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CASUALNESS IN RINGING.

There is a good deal of truth in the assertion made in the report presented to a meeting of ringers at Guildford that Sunday ringing is often too much haphazard in nature. The casualness with which many ringers go about their task makes it impossible to get the best for service ringing. In those companies where the members fully realise their responsibilities the ringing will start punctually to time, and the standard will be the highest that can be produced. But how many bands are there who suffer from latecomers and absentees; who, because of the unpunctual ones, have to begin the ringing late and without using all the bells? Conduct of this kind prevents any plans being made for special touches with the certainty that they will be attempted. Worse still is the man who cannot be depended upon at all; who comes or stays away as the whim takes him. He is the really 'bad boy' of the family, and yet, when he does appear, he often gets made more of than the man who is always present and punctual, simply because when the delinquent condescends to put in an appearance he is specially welcomed as an adjunct to the band for the immediate occasion. It is these casual folk who so badly 'let down' the Sunday ringing and who make it so haphazard in character. The man who cannot be depended upon does not get anywhere in life, and a company of ringers is, in the long run, better off without him.

Ringling has always been cursed with these unpunctual and undependable people, and probably will be as long as human nature is what it is, but if some kind of organised effort were made in towers which suffer in this manner the evil might be reduced to a minimum. The standard of what is expected of a service ringer is that he should be regular and punctual; if he cannot rise to this, his duty, frankly, should be to retire. Without him the rest of the company would know where they stand. But the haphazard ringing to which reference has been made does not apply only to the presence or absence of individuals. It relates equally to the fact that whatever ringing is done is left to chance. In our opinion the ideal example of Sunday service ringing is to be found, where, of course, one would expect it, at St. Paul's Cathedral. Here twice every Sunday, year in, year out, the full twelve bells are pulled off to the minute, and there is no uncertainty as to what shall be rung. While we do not suggest that in every tower the method to be rung should be standardised as it is at St. Paul's, it should always be that which can be best struck by the ringers, and they should come to the tower prepared to ring that method. Too often, we are afraid, Sunday service ringing is also made a prac-

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tice, but that is a thing which never ought to obtain. Service ringing should be the best—that is an aphorism of which ringers are constantly reminded, but it bears repetition—and if it be only rounds, good rounds for service ringing is to be preferred to bad changes. But whatever the ringing, it cannot be carried out on any pre-arranged plan unless all the ringers can be depended upon to be punctually in their places. This is the first step towards the removal of 'haphazard' service ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

THOMAS NEWMAN 1	ALFRED PYE 7
HARRY SEAR... .. 2	*FRANK B. LUFKIN 8
HARRY HOVERD 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
GEORGE RADLEY 4	HENRY T. WILSON 10
JOHN W. CORNFORD 5	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 11
THOMAS BEVAN 6	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal on twelve. This composition, by the late John D. Matthews, is now rung for the first time, and has all the 5.6.7.8 tittums and all the 5.6.7.8 hand stroke home course ends. A farewell peal to the ringer of the 11th. Mr. S. Baybut kindly stood out after meeting over strength.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM FUSSELL 1	WILLIAM ELSON... .. 6
WILLIAM HOLLIER 2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 7
WILLIAM HEWETT 3	WILLIAM WELLING 8
WILLIAM ROBINSON 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 9
WILLIAM MADGWICK 5	WILLIAM COLES... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. WILLSON.

