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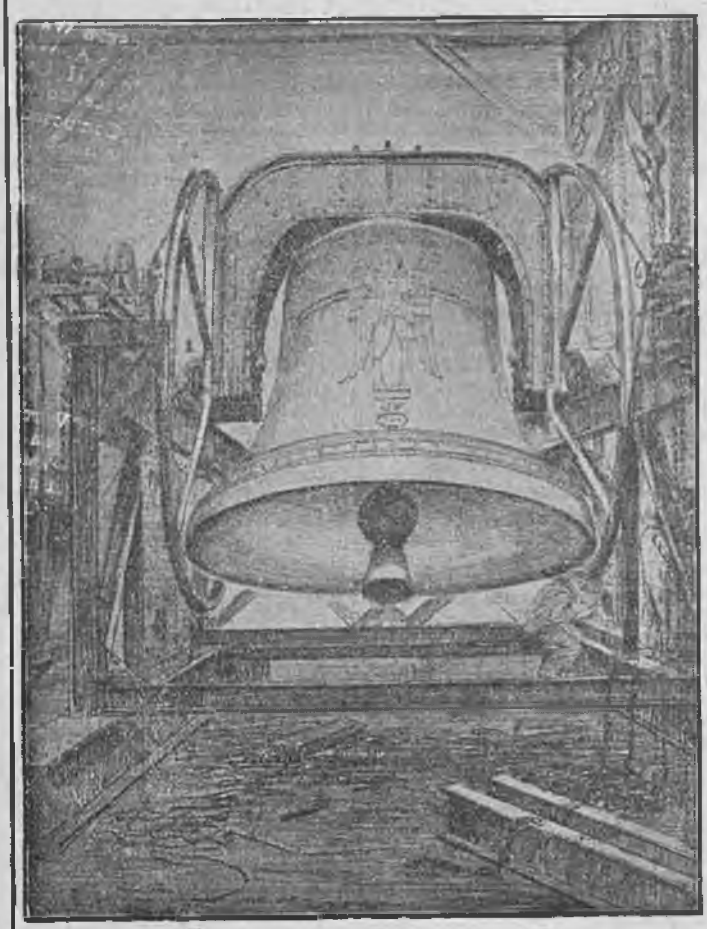

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DISTRICT MEETINGS.

It would be interesting, if it were possible, to compile statistics showing what percentage of the members of the different associations attend the district meetings arranged for their benefit. We believe that, taken as a whole, the number of individual ringers who support these gatherings would prove to be comparatively small; for is it not the experience in almost every association that the members who attend the meetings are, for the most part, the same handful or two of stalwarts? A few fresh faces are to be found each time; but, generally speaking, it is the little band of 'regulars' in each district that makes for whatever success there is in these gatherings. We wonder whether, taking the year through, unless there are some special circumstances, any district gets fifty per cent. of its personnel to its meetings. Statistics might prove otherwise, but we doubt it. Yet it is these meetings which offer the best return for membership of an association. It is at district meetings that the indifferent ringer can get the best help and the aspiring ringer usually finds his most encouraging opportunities. There is seldom reason to grumble, from the instructional point of view, when a meeting is a comparatively small one, because small numbers mean more individual practice, but what association officials really complain of is that those who might most benefit from such opportunities do not avail themselves of them sufficiently often.

There are many ringers who belong to no association, because they think they will get nothing out of it. To begin with, that is the wrong spirit in which to approach the subject. As has been so often said, the object should be to see how much one can put into it, not in money, but in interest and effort and support. These will always bring their reward—not unmixed with disappointments, perhaps; but, nevertheless, providing the satisfaction which comes from making an effort for the common good. The mistake which is made by those who remain outside an association is that they do not know how much real interest and pleasure they can get out of sharing in its activities. It is the same with those who are members but who never attend the meetings. Their apathy and indifference robs them of a great deal of the interest which they would otherwise derive from their membership, as well as making it all the harder for the society's officials to carry on their work. Every member cannot, of course, attend every meeting in his district, but every well-conducted district brings at least one meeting, if not more, a year within reasonable reach of every member, and it ought to be considered a matter of duty, as well as being a pleasure, to every ringer to support his asso-

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ciation when the facilities for doing so are brought close to his own door. It is poor recompense for those who spend much time and labour in organising meetings for others' benefit to find their efforts scantily responded to by those whose interest and advancement in the art of ringing they are endeavouring to promote. District secretaries and other officials would be immensely encouraged if at the end of this year they could say that every one of their members had attended at least one district meeting in the course of the twelve months.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

LEWIS SNELL	...*Treble*	C. BERT CHESTER	7
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	2	JOHN WALDEN	8
GEORGE FLINTHAM	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	9
CHARLES McGUINESS	4	HAROLD MARCON...	10
H. LESLIE PASK	5	RUPERT RICHARDSON	11
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	6	HAROLD WALKER...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. H. Law James, who for 33 years was Ringing Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5301 CHANGES;

HARRY PHELPS	...*Treble*	GEORGE ORCHARD	7
THOMAS BALDWYN	2	WILLIAM STAITE	8
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	ALFRED HANNIS	9
JOHN AUSTIN	4	J. D. G. HARRIS	10
THOMAS PRICE	5	JOHN BALLINGER	11
ALBERT WRIGHT	6	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN	...*Treble*	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON ...	2	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...	8
ROBERT W. GREEN	3	ERNEST BRETT	9
THOMAS LANGDON	4	CHARLES S. BORDEN	10
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ...	5	HERBERT LANGDON	11
PERCY E. CLARK	6	ALBERT A. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. S. E. Andrews, R. T. Hibbert, H. R. Newton and A. B. Peck, and the coming of age of Miss Mary Northover, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Northover, of Bridport.

OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

BENJAMIN THORP	...*Treble*	SAMUEL HOLT	7
*VERNON SYKES	2	ARTHUR RIDYARD	8
*JAMES LEES	3	*ROBERT GREENWOOD ...	9
DONALD BROWN	4	F. RALPH WILLIAMS ...	10
*CHARLES H. MARSLAND ...	5	HERBERT BARLOW	
*WILLIAM H. SHUKER ...	6	*ALFRED WAITES...	*Tenor*

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to ex-P.C. Richard Newton, late of the Manchester City Police, and now residing at Boston, U.S.A. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in 1922.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30½ cwt.

Fathers		Sons	
ROBERT HARRISON ...	...*Treble*	COLIN HARRISON	6
R. HENRY BARTRAM	2	ERNEST BARTRAM	7
JOSEPH B. FENTON	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	8
JOSIAH MORRIS	4	ERNEST MORRIS	9
ARTHUR KNIGHTS...	5	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

This is the first time five fathers and five sons have rung a peal of Royal. 'Qualis pater, talis filius.' Ringer of treble from Sheffield, 6th Loughborough, 2nd and 7th Melton Mowbray, 3rd and 8th Rugby, 4th and 9th Leicester, 5th Chesterfield, tenor Sheffield.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	...*Treble*	*THOMAS E. SONE	6
EDWIN H. LEWIS...	2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...	7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	3	CHARLES J. MORRIS	8
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.	4	KENNETH PATTENDEN ...	9
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	5	*STAFFORD H. GREEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

* Called bobs. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. H. Law James, the news of whose death was learned with deep regret.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALBERT D. COLLINS ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL TANSELL	6
ARTHUR J. MARTIN	2	DENIS R. MORRIS	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	HAROLD F. MARTIN	8
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	CHARLES CAMM	9
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	5	WILLIAM RANFORD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

EDWARD JENKINS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	6
*HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	2	TITUS BARLOW	7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ...	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ...	8
JAMES H. RIDING	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	9
WILLIAM HORAN	5	PETER LAFLIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Peglar.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE	...*Treble*	JOHN G. NASH	6
WILLIAM PYE	2	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ...	7
*ERNEST W. PYE	3	ERNEST E. HOLMAN	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	FRED C. MAYNARD	9
ALFRED PRIOR	5	GEORGE A. HUGHES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTLE ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE W. ABLITT	5
SHELFORD SPARROW	2	ERIC G. BENNETT	6
LAWRENCE POULSON	3	HARRY D. LISTER	7
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ...	4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

*JOHN BRASSINGTON ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HURD	5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ...	2	CHARLES H. PAGE	6
HARRY PARKER	3	*ARTHUR ALLMAN	7
EDWARD V. RODENBURST	4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*FRANK WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. CATTELL ...	5
HARRY GOODMAN	2	THOMAS A. TOWNSEND ...	6
*NORMAN H. WILLIAMS ...	3	JOHN GOODMAN	7
HARRY HILL	4	†HAROLD GRIFFITHS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Hughes, secretary and tower-keeper of the above church, to Miss Baker, of Tipton, and was also the quarterly peal for the Guild.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
(GOSTCOTE SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

