greyfriars Green) 2.15 and every 30 minutes.—D. E. Lewis, Hon. Gen. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting of the above will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. A peal board will be dedicated at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Feb. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2. Tea (9d.) 4.30. Meeting follows. — Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bourton (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Mere (8), Bourton (6), Zeals (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5).—A. E. Nedham, Hon. Sec., Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. P. Jervis, 26, Stead Street, Eckington?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford, on Saturday, February 15th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Feb. 15th, by special request of the Rector. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea afterwards.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 15th. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. — J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 15th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.40. Members entertained to tea by the Vicar and wardens.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Hathersage on Saturday next, Feb. 15th. Church of St. Michael (6 bells, tenor about 15 cwt.). Tea, free, at 5 p.m. in the Schools. Ringers from other districts cordially invited. —J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Old Woking, on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 18th?—Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury, on Saturday, February 22nd. Cathedral and St. Alphege bells, etc., available. Service will be held at St. Alphege's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Foresters' Hall at 5 p.m., followed by a business meeting. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. It is necessary that those members intending to be present should notify me on or before Wednesday, February 19th. —Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The Langford Memorial Meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Tower available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Other local towers if needed.—T. H. Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — A meeting and social will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. All Souls' bells will be available from 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Social in the Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street, from 7 p.m. Names please not later than Feb. 19th to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells ready early. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All requiring tea please write B. Burkitt, Thorpe-in-Balne, Askern. A good company is requested. Subscriptions are now due.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. City bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than Feb. 18th. — A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea provided in the Institute at 4.30 for those who send their names to Mr. C. H. Belton, High Street, Barwell, near Leicester, by the 20th. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being welcome. — W. A. Cope, Smockington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan. 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Iver (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, to those who notify me by the 19th inst.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30. Business meeting follows. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym. Ringing from 3 p.m. till 4.30 at Stoke Bishop. Tea at Westbury 5.15, followed by further ringing. Kindly notify numbers for tea, please, by the 17th.—H. Bennett, Hon. Sec., Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Clare on Saturday, Feb. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—L. Allington, 32, Acton Lane, Sudbury; F. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch. —A meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale, on Saturday, February 22nd. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify G. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon, by the previous Wednesday.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thirsk on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (8, tenor 17 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at the Primrose Cafe at 5 p.m.: Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be at tea please notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, Feb. 19th. It is hoped there will be a good number of members and friends at this meeting — T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District. —Next meeting at Brant Broughton (6) on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. Notifications for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, March 1st. Particulars next week. —G. S. Taylor, Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8, recently rehung) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those requiring tea advise me at latest by Feb. 25th? Subscriptions for 1930 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755.)—The 42nd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, 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. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea, at White Hart Hotel at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 25th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 25th. — C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — An annual dinner and concert will be held at the King Richard III. Hotel, Highcross Street, Leicester, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. It is most essential that those intending to be present should inform me not later than Saturday, Feb. 22nd. (Charge 3s. 6d. per head.) The following towers will be open for ringing from 3.30 p.m. till 6 p.m.: St. Margaret's (12), the Cathedral (10), St. John-the-Divine (10), All Saints' (5). All ringers heartily welcome.—Alban Disney, Hon. Sec., 3, Highgate, Aylestone Lane, Leicester.

WATFORD.—March 1st. Ringing from 3.30.. Tea, in Old School, 5.30. Business meeting after. Bells open till 7.30. Cheap tickets to Watford from all stations.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 p.m., at the Park End Hotel, Parkend Road. Tickets 3s. St. Mary-de-Lode bells from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's from 4 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; St. Mary-de-Crypt 4 to 4.45. Will those requiring tickets kindly let me know not later than the 22nd inst? Ladies invited.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

APPLETON, BERKS. — The anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 1st. Tower open all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bispham Parish Church on Saturday, March 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on March 22nd. Notices of any proposed alterations or additions to the rules must be sent to the undersigned not later than February 22nd.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Will those who are desirous of contributing to the 'Henry W. Jackson Memorial Fund' please forward their contributions as early as possible. The fund is now closing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs.

THERE will not be any ringing at St. Hilda's Parish Church, Middlesbrough, until Easter next. Bells are under repair.—T. Metcalfe.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Harold Walker has removed from Lincoln to Ivy Bank, Burton Road, Carlton, Notts.

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