Conducted by WM. HEWETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Caters.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. DOWDING 1	*MALCOLM MELVILLE... .. 6
BERT HORTON 2	JOHN NEAL 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	*JOHN MARSHALL 8
*FRED PRICE 4	*WILLIAM DAVIES 9
*ALAN SHORT 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall, of Edinburgh.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
JOHN P. PELLOE 2	FREDERICK MESSINGER 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
HUGH J. BALCOMBE 4	FRANCES E. TAYLOR 9
*JONATHAN HONEY 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung to commemorate 60 years of peal ringing at Appleton by Mr. George Holifield, sen.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

*ROWLAND F. CLARK Treble	GEORGE T. GRANT 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	†EDWARD C. WHEELER 6
FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN 3	JOHN A. HILL 7
*STANLEY C. WINKWORTH 4	CHARLES AYLIFFE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. HILL,

* First peal. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples as conductor. The conductor was the youngest of the band, being 19 years old, and the tenorman the eldest, being 70 years old. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Pullinger. First peal by an all local band at this tower.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

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

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK L. BLEWER Treble	ERNEST J. KING 5
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 2	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS 3	ERNEST W. FORBANKS 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a 72nd anniversary birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick Goddard, an esteemed member of this association.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 61). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung as a 25th birthday compliment to the conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

COLLINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE W. SLACK Treble	FRED ADDISON 500
JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD 2	NORMAN BARTON 6
HENRY CLAYTON 3	ROBERT LANCASTER 7
FRANK SCHOLEFIELD 4	LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by L. DRAKE.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM G. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
GEORGE PRYKE 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*W. LINES Treble	SIDNEY MUNTON 5
J. A. MOULT 2	LESLIE STEVENS 6
HORACE MOULT 3	H. KIRBY 7
G. BUTLER 4	G. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by HARRY WHITTLE. Conducted by H. MOULT.

* First peal. Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to J. A. Moulton. First peal as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
JOHN W. CORNFORD 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
ALFRED PYE 4	*JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* 800th peal and first of Cambridge as conductor and first attempt.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY BROWN 1. eble	JOHN H. LENTON 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	FRED NEWTON 6
*HARRY NEWTON 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HORACE FOX 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

ALBERT G. WARNES Treble	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 5
*WALTER FARROW 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 4	F. NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 20, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN W. FAITHFUL Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 2	*REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 6
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	†WALTER LINTER... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method at first attempt. † First peal in the method. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by John Taylor and Co. The band are very grateful to the Rector (the Rev. E. T. Butler) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

On Wednesday, February 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
GEORGE OLIVER 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 7
CECIL NICE 4	OLIVER SIPPETS... .. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPET S.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 21, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY RICHARDS Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	*DANIEL T. MATKIN 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	*JOHN MARSHALL... .. 7
HAROLD V. COOPER 4	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Thomas Hemming's 50th peal on these bells.

MARKET HARBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S,

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

C. ARTHUR MANNING Treble	HARRY L. SMITH... .. 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 6
*GEORGE A. HOLLICK... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
FRED E. WALLINGTON 4	WILLIAM HECTOR... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. DENNIS Treble	FREDERICK G. BIGGS 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 2	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 4	ERNEST BRETT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. BRETT.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON Treble	GEORGE W. STEBBE 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
CHARLES W. DENYER 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
*GORDON W. LIMMER... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

H. W. H. STRICKLAND Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 5
JOHN G. NASE 2	HARRY MILLER 6
*WILLIAM J. ELLIS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
†GILBERT E. PLATER 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Cambridge with an 'inside' bell. † First Surprise peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GOWER Treble	ROBERT BARBER... .. 5
WILLIAM FLATT 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	ERNEST WHITING... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. BURNETT Treble	*HAROLD A. NOBBS 5
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. 2	GEORGE W. BARTON... .. 6
FREDERICK W. STEMPE 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT... .. 7
ERNEST G. WILLIAMS... .. 4	ALBERT R. WARD Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.

* First peal on bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells.

HUNSDON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. HOUSE Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 5
MICHAEL PULLMAN 2	STANLEY A. CARTER 6
REGINALD DORE 3	JOSEPH LADLEY 7
GEORGE GRAY 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

A forty-two course peal, containing full combinations 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6 at course ends (without 2nd in 5-6 or 3rd in 6th's at a course end), now rung for the first time. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of 2nd. The band wish to place on record their appreciation of the very kind hospitality of Mrs. Montgomery after the peal.