*AUDREY I. MANSFIELD	...*Treble*	*HARRY ILIFFE	5
ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ...	2	HARRY LEWIN	6
THOMAS H. PAYNE	3	ERNEST F. PAYNE	7
GEORGE T. H. WALKER ...	4	HERBERT H. HUMPHREYS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. MANSFIELD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The ringers of the 2nd and treble are father and daughter. All the band are local Sunday service ringers.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*STANLEY NOBLES ...	...*Treble*	WILFRED STEVENSON ...	5
WILLIAM GAYES	2	†JACK TIPPER	6
*JAMES MILNER	3	JOHN WORTH	7
*THOMAS POTTS	4	†JACK WADMSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. C. E. SIMPSON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in a new iron frame and ball bearings. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, of Gawsworth, on their golden wedding day.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY	*Treble*	*LIONEL J. CULLUM	5
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ...	2	FREDERICK A. COLEY ...	6
ALFRED G. HILL	3	HARRY HOVERD	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	*Treble*	JOHN BURLES	5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	2	FREDERICK DIGBY	6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY	3	WILLIAM MADGWICK	7
PERCY E. CLARK	4	ERNEST BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ERNEST BRETT.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...	5
KEITH HART...	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ...	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	ROBERT SWIFT	7
GEORGE OLLIVER	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ...	*Treble*	*WILLIAM FLATT...	5
*GEORGE HOWLETT	2	CHARLES LOOME	6
*STANLEY COPLING	3	*RUSSELL RICHES	7
CECIL BARRETT	4	FREDERICK BORRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First in method.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

GEORGE MARRINER ...	*Treble*	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ...	5
JOHN BEAMS	2	SYDNEY ELTON	6
WILLIAM J. WHITING... ...	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
W. CYRIL SMITH	4	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ...	*Treble*	FRANK G. RINGE	5
PERCY GREEN	2	WALTER ARNOLD...	6
DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ...	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	4	GEORGE GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Rung to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WALTER PEARCE ...	*Treble*	JOHN RANCE	5
EDGAR WHITTINGHAM ...	2	WILLIAM J. BROOKS	6
*ARTHUR J. RANCE	3	WILLIAM J. PAICE	7
FRANK LUSH	4	WILLIAM BAGLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Canon B. Long, Rector and Rural Dean.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD ...	*Treble*	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5
*FRANK E. HAYNES	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	FRANK E. PERVIN	7
GEORGE F. SWANN	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. S. Swindell, M.A., Vicar of Erdington.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 8, 1932, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY ...	*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ...	6
ERNEST BRETT	3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ...	7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. H. Law James.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

*CHARLES H. MOORE ...	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	6
GEORGE HOWCHIN	3	FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ...	7
GEORGE MAYERS	4	FRANK H. DAVEY... ...	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by FRANK H. DAVEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, February 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.

CHARLES HENRY WEBB	*Treble*	ALBERT E. LOCK	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ...	2	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	6
COLIN HARRISON	3	JOHN OLDHAM	7
MAURICE SMITH	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

First peal of Major on the bells.

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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, February 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THORSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING	...Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE	5
GORDON WOOTTON	2	SIDNEY ELTON	6
HENRY HUTTON	3	GEORGE E. CLODE	7
C. ERNEST SMITH	4	BASIL H. G. WHITBOURN	...Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, February 11, 1932, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS'. Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN DENNER	...Treble	MATTHEW BERRY	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER	2	JAMES BOLTON	6
BENJAMIN WELSBY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JAMES DENNER	4	ARTHUR BORTON	...Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. and Mrs. James Bolton, who were leaving for U.S.A. on February 13th.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20⅛ cwt.

GEORGE WILSON	...Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
ALFRED KEBBLE	2	JAMES G. RUMSEY	6
CHARLES F. BAILEY	3	JAMES M. BAILEY	7
REGINALD C. KERSEY	4	FREDERICK J. SMITH	...Tenor

Composed by C. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

COSELEY, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

HAROLD L. FLAVELL	...Treble	HERBERT T. PIPER	5
LEONARD HOLDEN	2	SAMUEL BAKER	6
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	3	HARRY BOSWELL	7
FREDERICK HOLDEN	4	JAMES SHAW	...Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	...Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
CHARLES E. BASSETT	2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	7
HENRY JENNINGS	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	...Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 13, 1932, in Three Hours.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARGARET.
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOHN COOK	...Treble	WALTER CHARMAN	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	WILLIAM STANFORD	6
THOMAS ADAMS	3	JACK BRANCH	7
WILLIAM HOOKER	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	...Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy with Peter Charman, one of the local ringers, on the recent death of his wife.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)
On Thursday, November 19 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 21 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

*K. PILGRIM	...Treble	*H. RICHARDSON	3
*MISS GRANT IVES	2	G. G. MANSFIELD	
		A. W. MANSFIELD	...Tenor

Conducted by A. W. MANSFIELD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since being rehung.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.)

CHARLES WILKINSON	...Treble	HORACE M. DAY	4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY	3	JAMES H. MOSSON	...Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

This was Miss F. Humphrey's first attempt for a peal on an 'inside' bell. She is 15 years old, and only learnt to handle a bell 12 months ago. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church with the exception of the 4th ringer.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN MALVAN	...Treble	THOMAS J. HALL	4
†ARTHUR DAY	2	BEN JARMAN	5
*FRANCIS KIRK	3	WALTER AYRE	...Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 25th peal together. † First peal on six. First peal in three methods on the bells.

PORLOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES R. HUISH	...Treble	†HENRY W. LLOYD	4
SIDNEY WYBORN	2	ISAAC FARMER	5
WILLIAM HOYLE	3	ALBERT J. CHUBB	...Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

RIPPLE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, January 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH LAWRENCE	...Treble	WILLIAM HALFORD	4
*SAM HEALEY	2	CHARLES CAMM	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	3	FRED HAWKES	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Minor.

LEWISHAM.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 17th, for a special mission service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): H. Warnott, jun., 1, H. James 2, J. Bennett 3, H. Barton (Ventnor, I.O.W.) (conductor) 4, C. Moulton 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, J. Duffors 7, H. E. Goodwin 8.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POSTON ...	...*Treble*	*ARTHUR ALFORD	4
JOHN J. WEBB	2	WILLIAM POSTON	5
*GLYN SHAW	3	HARVEY H. WINNEY...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, February 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM HENLEY ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	4
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	EDWARD S. T. FARR	5
LEONARD STILWELL	3	GEORGE GILBERT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

First peal in eight methods by all.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Double Court, two of Cambridge, one each of Oxford Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

RONALD H. DOVE ...	...*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	4
ROYDON DAVIES	2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	5
DANIEL COOPER	3	TONY PRICE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

RUSHMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, differently called.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	4
*FRANK E. WISEMAN	2	*EDWIN C. SIMPSON	5
*JAMES E. POTTER	3	†CHARLES CLARK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. G. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First as conductor in three methods.

MARLBOROUGH, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb.

ROBERT W. HYNER ...	...*Treble*	*T. ARTHUR PALMER	4
*GEORGE JERRAM	2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	5
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ...	3	*WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. W. M. Greenaway was proposed a life member of the Salisbury Guild before starting the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Norwich, Norfolk, Primrose, London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge.

JAMES WAGBORN	...*Treble*	ALBERT RELFE	4
ANDREW MARSHALL	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	5
JAMES BASSETT	3	BERTRAM LUCK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM LUCK.

A birthday peal for the Misses Paine, of Canterbury, and the conductor. The 50th peal on the bells by A. Relfe.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

*C. HENRY WEBB	...*Treble*	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ...	4
*ALFRED BALLARD	2	‡WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
*CECIL E. CARR	3	*ERNEST CHESTERTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman Doubles on tower bells, also as conductor. ‡ First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method on the bells. Mr. Whitehead has now rung peals of Stedman Doubles to Cinques, 'in hand' and on tower bells.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Single Court and Single Oxford.
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.)

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY	*Treble*	ROGER W. DANIELS	4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ...	2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY	5
ALBERT SCOTT	3	CHARLES WILKINSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. H. Law James.

BRADWELL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, forty different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

CHARLES G. ALDERMAN	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. FRENCH	4
J. EDWARD WHITLOCK ...	2	ALEXANDER COLBY	5
*HERBERT JUSTICE	3	ARCHIE LATHALL... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. E. WHITLOCK.

* First peal of Stedman. All but the ringers of the third are Sunday service ringers. Rung to commemorate the Stedman Tercentenary at the fourth attempt. This peal was rung in six parts, the bells starting off in a different way on each occasion.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, February 11, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT 23, GREEK STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor size 20 in E.