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**REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)**

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.	
* ALAN W. GEAR Treble	ARTHUR G. WILLETT 5
ALFRED GEAR 2	ALFRED J. BOLL 6.
FRANK B. JEAL 3	WALTER CLAYDON 7
RICHARD V. FULLER 4	* ROBERT J. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* First peal. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

**HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.	
ALMBRIC H. PAGE Treble	RALPH HARRIS 5
WILLIAM WOODWARD 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 6
WILLIAM J. DEVEREUX 3	HARRY DEVEREUX 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	HAROLD J. FELLOWS Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

First peal and first attempt as conductor on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Joseph Newman, for 17 years Vicar's warden at the above church, and grandfather of the ringers of the 6th, within the octave of his 80th birthday. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 7 and tenor are members of the Tewkesbury Abbey band.

**KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.	
H. JAMES TURNER Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	C. HOWARD STANLEY Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT
First peal of London on the bells since they were recast.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt. in E flat.

* JOSEPH JEFFERSON Treble	NOPMAN G. KNEE 5
REGINALD H. NEWTON 2	SIDNEY HILLIER 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
ERNEST F. WHITE 4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. C. WEST.
* First attempt for peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

**GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.	
BENJAMIN PATMORE Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
HENRY WALLACE 2	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 5
SIDNEY CARTER 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Nalban Patmore, parents of the brothers Patmore, whose marriage took place at the above church in 1874.

**ST. HELENS, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

* J. WRIGHT Treble	H. GRONDY 4
* W. HESKETH 2	C. BLACKBORN 5
W. JOHNSON 3	N. HEAPS Tenor

Being seven 720's.
Conducted by N. HEAPS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Colonel Norman Pilkington, who died on Thursday, February 7th, 1935.

**WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, February 11, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt	
E. A. STEVENSON Treble	C. W. GRIFFIN 4
* H. R. BOYCE 2	H. C. READ 5
A. F. BOYCE 3	G. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by W. G. BAILEY.

**MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, February 12, 1935, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CARLISLE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.	
F. CANTER Treble	F. SIMMONDS 4
H. FBELPS 2	H. BARRATT 5
E. JEFFERIES 3	F. PONTING Tenor

Conducted by F. PONTING.

First peal in the method by all and first for the association. Rung to mark the retirement from the Postal Service of Mr. H. Newman, another member of this company.

**BIGBY, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

On Thursday, February 14, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven spliced extents: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (3) Single Oxford and Single Court; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.	
GEORGE L. HALL Treble	MRS. J. BRAY 4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK 2	FRANK LORD 5
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

First peal in 14 methods by all the band and in the district. Mr. G. L. Hall has now 'circled the tower.'

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College Single, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.	
* ARTHUR JERVIS Treble	* JOHN BROUGE 4
* RICHARD T. HOLDING 2	GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 5
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Jervis, brother of the treble ringer.

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THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

ALBERT J. PITMAN Treble	ERNEST STITCH 4
WILLIAM J. THOMAS 2	GEORGE POPNELL 5
EDWARD PHILLIPS 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Oxford Conducted by A. J. PITMAN; Kent by G. I. LEWIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Stitch (February 11th) and Mrs. A. J. Pitman (February 17th).

FRYERNING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge.
Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

LEWIS CAMP Treble	HARRY WRIGHT 4
JOHN STITCH 2	EDWARD STITCH 5
CHARLES HARRINGTON 3	ARTHUR BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BRADLEY.

First Surprise peal on the bells and by all the band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. Stitch, parents of the 2nd and 5th ringers, on their golden wedding, and also to the 2nd ringer, on his birthday.

HINDON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 42 callings.
Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*A. R. MOGG Treble	W. A. AVERY 4
†K. N. WHITE 2	E. F. MARLOW 5
W. J. GRAY 3	S. J. RAY Tenor

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	JOHN THOMAS 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 17, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT GLYN GARTH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 13 in E.

*MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. This is Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson's 100th peal together.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN A. C. ABSON 1 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
†EDWIN A. BARNETT 3-4	†GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7-8

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9-10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Umpire—Miss R. Redpath.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal 'in hand' on an inside pair and first peal on ten bells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association held a meeting at West Hartlepool on Saturday, February 23rd. St. Oswald's fine peal of ten were kept going during the afternoon, and the ringers then sat down to tea at the Mission Hall.

A short meeting followed, Mr. R. L. Patterson (vice-president) presiding.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman said he deplored the very meagre attendance. It was the smallest meeting he had presided over, but all the same it was an enthusiastic few who were present. He was delighted to welcome two old stagers in Messrs. Metcalfe and Titt. He apologised for the absence of Mr. J. W. Parker and Mr. G. S. Taylor, of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, who regularly attended the meetings.

Mr. Metcalfe moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and congratulated him on such a fine peal, which were a delight to ring.—The Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Lilburn), in reply, said bellringers were always welcome to the use of his bells. It was a great satisfaction to him to hear the bells so regularly rung each Sunday, but, like many other churches, the finances were not all that could be desired. He had, however, faithful and willing workers who were always ready to help and who saw that the bells were kept in good condition.

Mr. Titt, in moving a vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea, said it must be disappointing to them that such a few were present. It was always a happy meeting at West Hartlepool, and he was sorry the absentees had not taken advantage of it.

Mrs. Robson replied on behalf of the ladies. She, too, deplored the poor attendance and had hoped to cater for many more.

It was decided to try and hold a joint meeting with the Western District, and it was left to the secretary to make arrangements.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, further ringing took place. The methods rung were Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. Despite the poor muster present, a really happy time was spent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

Although not up to the customary attendance of meetings at Hillingdon, the annual meeting of the South and West District attracted 40 members and friends. The fine ring of ten bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to various ten-bell methods, while an hour's ringing on the ring of eight at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, concluded the programme. Shortened evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford), who delivered an eloquent and forceful address. He appealed to everyone to do their job, be what it may, in no half-hearted manner. As on other occasions, his words were an inspiration—for the absent ones! At the conclusion of service, the following rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells at the foot of the chancel steps: F. G. Baldwin 1-2, J. A. Trollope 3-4, E. C. S. Turner 5-6, F. W. Goodfellow 7-8, W. H. Coles 9-10.

Tea was served in St. John's Hall under the direction of Mrs. Goodfellow. It was noticed that certain notorious persons had apparently been without food all day! However, it is believed that even they felt replenished afterwards.

The business at the meeting which followed was largely of a routine character.

It was agreed that the annual supper and social be held again next year in January and on a date which avoided clashing with similar functions of other societies.

Mr. R. Mowforth, of Kew, was elected a ringing member.

Mr. G. M. Kilby and Mr. W. H. Coles were elected Master and Deputy Master respectively. Mr. T. Collins was elected treasurer, in succession to Mr. C. S. Bird, who was thanked for several years' service. The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) and his assistant (Mr. W. G. Wilson) were re-elected.

It was resolved that the Central Council representatives of the association be asked to press the Council to take action to ensure that peal boards of historic interest shall be restored, where possible, or at least that details of such boards shall be recorded.

The discussion of a motion to transact business once a quarter only, instead of monthly, evoked considerable warmth. On behalf of the motion, it was argued that far too much time each month was wasted discussing business of a trivial nature, and that many members refrained from attending because of this. Rarely had business occurred which could not have waited over until the end of the quarter. It was also thought that with ringing facilities immediately after tea, members who were required to make long journeys to attend the meetings would be more likely to consider the travelling worth while.

The opposition denied that the business was protracted, and further stated that the motion would make little difference and was unnecessary. It was also thought that difficulties would arise when the arrangement was in operation.