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

Composed by J. RODGERS. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, February 11, 1932, in One Hour and Forty-One Minutes,
AT 52, LAMMAS PARK ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... ...	1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ...	3-4
WILFRED G. WILSON	5-6		

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Wednesday evening, January 20th, with the bells half-muffled, Shipway's 546 Grandsire Triples was rung to the memory of the late Capt. R. R. Henderson, M.C., M.P. for South Oxon, whose funeral took place earlier in the day: J. Cook 1, W. Wicks 2, C. Sheppard 3, G. Cleave, jun., 4, G. Cleave, sen. (conductor) 5, J. Hiscock 6, O. W. Porter, jun., 7, R. Allum, 8.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

AN 'INSULT' AT BRISTOL.

At the annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, held at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church, reference was made to the recent opening of the new peal of bells at the Church of the Holy Nativity at Knowle. There was an attendance of between 50 and 60 members, and the matter was brought up by the branch chairman (Mr. F. Skidmore). In reviewing the past year's work in the branch, he reported the rehanging and opening of Stapleton bells (six), and added that it was through the energies of the Bristol Branch that the Westerleigh, Glos, bells (six) had been reported on and were now in the hands of the bell hanger. It was hoped they would soon be reopened. Inquiries had also been set on foot at Doynton, Glos, with a view to getting the five bells rehung and made into a peal of six. All this was very encouraging for the future, and showed that the officials had been alive to their responsibilities. He regretted one very important matter which had recently happened in the opening of the new peal of bells at Holy Nativity, Knowle, Bristol. He personally had done all in his power to make that function a Gloucester and Bristol opening, but unfortunately those at Holy Nativity on whom the responsibility for the arrangements rested decided otherwise. In the name of the Gloucester and Bristol Association he considered it the biggest insult that could be given to any organisation of church bell-ringers. He added that he could not let the occasion pass without referring to the remarks made at the Bristol United Ringing Guild's dinner by Mr. Braven. To say that the officials were making their guilds and associations like trades unions was quite out of the question, and entirely wrong. It was a good job that the majority of ringers to-day looked on ringing as a voluntary service in the work of the church, and not part of their living. It was the duty of all members of an association to see that all their fellow-ringers were members of their particular organisations.

The branch secretary (Mr. H. Bennett) read his report and balance sheet, which were adopted.

Sixteen new members were elected. The chairman and secretary resigned, and were thanked for their services. After considerable persuasion, Mr. W. H. Thomas was elected branch chairman, Mr. F. Skidmore was elected branch secretary, and Mr. J. G. Jefferies was re-elected to the management committee, all the elections being carried with applause.

Mr. Skidmore proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, also to the organist and choir for leading the singing, and to the ladies for waiting on them at tea. Rev. M. E. Thorold suitably responded.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT GAYTON, NORTHANTS.

The re-dedication of the bells at Gayton Church, Northants, took place on Saturday, January 30th, by the Rev. Canon Bartlett, Rural Dean and Rector of Helmdon.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. W. F. Stokes, M.A., and the sermon was preached by the Rural Dean, Canon Bartlett. Other robed clergy included the Rev. Canon Frend, Rural Dean and Rector of Collingtree, the Rev. C. K. Gimson, Rector of Bradden, and the Rev. R. Howes, Rector of Cold Higham and secretary of the Towcester District. There was a crowded congregation.

The bells were rung during the service by Messrs. F. Wilford, W. Sharpe, A. Mansfield, G. Mansfield, J. Green, and E. C. Lambert.

A large company of ringers was present from Northampton, Bradden, Croft, Wicken, Stoney Stratford, Cosgrove, Greensnorton, Towcester, Lois Weedon, etc.

Various touches were rung during the afternoon and evening, everyone being pleased with the restoration work, which has been admirably carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were represented at the opening by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

The restoration included the recasting of the 4th bell, which was cracked, an entirely new frame and new fittings, ball bearings, etc., and the famous firm have completed another splendid job.

Tea was provided at the village inn, and the party were entertained with handbell ringing by the Wicken company, assisted by Mr. C. H. Webb, of Croft, Leicestershire. The whole of the arrangements were splendidly carried out by the secretary, the Rev. R. Howes. In the evening, further ringing was done on the tower bells.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

1.—In Dei Laudem et Georgii Regis Honorem ex Dono Thomæ Samwel Baronetti, A.D. 1727.
2.—Glory be to God on High, 1726.
3.—Peace and Good Neighbovrhood, 1726.
4.—Prosperity to the Chvrch of England, 1726. Recast 1931. W. F. Stokes, M.A., Rector; J. M. Major Lucas, W. A. Ratledge, C. Wardens, 1931.
5.—Wm. Ball, Ch-Warden, 1726.
6.—The Gift of the Revd. M. Gibbs, Rector, 1726. Recast by Voluntary Subscription 1821. G. Butler, D.D., Rector; J. Bush, Curate; J. Payne and J. George, C. Wardens; R. Taylor and Sons, Founders.

The founder of the treble is not definitely known, but the 2nd, 3rd and 5th are by Rudhall. The 4th and tenor bells were also by Rudhall prior to being recast. The 4th bell, which Messrs. Taylor and Co. recast, bears the founder's shield. The approximate weight of tenor is 13½ cwt.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal was rung at Bollington, Cheshire, on February 6th, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, of Gawsworth. Mr. Johnson has been a ringer at Gawsworth between 60 and 70 years, and is now conductor of the tower.

Mr. John Goodchild has been reappointed steward of the belfry at Yeovil, Mr. J. E. Baker as conductor, and Mr. T. Setter as steeplekeeper. Yeovil bells, it will be remembered, have recently been restored, at a cost of about £500, and are now one of the finest rings of ten in the country.

At the annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, on Saturday week, Rev. G. W. Saunders (Vicar of Martock) was re-elected president, Mr. F. Farrant (Martock) hon. secretary, Mr. J. E. Baker (Yeovil) Ringing Master, and Mr. E. T. Griffin (Yeovil) representative on the committee of the diocesan association.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bolton, of Walkden, Lancs, left England on Saturday for the United States. A farewell peal was rung on the preceding Thursday, in which Mr. Bolton took part, and afterwards the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Bolton, who were thanked for their hospitality. Good wishes were expressed for their success in their new home.

Mr. R. H. Dove, of 22, Heath Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, would be glad to hear from any ringers who are altar servers, with a view to arranging a servers' peal during the summer.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett writes pointing out a little inaccuracy in our report of his remarks at the Oxford University Society's diamond jubilee. The Rector of Appleton in his time was Mr. Butler, formerly Fellow of Magdalen College. Mr. Robinson was his son-in-law, and at that time acted as his curate; hence it followed that he had access to the Rector's cellar.

Mr. Pritchett left a pair of dark grey kid gloves on the stone seat in New College cloisters after the photograph of the members was taken. If any ringing friend has found them will he kindly send them to Hill Top, King's Norton?

Fifteen members were elected at the meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent Association at Christ Church, Erith, and the Vicar (Rev. W. E. Bott) suggested that Erith should be considered when deciding the place of the annual meeting of the association due to be held in the Lewisham District.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' RINGING WEEK.

CHARABANC TOURS.

Chairman, Mr. H. Burt. August, 1932.

Monday, 8th: Stroud, Painswick, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury and Gloucester.

Tuesday, 9th: Portishead, Clevedon and Wrington.

Wednesday, 10th: Bath, Bradford, Westbury (Wilts) and Frome.

Thursday, 11th: Burrington Coombe ('Rock of Ages'), Cheddar Caves and Gorge, Glastonbury Abbey and Wells Cathedral.

Friday, 12th: Weston-super-Mare and Burnham-on-Sea.

Saturday, 13th: Wotton-under-Edge, Dursley and Berkeley.

The fare for the whole of the tours is one pound five shillings (£1 5s.). There will be no extras, no tips.

Ringing will be arranged at most interesting places, but will be short in duration unless time otherwise permits.

The B.U.R.G. will hold at least two receptions during the week, and full details will be announced as soon as sufficient requests for the trips have been made.

Accommodation lists forwarded to those requesting same.

Note.—The above tours cover about 355 miles, and a member of the B.U.R.G. will accompany each trip to ensure the interest and enjoyment of the party.

EDGAR GUISE,
Hon. Secretary.

48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

'BELL BALLADS.'

A new edition of 'Bell Ballads,' by 'Cascable,' dedicated to the 'Exercise' in general and the 'College Youths' in particular, has been published. It is elegantly produced on buff paper, tied with tri-coloured cord in imitation of a sally. The verses specially appeal to ringers, for they lightly touch the subject of bells and ringing with a deft hand that catches the spirit of the country belfry. The last of the poems is 'St. Paul's—Sunday,' a picturesque description of the service ringing. 'Bell Ballads' is published at 7½d. post free, and is to be obtained from the printers, Messrs. William Barlow and Son, Park Road, West Hartlepool.