When put to the vote, the motion was carried by a large majority. The hon. secretary reported that the nine meetings held had resulted in an average attendance of thirty, a slight decrease on the previous year. As this roughly represents the attendance of one
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SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Bletchingley on Saturday, February 16th, when 30 members attended. After the afternoon's ringing, service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. A. Cranshaw). Tea in the Church Hall was followed by the business meeting, with the Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, in the chair. Mr. A. J. Bull, of Horley, was elected Ringing Master, and Mr. W. Claydon, of Reigate, hon. district secretary in place of Mr. G. F. Hood. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. Wren for making arrangements. Afterwards the tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., finishing with a well-struck course of London Surprise and splendid lowering in peal.

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member in every five, tower secretaries were exhorted to secure the attendance of at least two representatives at each meeting. Over 40 quarter-peals were rung for service and 23 peals were accomplished in 13 towers, with 10 conductors. The report concluded with an appeal to members to give of their best to their own tower, first and foremost, and to make this the primary considerations of all their ringing ambitions and activities. Only thus could the real strength of the association be increased.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Vicar, the organist, Mr. German, the good friends who prepared and served the tea, and finally to Mr. J. J. Pratt, Mr. F. T. Smith and other members of the local band, all of whom were responsible in various ways for the success of the meeting.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

Congratulations are extended to the following, who have rung their first peal:—

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| Miss Lois M. Neal. | Butterwick, Lincolnshire. |
| Frederick V. Nicholls. | Clent, Worcestershire. |
| Frank H. Hicks. | Maresfield, Sussex. |
| Arthur J. Hart, jun. | Maresfield, Sussex. |
| Miss Alice Varley. | Sawley, Derbyshire. |
| Charles Hutchinson. | Sawley, Derbyshire. |
| William Barwell. | Sawley, Derbyshire. |
| William Dawson. | Sawley, Derbyshire. |
| Walter Fowkes. | Bridgnorth, Shropshire. |
| Roland F. Clark. | Bishopstoke, Hampshire. |
| Stanley C. Winkworth. | Bishopstoke, Hampshire. |
| Fred Price. | Market Drayton, Shropshire. |
| Reginald W. Chesters. | Market Drayton, Shropshire. |

DONCASTER SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The Doncaster and District Society held their annual meeting at Doncaster Parish Church on Saturday, February 23rd, a good number of members being present.

The president (Canon Brooks) addressed the members at the service. The meeting was held in the Clergy House. Mr. G. Halksworth was in the chair. Mr. W. E. Lloyd, of Doncaster, acted for the secretary, who was indisposed.

Mr. E. Cooper was re-elected as secretary for a further three years. Messrs. W. E. Lloyd and H. Wagstaff were re-elected auditors. Messrs. A. Hill (Tickhill), C. Wanage (Adwick), A. Daw (Burgwallis) and C. Lee (Arksey) were elected as the committee.

Doncaster ringers won the Walker Cup for the best Sunday ringing attendance, Arksey ringers being the runners-up.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Brooks and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

A good standard of ringing was maintained in the tower.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The spring meeting of the V.W.H. Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Buckland. A few touches were rung before the service, which was held in the Parish Church and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Griffiths), who also gave a very interesting address.

Tea was served to 21 members at the Lamb Clubroom, and the usual business meeting followed, at which the Rev. A. J. de D. Denne (chairman of the branch) presided, supported by the Rev. J. W. Griffiths, Mr. R. Gilling (branch secretary) and members from Buckland, Faringdon and Shillingford, with visitors from Standlake. Mr. M. Willis, of Buckland, was elected a member of the Guild. It was resolved to hold three bye-meetings during the year in addition to the ordinary meetings, the first to be at Great Coxwell at the end of March. The annual meeting is to be held at Faringdon in May or June.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar for his welcome reception to the ringers and for his interesting, but too short, address. He also thanked the organist (Miss King) for her services.

The Rev. Denne congratulated Mr. F. Whipp on his appointment as foreman of the Faringdon tower at a meeting held the previous evening.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where Grandsire Triples and Doubles, also rounds, were rung, and some of the local ringers put through their first touch in method ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mrs. W. E. White is not the wife of the vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, as stated in the footnote to the peal at Nottingham, rung on the 13th February, but of the hon. treasurer.

A very creditable performance was that of Mr. Fred Marsden at Marple, Cheshire, on Saturday, when taking part in a peal of seven Treble Bob extents. He had never before rung three of the methods. It was also his first peal of Minor. The peal was rung in honour of the completion of 50 years' ringing service to the church by Mr. John Wood, leader of the local band and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild since its inception.

A great deal of missionary work is done by Guild secretaries which is unheard of. It has just leaked out that during the past two or three years the Rev. W. H. E. Trowhella, secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild, has visited, on practice nights or for meetings, 49 of the 55 towers affiliated to his Guild. He hopes to complete the remaining six very shortly. This is no mean task, seeing many towers are in isolated country districts in Cornwall. Country ringers do appreciate this sort of work, as it is very often the only touch which they have with their Guild.

The bells at Enniskillen Cathedral, Northern Ireland, consist of a ring of eight, tenor approximately 22 cwt., cast at the Whitechapel Foundry. The peal has not been rung for many years, but it is to be restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who are to rehang the bells in a new framework designed for ten bells. The work is to be commenced shortly.

'March the fourth' will be celebrated at Appleton this year on March 2nd.

It is not often that a ringer's first attempt to call a peal is in a Surprise method, but at Pentre Rhondda last Saturday Mr. Fred Ladbury achieved the distinction of conducting a peal of Superlative in his first peal calling effort.

The band that met one short for a peal at East Coker, Somerset, on Saturday week, were fortunate in finding an extra man. Mr. T. J. Setter, returning from Caerphilly, was met off the train and taken straight away to the tower to ring. It is said that this peal, Stedman Triples, was the first on the bells.

Those who took part in the Australian tour and saw Mr. Sharples' prowess in deck quoits will be interested to learn that on the voyage home from India on S.S. 'Naldera' he reached the final of both the men's singles and mixed doubles before being beaten. Mrs. Sharples was also defeated in the final of the ladies' doubles.

A correspondent tells us that 'Kate' may be interested to know that another eligible bachelor has arrived in town—Mr. James H. Riding, who is one of the staff of the Engineer's Office, L.M. and S. Railway Co., which is transferred from Crewe to St. Pancras Hotel, London. As a conductor he will be hard to replace in the Crewe district.

Ringers who would like to see the Australian 'movies' on the screen should reserve Saturday, March 30th. The picture will probably be on view at Guildford on that date. A further announcement will be made next week.

BOYS' ATTEMPT FOR STEDMAN TRIPLES.

YOUTHFUL RINGERS MEET AT MILTON.

'Fathered' again by Mr. F. E. Dawe, a band of boys, all between 14 and 18 years old, and whose ages totalled only 125 years, made an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Milton, Gravesend, on Saturday. They had excellent ringing for 48 minutes, when, unfortunately, a trip put an end to the peal, much to everyone's disappointment. A peal of Stedman Triples is a big undertaking for so youthful a band, and we hope they will be successful on some future occasion. The ringers and their ages were as follow:—

Frank Green (Wicken), 14 years 1 month 3 weeks, 1; Arthur Jones (Croydon), 14 years 3 months 3 weeks, 2; Walter H. Dobbie (Sittingbourne), 15 years 10 months 3 weeks, 3; John A. Green (Wicken) (conductor) 17 years 11 months 2 weeks, 4; Geoffrey V. Murphy (Crayford), 15 years 10 months 2 weeks, 5; Percy Stone (Nuneaton), 14 years 1 month 2 weeks, 6; Edwin A. Barnett (Crayford), 16 years 4 months 1 week, 7; John A. C. C. Abson (Crayford), 16 years 4 months, 8.