FALSE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me by Mr. Holifield, of Appleton, that a composition of 5,021 Grandsire Caters by me has one false lead in it. As this has recently been rung at both Appleton and Banbury, I most sincerely apologise to the bands who rang it, and especially to the conductor, on this unfortunate error. This composition occurs in the M.C.A. report for 1914, so will those possessing a copy please cancel figures to avoid them being rung again?—Yours regretfully,

ERNEST MORRIS.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having in past years given some study to Osborn's manuscripts, I was much interested in Mr. Trollope's account of the College Youths and other London ringing societies, which appeared in your columns last autumn, and the excellent diagram with which he concluded them. I see no reason to accuse Osborn of jealousy or partiality. I consider him a straightforward narrator, and accept what he says about the happenings in 1788, which I stated in 'The Bell News' years ago.

But this does not affect the wonderful continuity of the College Youths. It is a mere incident in their history, and it would be pedantic and not really true, in my opinion, to rate it any higher. The College Youths of to-day I consider to be the legitimate descendants of those of 1637.

I agree with what Mr. Trollope says in the paragraphs he has numbered 1, 2 and 3 in his letter appearing in your issue of November 20th last. But, nevertheless, I do not think the traditional origin of the College Youths' name, as I understand it, to be impossible; it seems to me quite likely to be true. Of course it remains a matter of opinion on which each man will use his own judgment. But there are, I think, some considerations connected with it to which our attention has been insufficiently or not at all directed, and about this I propose, with your permission, to say something next week.

But at present I am constrained to dissent from Mr. Trollope's statement that 'the words College Youths mean literally schoolboys.' It presents to me the difficulty of anachronism. I believe that in the language of the seventeenth century the word 'College' did *not* mean 'school,' and so would not suggest a fancy name meaning schoolboys. The word college implies the constitution of a corporate body, and has nothing more to do with education than anything else. The practice of applying it to schools for boys (and girls) to which we are now accustomed is quite of modern growth. In the seventeenth century schools were 'schools' and not 'colleges.'

Of course, I am open to authoritative correction, supplied by Mr. Trollope or anyone else; but till I get it I think he is mistaken, and that we cannot safely accept the meaning he gives to 'College Youths.'

R. A. DANIELL.

THE FORTHCOMING ALL-ENGLAND MEETING

A GREAT DAY FOR RINGERS.

Arrangements for the 'All England' gathering of ringers at Croydon on Saturday, April 2nd, are being pushed rapidly forward, and there is a great and interesting day before those who decide to avail themselves of the invitation of Messrs Gillett and Johnston.

Four years ago, when a similar gathering was held, nearly 2,500 ringers and their friends visited Croydon—it was by far the greatest meeting of ringers that had ever been held anywhere or at any time, and among many of the visitors the hope was expressed that at some future day a similar opportunity for a reunion might be possible. That opportunity is now before the Exercise.

One of the greatest carillons in the world, intended for Chicago University, is approaching completion. It has 72 bells, the bass bell weighing 17½ tons, and will form the centre of attraction, as it hangs in the three sections of its massive frame and is played from a central clavier. Numerous other exhibits of interest to ringers will also be on view. Visitors are to be entertained to tea, and in the evening there will be music and dancing, as well as ringing.

Nearly a dozen peals of bells will be available for the use of visiting ringers during the day in London, the southern suburbs and Croydon, and special cheap railway facilities from all parts of the country are being arranged. April 2nd is going to be another landmark in the history of the Exercise.

Full details will shortly be issued to all towers by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and in the meantime ringers should reserve the date.

HIGH WYCOMBE BELFRY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the members of the All Saints' Belfry Society, High Wycombe, was held in the tower on February 8th. The Rev. W. L. P. Float, M.A., LL.B. (Vicar) presided. The financial statement was presented and adopted. The secretary's report showed that 1,345 attendances had been made at service and practice ringing, this being considered a good average. The methods rung for services were: Stedman Cinques 34, Stedman Caters 25, Grandsire Caters 3, Bob Royal 5, Bob Major 15, Stedman Triples 12, Kent Minor 1, Bob Minor 4. It was a source of satisfaction that the tenor was now 'going' better. In the early part of the year this bell was silent for many Sundays. The conductors of the touches rung were: F. Hayes 50, J. W. Wilkins 27, G. Twitchen 13, R. Coles 9, G. White 4, E. R. Coles 1.—The report was adopted.

The officers were re-elected, viz.: President, the Vicar; foreman, Mr. Ralph Coles; deputy, Mr. George White; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twitchen.—One new member was elected, and the annual outing was fixed to take place on Whit Monday.—Hearty thanks were accorded to the Vicar for presiding and for his practical and generous interest in the ringers.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

RULES TO BE REVISED.

The annual business meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at the Bishop's Library on Saturday, February 6th. Mr. W. H. Southeard (vice-president) was in the chair, owing to the unavoidable absence of the president, Dr. J. Symons, through illness. Each affiliated tower has a right to send one elected ringing representative to this meeting to vote, and there were about thirty present, including the Sub-Dean of the Cathedral (Canon H. W. Sedgwick), Rev. Gerwyn Rhys (Veryan), and Rev. M. May (St. Newlyn East).

The Ringing Master (Major C. F. Jerram) in his report stated that he had attended all the district meetings during the year, except one, and found things particularly encouraging. He found, however, that there was a need in some places for new ringers, and remarked that the only way to get an efficient band was to go on trying to build up. It was no good to teach ninety-nine ringers and then to stop because they all turned out failures. It was invariably the hundredth that turned out a valuable, keen and good member.

The Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella (diocesan secretary) reported that five peals had been rung during the year—one of Grandsire Caters, three of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Minor. He referred to the broadcasting of St. Hilary's bells and also the splendid work done in the East Cornwall Branch by the district secretary, Mr. H. J. Clarke.

The Ringing Master and diocesan secretary were re-elected, but a message was brought from Dr. Symons by Mr. W. Wood (Gulval) saying he could no longer carry on the duties of treasurer, and the Ringing Master agreed to do the work.

Mr. W. Wallis (St. Gluvias) and Miss E. J. C. Angwin (Truro) were added to the committee.

The revision of the rules caused a lengthy discussion, and the Ringing Master referred to the rule, 'That every ringer should attend throughout any service for which he rang.' He could not agree with this, and although ringers should be good churchman, it was bound to be broken at times, even by the most sincere. At the same time he referred to many notices often seen in the belfries: 'Hats off, please,' 'Please do not spit,' 'Silence,' etc. This sort of thing was not good enough for the present day, and he resented it. The choir and sidesmen did not have such things pinned to their seats, and why should ringers be treated in that manner?

A QUESTION OF HONOUR.

'If I did not want anyone to look at a notice on my back, I should not put one on my chest asking them not to look at my back,' declared the sub-Dean, in agreeing with what Major Jerram had said. He added that whether or not such a rule was printed, it would make very little difference, and suggested it should be omitted.

The Rev. M. May said it was a question of honour, and he impressed on his ringers the duty of churchmanship—to be baptised, confirmed, and to make their communions as frequently as possible. Attendance at services would then grow. His ringers were not perfect in this respect, but much better, and he had told them he was going to 'tickle them' for all he was worth until they were perfect.

The Ringing Master, secretary and Mr. A. S. Roberts were then appointed to go into the rules.

It was decided to hold the annual festival at Truro on July 16th.

Mr. A. S. Roberts mentioned the proposed visit to Truro on Whit Monday of members of the Central Council, and that provisional permission had been granted for a peal on the Cathedral bells. It was left in the hands of the Cathedral band, as a committee, to make arrangements to entertain the visitors. It was decided to send the full number of representatives to the Central Council meeting at Plymouth, the Guild having sufficient members to send four. Dr. J. Symons, the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Mr. W. H. Southeard and Mr. H. J. Clarke were elected.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the president (Dr. J. Symons) for carrying out the treasurership for so many years, and hoped he would soon be able to resume his activities in the belfry.

After tea, the Cathedral (10) and Kenwyn (8) bells were available, and ringing was enjoyed throughout the evening.

NEW TREBLE BELL FOR WONSTON.

DEDICATION OF BARRON BELL TRUST GIFT.

On Sunday, February 7th, prior to morning service, the Rector, Rev. J. H. K. Percy, dedicated a new treble bell, given to Wonston Church by the Barron Bell Trust, to complete the peal of six. The Rector and choir assembled under the tower, where the Rector read the dedication prayers, after which the new bell was rung up, and the following rang rounds on the bells, while the Rector and choir proceeded to the chancel: R. Smith 1, J. Morgon 2, F. J. Stagg 3, A. Bowers 4, R. Dolton 5, W. Marks 6. The bell hymn, 'The Sacred Bells of England,' was then sung, and the morning service proceeded with. After evening service, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung by ringing friends from Winchester.