With some of their elders, who had assembled to hear the ringing, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major and a course of Cambridge Surprise were rung afterwards.

Subsequently the party, which included Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett, Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary of the Kent County Association), Mr. E. Stone (Nuneaton), Mrs. Allen and Miss M. Pack, were entertained to a substantial tea at the Mitre Hotel by Mr. Dawe, who also 'crowned' each boy with a newly-minted coin. Mr. Dawe was cordially thanked on the call of the conductor, John Green, and a pleasant time was spent with handbell ringing.

It is hoped to arrange a peal of Grandsire Triples by a band of girls under 18 years of age, if a suitable ring of bells can be obtained. Any young lady capable of taking part should communicate with Mr. F. E. Dawe, Allandale, Rosebery Crescent, Woking.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA. CONDITIONS IN SYDNEY.

The First Peal Recalled.

Hitherto in the story of the tour in Australia there has been opportunity to say little about the conditions of ringing in the Commonwealth. So crowded were the days for the English visitors that it was only possible to keep pace with the actual doings of the party, but readers of 'The Ringing World' will probably be interested to learn something of the conditions existing in Australia when the visitors arrived.

In only one place in the whole of the Commonwealth was change ringing practised with any regularity, and that was at Melbourne, which has been the one real centre of activity in the art in Australian ringing history. Bells are hung in many towers and in quite a number are regularly rung, in some cases in spite of their heavy going; but outside Melbourne little or no change ringing has been done by local ringers. This has not, of course, been their fault. There has been in the majority of cases no one capable of teaching.

Outside Melbourne, Sydney is the only place where any serious attempt has been made to keep a change ringing band, but even there it had faded out before the arrival of the English visitors. And yet Sydney offers the greatest possibilities of all.

Within a comparatively short radius there are half a dozen towers containing peals of bells. At the moment they are not all ringable, but they could be put into ringing order. At St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral and at St. Mark's, Darling Point, are rings of eight both going well and each manned by enthusiastic bands of young men, who showed themselves eager to learn. St. Jude's Church, Randwick, also has a keen company of young men, but here they are handicapped by having 'bells' sadly in need of attention. Indeed, so badly do they want attention that they should be sold either as garden ornaments or for old metal. They are a set of eight steel bells, of execrable tone, and in any case require re-hanging. To be quite honest, they are not worth spending money on, but the enthusiastic young band anxious to serve the church in the belfry deserve



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Australia.

a peal of bells worthy of the very fine building, and worthy, too, of their own efforts.

At Darling Point and Randwick these young men have been doing regular service ringing, but, lacking help, had not been able to make any attempt with change ringing. At St. Mary's Basilica, the Roman Catholic Cathedral, there has been the nucleus of a change ringing band, which for some years had Mr. R. H. Macdonald at its head. Mr. Macdonald is an old and valued servant at the Cathedral, but his advancing years have led him to hand over the leadership to his son, Mr. E. A. Macdonald. Just two or three who can ring Grandsire Triples remain in the band, which has recently received a large influx of young blood, and round this company considerable hopes for a revival of change ringing in Sydney centres, supplemented by the band at Darling Point.

At St. Philip's, Sydney, where the first peal in Australia was rung in the year 1890 on the occasion of a visit of a party from Melbourne, the bells have remained unringed for a considerable time. At present the tower is considered unsafe; but there is the prospect of early steps being taken to have the fabric restored, and then, it is hoped, the bells will once more be put into proper order and a new band of ringers formed.

St. Benedict's Roman Catholic Church possesses a ring of six bells, but in their present condition they are difficult to ring. In the not distant future, however, there may be considerable improvement

effected. The church, as it stands at present, is scheduled for demolition for road improvement. It will be re-erected on the remains of the site, and it is hoped the reconstructed tower will be sufficiently large to instal a ring of eight. There ought then to be no difficulty in raising a company of ringers, for youth seems very active in the Australian churches, and by that time change ringing, it may be hoped, will be established in some of the other Sydney churches, and instructors in the art will be available for St. Benedict's.