Inscribed on the new bell, which was cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., is: 'To the Glory of God. This Bell was Added to Complete the Peal of Six, the Gift of the Barron Bell Trust, 1932. Emma Barron, Founder. F. Hopkins, C. M. Walroud, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.' Great thanks are due to the trustees for this gift.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES.

A year of considerable activity was revealed in the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the annual district meeting held last Saturday. About 30 members attended from Leatherhead, Ashtead, Dorking, Ewell, Epsom and Cobham, and visitors from London, Croydon, Beuhilton, Guildford, West Clandon and Woking. The Rector (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) conducted the Guild's form of service, and gave a brief but much appreciated address.

The business meeting followed tea at the Institute, the Rector presiding, supported by Mr. A. Harman (District Ringing Master) and Mr. A. H. Smith (hon. district secretary). The balance sheet showed that 72 ringing members and five honorary members paid subscriptions for the past year, and that the balance in hand, after paying £3 18s. 6d. to the general fund, had been increased from £2 2s. 11d. to £4 3s.

The Hon. Secretary, in presenting the report for the year, said there had been an average attendance of 24 at the district meetings. Members had responded to the appeal for more support, and a great deal of good was resulting. The course of instruction given at Dorking had been well worth while, and through that and the reopening of Christ Church, Epsom, bells, the number of ringing members had risen to 72. Eighteen peals, an advance of eight, had been rung during the year. These were Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Major 3, Bob Royal 1, Treble Bob Major 4, Double Norwich 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Cambridge Major 2, Superlative Surprise 2, Kent Surprise 1, Ipswich Surprise 1. Both the last-named were the first in the method for the Guild and the whole of the ringers. Eight ringers rang their first peal and 36 their first in a new method, which went to disprove the statement that it was always the same men that took part in the peal ringing. The committee hoped during this year to arrange a peal at each tower in the district in turn to help on the most forward members of each band, and asked for the continued support of the members of the district, young or old, whatever their capabilities.

The balance sheet and report were adopted, and the District Ringing Master and hon. secretary re-elected.

The ballot for two ringing members on the executive committee resulted in the election of Messrs. G. Marriner and A. R. Pink. The Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge was re-elected as the hon. members' representative.

It was decided to hold district meetings during the year at Cobham, Ockley, Ranmore (joint with the Surrey Association), Ashtead, Christ Church, Epsom, and Leatherhead (annual).

The present general officers of the Guild were renominated for election at the annual general meeting.

Some discussion took place on the rule which provides that a lapsed member should pay a fee of 2s., in addition to the current year's subscription, on readmission, and notice was given of an amendment to give the executive committee discretion in the matter.

It was decided to give a further course of instruction at Dorking.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Chertsey on Saturday, February 6th, and was attended by about twenty ringers. The district has not shown a great deal of life during the past year, the efforts of the officers having been poorly supported by the members. More interest was, however, shown in the annual meeting, at which the future of the district was discussed and measures suggested for securing greater support in the future.

The Vicar of Chertsey (Rev. C. L. Wanstall), who presided, was elected an hon. member of the Guild, as was also Mr. A. R. J. Broderick (churchwarden of Horsell). Three members from Egham were also elected, and the district officers re-elected.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for presiding. During the afternoon and evening the standard methods were rung on the bells of the Parish Church.

COMMEMORATIVE RINGING AT TRURO CATHEDRAL.

For evening service at St. Mary's Cathedral, Truro, Cornwall, on Sunday, January 24th, being the eve of the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins.: Miss E. Robinson (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Southcard 2, Miss L. Willoughby 3, Miss E. J. C. Angwin (conductor) 4, H. Williams 5, A. S. Roberts 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, P. Webb 8. Specially rung to commemorate the opening of a new wing, which has been added to Trewinnard Court, the Cathedral School boarding house, which has been most generously provided by Mrs. J. E. Hawkins, who also gave the upper stages and spires of the two western towers of the Cathedral and the tenor bell, which weighs 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. This was Miss Angwin's first quarter-peal as conductor, called at the first attempt, and is the longest length conducted by a lady in Cornwall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS CAUSE A LOSS.

The third general quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, January 30th, at Ilkeston, Derbyshire. The fine ring of eight bells were kept going from about 2 p.m. throughout the afternoon to various standard and Surprise methods by a large gathering who assembled. The committee met and carried through their routine and other business. Tea was served in the old wine vaults, and about 50 members and friends from Ashby, Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Dore, Loughborough, Leicester, Nottingham, Staveley, Uttoxeter and elsewhere sat down to a good spread.

The general meeting immediately followed, the chair being taken by the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, supported by the new Vicar of Ilkeston (the Rev. Linsan Graves, M.A.), the two churchwardens, the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. E. White), and the general hon. secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris).

The president gave a most interesting review of the past quarter's work, and noted that 24 peals had been rung on tower and two on handbells. He regretted the loss the association had sustained by the passing away of several old and valued members, viz., Messrs. H. Argyle (Nuneaton), W. Flinders (Nottingham), H. Haigh (Worksop), J. E. Groves (Birmingham), J. Ward (Long Eaton). The most interesting event was, of course, the Stedman Tercentenary celebration at Cambridge in December last, and he was pleased to see the M.C.A. well represented at this historic gathering. The general hon. secretary, E. Morris, rang in the 120 Stedman Doubles by six secretaries. Mr. Taylor went on to give a most vivid and interesting review of the history and inscriptions of the bells, their founders, etc., and noted many remarkable features of the art that existed in Stedman's day.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed, and in reading over the names of members elected since that meeting remarked on the energy displayed by the Derby local secretary, Mr. Geo. Freebrey, in obtaining no less than 20 new hon. members, including the three M.P.'s in Derby divisions, the Mayor, the Archdeacon, and several aldermen and councillors. The Leicester secretary, Mr. E. H. Bagworth, had obtained nine new hon. members also, and the Peak District had added three, making a total of 32. New ringing members were 14, rejoins five, and life member one.

The members were informed that the committee had agreed to the printing of the 1931 annual report, which would be issued free to fully-paid members, the subscription now being 1s. 6d. to cover same. The hon. treasurer stressed the point of members in arrears, and appealed to each and all to give loyal support to the association. Actually the year's working was a loss, but if all arrears were paid up this adverse balance would have been obviated.

Messrs. Colin Harrison and J. H. Dean were appointed to audit the accounts and balance sheet.

At this juncture the Vicar had to leave, but before doing so gave the visitors a most hearty welcome to Ilkeston. Although he had only been inducted Vicar two days previously, he was, he said, no stranger to them, having been an hon. member for many years while at Newhall in the Burton district. He thanked the president for his most interesting and educative speech, and he trusted all would enjoy their afternoon's ringing. He hoped to see them again in the near future at Ilkeston.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

The President announced that a special committee had been chosen to deal with the matter of the coming jubilee meeting of the association at Derby on Easter Monday. A number of items had already been discussed by the general committee, and he asked members for any helpful suggestions. These were varied, and consisted of special service at the Cathedral or St. Andrew's Church; special preacher to be Bishop of Derby, if possible; specially selected band to ring for that service; souvenir to be published with photos of past presidents, and a short survey of the history and activities of the association's 50 years. The Mayor and hon. members to be invited to service and a dinner, with a social gathering following, etc. All these (and other) items were noted, and the selected committee, which includes the Derby local committee and general officers, will meet at once to decide and carry out final and fitting arrangements.

The Hon. Treasurer then proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the local committee and all responsible for the very good meeting, to which Mr. E. C. Gobey suitably replied.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A fine spring-like day attracted a good gathering of ringers to the pretty village of Newton Hall, near Corbridge, for the pre-Lent meeting of this association. The bells, a musical ring of six, were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and an excellent tea in the Church Institute contributed largely to the success of the meeting.

Mr. Thomas Newton, of Stockton, an original member of the association, who at the age of 76 still rings twice every Sunday, sent greetings, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Newton Hall (the Rev. H. Nixon) for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their cheery assistance in making the necessary arrangements.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS AT BADBY.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RING AUGMENTED.

The dedication of a new treble, and the re-dedication of the old five bells, with an entirely new frame and fittings, at Badby Church, took place on Sunday, February 7th, the ceremony being performed by Bishop Lang, Assistant Bishop of the diocese. There was a crowded congregation, and, despite the addition of chairs, many had to stand.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. A. Cornish, and the address was given by Bishop Lang, D.D.

The bells were rung during the service by Messrs. F. Wilford, A. Moore, H. Shimmell, F. Hancock, H. Blundell and S. Foskett.

The bells are a fine peal of six, and some very good touches were rung on them after service and during the evening after tea. Visiting ringers were present from Banbury, C. Clarke and others from Bedford, C. H. Webb from Croft, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, of the firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The whole of the work is of the highest order, and the 'go' of the bells reflects very great credit on the Loughborough firm, who have carried out the restoration work.

Tea was provided for the visitors in the Parish Room.

The 2nd, 3rd and 5th bells of the peal were cast by Hugh Watts, of the Leicester Foundry. The inscriptions are as follows:—

1.—For the Glory and Service of God. Given in Thankful Memory of Ellen and Farrer, the Widow and Son of Major Sam Pullin, 1931.

2.—Colorvm Christe Platiat Tibi Rex Sonvs Iste, 1623.

3.—IH'S : Nazarenvs Rex : Ivdeorvm Fili : Dei Miserere : Mei, 1623.

4.—Samuell Goodman, John Kibbell, Churchwardens. Matthew Bagley made mee, 1754.

5.—Rychard Hyne, Vickar of Badby, gave this Bell, 1623.

6.—Taylor & Sons, Founders, Oxford and St. Neots, Augt. 22, 1822.

The approximate weight of the tenor is 14 cwt. The treble bears the shield of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guilsborough District was held at East Haddon on Saturday, when members and visitors were present from Ravensthorpe, Watford, Welford, Husbands Bosworth, Harlestone, Willoughby, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted and an admirable address given from the text, 'Here am I, send me,' by the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Pitter).

Tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel, and a short business meeting was held, presided over by the president of the branch (the Rev. T. W. Long, Vicar of Ravensthorpe), supported by the Master of the Guild (Mr. F. Wilford).

The report and balance sheet for 1931 were presented by the secretary, Mr. R. Adams. There was a balance on the year's working of about 13s., which was very satisfactory.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Adams for the very able way he had carried out his duties.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Welford on Saturday, April 9th.

The Master said it was with very deep feelings of regret that he read in 'The Ringing World' of the death of the Rev. H. Law James, one of his greatest and most respected friends in the Exercise, one whom he would very greatly miss. He was a very valuable member of the Exercise, and an out-county member of their own Guild for a great many years.—The members stood in silence as a mark of deepest respect.

WARWICKSHIRE RINGERS' SOCIAL EVENING.

A happy social event was arranged on Thursday, February 4th, by the Chilvers Coton band of ringers, who invited the Nuneaton ringers to a social evening. The tower bells were rung in various methods (including Cambridge and London Surprise Major) from 7 to 9 p.m., when a move was made to the schoolroom. A splendid repast was enjoyed, the Vicar (Rev. J. A. B. Davies, M.A.) and the two curates (Rev. F. G. Warman and Rev. R. H. Baines) joining the ringers. The Vicar welcomed the visiting ringers, particularly the recruits, saying that he hoped they would always show the same keenness as at present, and find as much enjoyment in the art of change ringing as did the older ones. He congratulated Mr. George Veasey (one of the Coton band) on the birth of a son that day—another ringer of a few years hence.—Mr. Ernest Stone replied for the Nuneaton band, saying that the invitation was a happy thought on the part of their hosts, and fostered unity between the neighbouring parishes. He hoped it would be an annual affair, next year to be held at Nuneaton.

After the tables had been cleared, there was handbell ringing, including a course of Grandsire Caters by Mrs. D. E. Beamish 1-2, A. H. Beamish 3-4, D. H. Argyle 5-6, T. W. Chapman 7-8, E. Stone 9-10. The two former belong to the Coton band, the remaining three to Nuneaton. Mr. and Mrs. Beamish then rang tunes on the handbells, following which there were games and songs interspersed, until 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a pleasant evening to a close about midnight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT CHANGE DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeing of the Canterbury District was held at Canterbury on Saturday, February 6th. The meeting was well attended, there being some 76 members present, who represented the following towers: Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, Sturry, St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', Thanet, Lyminge, Wingham, Littlebourne, Wickhambreaux, Ramsgate, Dover, Deal, Elham, Ashford, Tunstall, Willesborough, Sevenoaks, Gravesend, Egerton and Wye.

A number of ringers previously attended the Cathedral service at three o'clock, and afterwards met at Gaywood's Rooms for tea, which was provided by the association.

At the business meeting which followed, Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore took the chair, and was supported by Rev. C. A. Manley, Vicar of Littlebourne, and Mr. Fred Mitchell, the general secretary. The district secretary read his report for the year, which was duly adopted. All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Mr. Percy Smith, district secretary; Messrs. F. Brett and H. Smith, district representatives; and Mr. Fred Brett, Ringing Master.

The next business was a resolution by Mr. Cobbold that the annual meeting of the district should be held in October and not as now, in February, thus giving the district its rightful opportunity of confirming the balance sheet and secretary's report before being passed to the general committee meeting which is held in November. Mr. Mitchell spoke in favour of the resolution, saying that he hoped in the near future to bring all the county districts into line with their annual meetings.—The resolution, which embodied the rescinding of a minute concerning the annual meeting, made in 1922, was eventually passed without dissent.

Fifteen new members were accepted, including the whole band of Teynham, Rev. W. C. B. Purser, Vicar of Teynham, and Mr. Percy French becoming honorary members.

A proposition made by the district secretary and passed by the meeting provided for the annual meeting to be held permanently at Canterbury, this meeting to take place in October.—Quex Park, Birchington, was ultimately elected against five other places for the summer meeting, and the next by-meeting is to be held at Teynham.

At the conclusion of the district's business, Mr. Mitchell spoke of the great appreciation shown by some recipients of grants from the Benevolent Fund, and he asked the district to support the fund whenever possible. A spontaneous proposal to make a collection for this fund found general approval, and the collection realised £1 8s.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the Cathedral, St. Alphege and St. Stephen's, where the bells were available for ringing.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE WALKER.

A WELL-KNOWN BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

The death took place at Selly Oak Hospital, Birmingham, on Sunday evening, January 31st, of Mr. George Walker, after a very brief illness, which terminated with bronchial pneumonia. His death came as a shock to his many friends, some of whom had seen him out not many days before.

The funeral took place at Yardley Wood Church in the family grave on Thursday, February 4th. In addition to the widow, son and daughter-in-law and relatives, there were present several Masonic brethren, including the Worshipful Master and the Immediate Past Master of the Forward Lodge, to which he belonged for 29 years. St. Martin's Guild was represented by Messrs. A. Walker (Ringing Master) and W. C. Dowding, and the Birmingham Small Arms Co., Ltd., sent a representative. The Vicar of Yardley Wood officiated in church and at the graveside.

Great sympathy is extended to the family, especially to the widow, who unfortunately does not enjoy the best of health.

Mr. George Walker was closely identified in business with Nottingham and district, but had spent many years in Birmingham, first at the Royal Small Arms Factory, transferring later to the Birmingham Small Arms Co., Ltd., where he held responsible positions. He was retired in 1921, and would have been 66 years of age in March next.

As a ringer, Mr. G. Walker was better known in the nineties, when a member of the late Mr. John Carter's band at St. Philip's Church, Birmingham, with whom he rang many peals on eight and ten bells until ringing was stopped owing to St. Philip's tower being unsafe. A complete list of his peals is not available, but they range from Triples to Cinques. He was a most unassuming man, and will be greatly missed by his many friends. May he rest in peace.

A. W.

'IDLE' BELLS RUNG.

The bells at Ashby Folville have been idle for two years, but on February 3rd they were rung to 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering, by: C. Saddington 1, H. Cook 2, R. Looker 3, H. Alcy 4, W. Bell (conductor) 5, E. Littlewood 6, C. Littlewood 7, G. Randell 8.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 6th. Favoured by good weather, the attendance was gratifying, some sixty members and friends being present.

Ringing at All Saints' Church during the afternoon included Cambridge Royal. Ringing was also indulged in during the afternoon on six bells in the tower of St. Lawrence's Church, Brentford.

The service was held in All Saints' Church, and the address given by the Rector, Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith. Reference was made by the Rector to the death of the Rev. H. L. James, and a special prayer and the hymn, 'Let saints on earth,' were introduced for the occasion. A vice-president of the association, Mr. J. A. Trollope, read the lesson.

At the conclusion of the service the company adjourned to the Church Hall, where a sumptuous tea was served. The president of the association, Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane, M.A., R.D., was present at the tea, but to the regret of all was unable to stay after the meal had finished. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the kind friends who prepared and served the tea.

At the outset of the business meeting Mr. Trollope paid a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. H. L. James, who was buried at Surfleet the same day. The company rose and stood in silence as a mark of respect.

The secretary, Mr. W. H. Hollier, presented his report, which showed progress being made in several towers. The balance sheet was presented and adopted, together with the report. The general fund showed a balance of £9 10s., and the belfry fund a balance of £6.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Ringing Master, H. H. Chandler (Heston); Deputy Ringing Master, F. Corke (Uxbridge); hon. treasurer, C. S. Bird (Heston); hon. secretary, F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon); assistant hon. secretary, W. G. Wilson (Christ Church, Ealing); central committee, Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett (St. Mary's, Ealing), E. A. Morris (Twickenham) and J. Collins (Ruislip).

The retirement of Mr. W. H. Hollier from the office of hon. secretary, after eleven years' faithful service, evoked tributes from many members. Mr. Hollier, be it noted, has not missed a meeting of the district during the whole term of his office. The very many labours he has performed were, perhaps, overshadowed by the efforts he made to get the two new treble bells installed at Isleworth. It must have been a happy day for him when the bells were dedicated last year. He hands over his duties to another, with the knowledge that he has performed his duty well, and retires with the grateful thanks of the whole association.

It was agreed, after discussion, that the next annual meeting be held at Isleworth as hitherto.

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. R. Dowman Owen, of Staines.

A tribute was paid to the memory of Tom Beadle, who passed to his rest last year. Sympathy was expressed with Mr. W. Welling and his family, who have all been ill.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Isleworth for the use of his bells and for conducting the service, and, together with Messrs. Edgley and Bridges, for the splendid welcome extended to the visitors. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Vicar of St. Lawrence's, Brentford, for allowing his bells to be rung, and to the local ringers of both churches for their kindly co-operation.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued to a late hour.

Will members please note the new hon. secretary's address, 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Uxbridge, Middlesex?

DEATH OF AN OLD SUSSEX RINGER.

MR. JAMES LIVERMORE PASSES AWAY AT IPSWICH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Livermore on January 30th, at his residence, 19, Kitchener Road, Ipswich, where he had lived since his retirement 14 months ago. Mr. Livermore, who was 75 years of age, had been in failing health for some time, and it was with regret he had to give up bellringing.

Mr. Livermore was well known as a ringer in Sussex, being one of the oldest members of the Sussex County Association, having served on the committee of the Eastern Division. He became a ringer at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, in 1890, when the bells (then a ring of six) were first hung in the tower by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

For forty years he continued his faithful services to the church as a regular Sunday service ringer and sidesman, and was for 20 years leader of the band. His peals totalled 25.

During Mr. Livermore's time many improvements were made in the tower, and the belfry and bells were his special care.

The funeral took place on Thursday, February 4th, at Ipswich Cemetery, the first part of the service being held at All Saints' Church. The bells of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, were rung muffled as a last mark of esteem, most of those who took part having been taught by Mr. Livermore.

He leaves a widow, one son and daughter, his elder son ('Jimmy') having been killed in France in May, 1915.

J. D.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

ELLOE DEANERIES MEET UNDER SHADOW OF GREAT LOSS.

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which had been arranged to take place at Spalding on February 6th, was held in the evening after the funeral at Surfleet of the Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James).

The president of the branch (Rev. G. H. Clark) referred to the exceptional circumstances under which they were meeting owing to the loss of their Ringing Master. After referring to the excellent qualities of Mr. James, he suggested that a resolution of condolence to the Rev. E. B. James and his sister be passed, and the meeting adjourned until some Saturday in April. He also suggested that every tower in the deanery should attempt a muffled peal in the late Mr. James' memory.

The Rev. Canon Nicholas, in moving the vote of condolence, paid a tribute to the many fine qualities of their late Ringing Master, and spoke of a conversation he had with him which showed that Mr. James did not agree with ringing bells muffled on Sunday, which was a festival of the Church.

About 35 members attended the meeting, after attending the funeral at Surfleet, and during the evening many touches were rung on the Spalding ring of eight with the bells muffled.

The Vicar of Spalding offered the use of the bells for the adjourned meeting.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln District was held at Branston on Saturday, February 6th, when the following towers were represented: Lincoln Cathedral, St. Mary Le Wigford, St. Peter at Gowts, Blankney, Metheringham, Dunholme, Bardney and the local band. The ring of six bells was rung half-muffled throughout the afternoon and evening as a last tribute to the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Guild, who was interred at Surfleet on the same day. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Rector of Branston, the Rev. J. J. R. Pells, who, before addressing the members, made reference to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of the Ringing Master.—At the close of the service the Dead March was played by the organist.

An excellent tea was served in the Rectory by the wives of the local band, 25 members sitting down.

At the business meeting, which followed, in the absence of the president, Mr. Geo. Chester, the Rector of Branston was voted to the chair. Before commencing the business all present stood for a few seconds as a mark of respect to the Rev. H. Law James.

The election of officers for 1932 resulted as follows: President, Mr. F. W. Stokes; secretary, Mr. H. Marcon; Ringing Master, Mr. J. Waldon. Places and dates of meetings for the year were chosen as follows: Nettleham, April 2nd; Nocton, June 11th; Leadenham, September 3rd; Bardney, November 5th; annual meeting, Washingborough, January 14th, 1933, subject to the approval of the incumbents. Four new members were elected, viz., one from St. Peter at Gowts, Lincoln, and three from Welton.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to those who had in any way helped to make the meeting a success.

The majority of the ringers returned to the tower for ringing until 9 p.m., whilst a few remained for handbell ringing. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Cambridge and Carlisle Surprise.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED PILGRIMAGE TO LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL.

A most successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Walton, on Saturday. Here is a handy ring of six which, in the past, have been put to good use. Surprise Minor was the old order, which culminated in a peal of seven Surprise methods rung 'silent' by the local band.

About thirty-five members were present at the meeting, and enjoyed a variety of methods, including Grandsire Doubles for a 'novice,' and Cambridge, Beverley, York and London Surprise for others.

The usual form of Guild service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. Canon W. O. Hunter-Rodwell, who gave a most inspiring address based on the 150th Psalm. 'Praise and glory to God.' In his address he recognised the assistance of the ringers in the service of the church.

After the service the Rector and wardens invited all present to partake of a bountiful tea in the Church Room adjoining.

A short meeting was held, in the course of which the Rector suggested that it might be possible to arrange a pilgrimage of ringers from the whole diocese to the Liverpool Cathedral, and promised to give his assistance to such a project.

Reference was made to the loss sustained by the whole Exercise by the death of the Rev. H. Law James. A vote of condolence was passed, the members standing in silence. The branch secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the ringers to the late Mr. James' brother.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and wardens for their kindness in making the meeting such a success.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association held a meeting on February 6th, when 35 members, representing 14 parishes, visited Felsted. The ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major. At the service, which was held at the church at 4.15, Mr. Howard, Master of the Association, read the lesson. The Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Stocks), in his excellent address, gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and said the work which the ringers' association did for the church was of very great importance and much appreciated to-day. A sumptuous tea was provided at the Old School, where it is interesting to note four sons of Oliver Cromwell were educated.

At the business meeting the Vicar was unanimously elected an hon. member amid loud applause. Five ringing members and two probationers were also elected.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Stisted on April 16th.

Mr. Howard thanked the Vicar for his helpful address. They were very much indebted to the Vicar and those responsible for the excellent tea and allowing the use of the historical room. Mr. Howard also thanked the organist, choir, the ladies, and the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

The Vicar, in reply, said the people of Felsted were most generous, and when any deserving body came along they were made quite welcome.

Some of the members apologised for having to leave early, but everyone agreed the meeting had been a great success, and the Vicar's kind words would long be remembered.

RINGER'S REMARKABLE RIFLE SHOOTING.

Some remarkable shooting was witnessed on the celebrated Bisley ranges on February 6th, when members of the North London R.C. shot for the chairman's prize. Conditions were ten shots per man at 300 and 600 yards, and Mr. C. Bunch scored a 'possible' of ten consecutive bulls at 300 yards, and only dropped one point at 600 yards—an aggregate score of 99 out of 100, or 19 bulls with 20 shots.

Mr. C. Bunch is a regular ringer at Yateley (Hants) Parish Church, and only took up shooting at Bisley last year, winning many prizes during 'Bisley week,' and obtaining a place in the King's Hundred, finishing in 15th place, and afterwards attending a ringing meeting of the Basingstoke District, which was being held at Yateley the same day.

It would be interesting to know if any other ringer has found a place in the King's Hundred. Ringing evidently seems to be a good training for rifle shooting, and it is hoped that a member of the Exercise will yet win the King's Prize. S. J. R.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who is a rifleman well known on Bisley ranges, as well as being equally well known as a ringer, informs us that among ringers who have figured in the final stage of the 'Queen's' and 'King's' at Bisley have been the late Mr. John Carter, of Birmingham; Mr. Tippins, of Mistley, Essex: Mr. Manfield, of Godalming, Surrey; Mr. Congreave-Pridgeon, of Kensington; and Mr. W. B. Fulford, of Exeter. In 1892, Mr. Dawe tells us, a Stedman Caters party shot for the coveted prize.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

BETTER ATTENDANCES AT SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Horley was well attended, about 40 ringers being present from Burstow, Buckland, Croydon, Charlwood, Godstone, Limpsfield Chart, Merstham, Redhill, Reigate and Turner's Hill.

The Secretary reported an improvement in the attendance at the meetings, the average in 1931 being 33, against 26 in the previous year.

The following officers were elected: Master, W. Claydon; treasurer, M. A. Northover; auditor, A. Gear; secretary, A. J. Bull; committee, A. Willett, R. Tuffin, and L. A. Tidy. The meetings for the year are to be held at Kingswood, Buckland, Godstone, Oxted and Merstham, with the annual meeting at Betchworth. A quarterly peal is to be attempted at Merstham.

Ten ringing members were elected: Messrs. C. Howard, F. Bodmin, A. Lowings, A. Everest, C. Mumford, G. Evans, C. Nicholes, F. Wood, of Old Limpsfield, Mr. A. Rowe, of Limpsfield Chart, and Mr. Wm. Wells, of Reigate. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (Rev. H. T. Lewis) for the welcome given, for his hospitality in providing half the expense for the tea, for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting. Votes of thanks were also accorded Mr. Hy. Bashford (organist) and Mr. Dean (blower). Good practice in methods from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise Major was obtained during the afternoon and evening.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR M2 VICTIMS.

At Pentre Rhondda, on Thursday, January 28th, the local company rang a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, and on the following Sunday, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples and touches of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who lost their lives in the submarine M2, the local (Hwynypid) colliery explosion, and the late Canon Lewis (a former Vicar), also of Wm. Horner, an old member of the band, who passed away the previous week.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, February 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. E. Philbrick 1, H. Keeley 2, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 3, G. Whitemore 4, C. Powell 5, F. Price 6, F. Blackmore 7, W. Sartin 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by all except F. Price and the conductor, and is the first quarter-peal of Triples ever rung in this tower by a local band.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, February 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): L. W. Houghton 1, C. V. Hare 2, A. E. Symonds 3, T. R. Scott 4, H. W. Else 5, J. Hare 6, D. C. Mears (conductor) 7, L. Tidler 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 7th, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Braintree Delight and 720 Ipswich Surprise, and before evensong 720 Double Court and 720 Norwich Surprise. Ringers: L. Camp, G. Camp, J. Sitch, E. Sitch, C. Harrington, H. Wright and A. Bradley. Ipswich conducted by E. Sitch, rest by A. Bradley.

TEWKESBURY.—At the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for evening service on February 7th, in memory of Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who died February 5th, 1931: W. Titcombe 1, W. Woodward 2, A. Devereux 3, J. Austin (conductor) 4, H. Devereux 5, Rev. E. Geoffrey Benson 6, Insp. G. W. Hastings 7, H. Fellowes 8.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, January 10th, 1,440 Bob Doubles: W. Moon (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Fear (first quarter-peal) 2, Geo. Comer 3, W. A. Young 4, G. M. Hasell (conductor) 5, F. S. Short (first quarter-peal) 6.

SILVER WEDDING AT ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. AND MRS. PENNINGTON BICKFORD.

We are pleased to add our congratulations to the many received by Mr. and Mrs. Pennington Bickford on Tuesday, February 2nd, when they held a reception attended by over 600 guests, at Australia House, Strand, London. The large hall of the Commonwealth building, which is situated in the parish, and is opposite St. Clement's Church, was at times almost full to overflowing with the parishioners and the many distinguished and other guests.

The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford and Mrs. Louie Pennington Bickford were married at St. Clement's in 1907, the bride being the daughter of the then Rector, the Rev. Septimus Pennington. The latter, as older ringers will remember, was always a friend to the Exercise, a tradition which the present Rector and his wife have more than maintained. Indeed, the church is the home of the London County Association, of which the Rector is honorary chaplain.

The honoured couple were the recipients of a cheque for 200 guineas, and also a beautifully bound album engrossed with the subscribers' names. The formal presentation was made by the Marchioness of Exeter, who was accompanied by the Marquis, and during the evening many references were made to the numerous works and activities of both Mr. and Mrs. Bickford.

A picturesque interlude was the mounting of the platform by two of London's flower 'girls' to give Mrs. Bickford a floral tribute of their love and esteem, a reminder that they had formed part of a guard of honour at her wedding 25 years before.

The parish orchestra and others entertained the company during the evening, and a feature was a 'touch' on handbells (Stedman Triples) by Messrs. Roughton, Roberts, Winney and Young. Unfortunately, a peal on the tower bells opposite failed through a clapper mishap after an hour's ringing. It was, however, successfully achieved on the following Saturday, as appears elsewhere.

Amongst other ringers present were the Rev. Ll. Edwards and Misses Bryant and Swingler, and Messrs. J. Hawkins, H. Passmore, T. Langdon, F. E. Dawe, Keighley and F. W. H. Sergison.

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NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 44th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 27th, 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) and Bishop Ryder's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) 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.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. — ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING at CROYDON on Saturday, April 2nd, by invitation of Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Ltd. Further details later.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, should be paid in before the 29th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Heene on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Parish Rooms at 5.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — A meeting will be held at Sandridge on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Frequent bus service from St. Albans. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by the Rev. Canon Elsee. Tea served in the Schoolroom afterwards. All ringers welcome.—Jas. W. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester and Bolton Branches. — A joint meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by a social at Bolton Borough Police Athletic Club, Old Hall Street. —Donald Brown, Peter Crook, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea in the Parish Hall, kindly provided by the Vicar. Subscriptions for 1932 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Great Longstone on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Church of St. Giles (6 bells, tenor 8 cwt.) available afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at the White Lion 5 p.m. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Allesley (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge. Frequent bus service from Coventry and Birmingham. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 20th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, February 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Reports ready. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcomed. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

STEVENTON, BERKS.—Ring of six, rehung in new frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Oxford on Saturday, February 20th. Service 3 p.m. Visiting ringers will be entertained to tea afterwards; names to be sent to the Rev. A. Robinson, Steventon Vicarage, Didcot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Barwell on Sat., February 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea (6d.) and meeting at 4.15. A good attendance is hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Dis. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Please roll up in good numbers.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The annual Langford-Beams Memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 o'clock. Notification for tea to C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport, Dorset.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Church House. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 23rd. — H. F. Mills, 13, Cargate Avenue, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 27th, when a service, tea and meeting will be arranged. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. — J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Over on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Kindly notify Mr. A. J. Ginn, Over, Cambridge, by Feb. 24th. Please look up Double Oxford Bob Major.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—The annual meeting of Ledbury District will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea afterwards. — Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church. Buses from Leeds (Aire Street) pass the church. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Farnham Royal on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me not later than Feb. 23rd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Battle on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tower open at 3. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m.; also Woodbridge after 6 p.m. Tea, in St. Mary's Hall, 4.30, free for all sending word by Feb. 24th. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Clapton on Saturday, March 5th. Full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, to all who notify Mr. C. Clarke, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, not later than Wednesday, March 2nd. The Ribble buses on the Preston to Blackburn Old Road route pass the church every half hour each way. Three miles Preston, 8 Blackburn. —Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at Johnston's Institute. Please notify Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, by March 2nd. Gentlemen cordially invited. — Mrs. G. H. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

APPLETON, BERKS. — The 114th anniversary of these bells will be held Saturday, March 5th. Tower open for ringing all day. Dinner at 4 p.m. Will those who intend coming to dinner please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks, not later than March 1st?

ST. MARY, WHICKHAM, near Gateshead. — Ring of 6. Dedication of 3 recast trebles by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, Saturday, March 12th, 3.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead. Tea, after the service, in the Rectory Hall, for those who notify the Rev. M. H. Huthwaite, Whickham Rectory, Newcastle-on-Tyne, not later than March 9th. Visiting ringers welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 19th. Nominations for general officers to be made in writing by March 5th. Further details later.—Chas H. Kippin, Hon. Gen. Sec

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 52nd annual general meeting will be held at Tenterden on Easter Monday next. Bells available at 10 a.m. Service at noon. Lunch, presided over by His Worship the Mayor (Col. W. A. V. Findlater), followed by annual meeting. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. —Annual Committee Meeting.—Will members of committee please note that the annual committee meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 2nd? Particulars later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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