Parramatta, within easy reach of Sydney, being only about 14 miles away, has had a band of ringers who in the past have done great things for the church, particularly in raising money, but whose interest in the tower, it was gathered, has waned somewhat. They have a very nice peal of six, going well, and a revival of ringing interest is looked for as a result of the English tourists' visit. It was at this church that the band from Darling Point, under Mr. Charles Porter, having rung a peal of Grandsire Minor at their own church in 1903, repeated their performance.

It will be seen that, given bells in good ringing order, Sydney has a fine opportunity of establishing a community of ringers that might go on and do great things for ringing in the Commonwealth. The interest stirred up by the visitors from England brought from their seclusion three or four ringers who had come from the homeland but had done nothing in the art since their arrival. With their help it ought not to be long before change ringing gets a new footing in Sydney, and, with goodwill and co-operation between the various towers, with interchange of visits and united practices, much might be done. Indeed, we look forward in the not distant future to hearing of the formation of a New South Wales Association, binding these various societies together in a united whole and with a common purpose on the lines of our English county and diocesan organisations.

At various times in the past, ringers from Melbourne have visited Sydney, and it was on one of these visits that the first 720 changes were rung on the bells of St. Mark's, Darling Point. It is recorded as follows: Victorian Society, Melbourne. At Sydney, N.S.W., on Friday, 28th December, 1888, the first 720 changes were rung on the bells of St. Mark's, Darling Point, in the Grandsire Minor method, by six members of the above society. Time, 30 minutes: J. Clark 1, W. Shenton 2, J. M. Guest 3, W. Atkinson 4, J. L. Murray 5, T. R. Hall tenor. Conducted by J. L. Murray.

But the greatest performance in Sydney was the ringing of the first peal in Australia on a subsequent visit of Melbourne men. It is thus recorded on a marble tablet given by the Melbourne ringers and erected in St. Philip's Church, where the peal was rung:

FIRST PEAL IN AUSTRALIA.

On April 9th, 1890, seven members of the Victoria Society of Change Ringers, Melbourne, with the assistance of Messrs. T. H. Joyner and J. Horton, of Sydney, rang on the bells of this church, in 3 hours and 15 minutes, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes, being Holt's Ten-Part: William Shenton treble, John Beechey 2, Jabez Horton, Royal Cumberland Youths, 3, James L. Murray 4, William Atkinson, College Youths, 5, Thomas B. Hall, College Youths, 6, Harry Adams, St. Mary's Society, Kidderminster, 7, Thomas H. Joyner and Ernest O. E. Collins tenor. Conducted by J. L. Murray. J. D. Langley, Incumbent.

Mr. James Murray tells an interesting story about this peal. Six of the Melbourne men went up to Sydney for a holiday and travelled by sea. They rang at St. Philip's on Sunday, and, on coming out of the church, saw a man standing outside looking at the tower. Harry Adams asked him if he was a ringer, and, to their surprise, he said he was. He was Jabez Horton, an old Cumberland Youth from England. His services were at once enlisted, a peal fixed up and Mr. Murray had the honour of calling the first peal in Australia.

And now, nearly 45 years later, Mr. Murray, at the age of 73, has taken part in the first twelve-bell peal in the Commonwealth. His enthusiasm during the visit of the English tourists to Melbourne was as keen as it was in those days when they occasionally went on ringing expeditions to Sydney and Hobart. And let it be remembered that a trip from Melbourne to Sydney and back involves a journey of over a thousand miles. Mr. Murray is now captain of the Melbourne Cathedral Society.

(To be continued.)

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcester and Districts Association took place at Upton-on-Severn on Saturday, February 23rd. About 35 members, representing 12 towers, were present. The visitors included the Misses A. R. and K. Johnson, of Hinton, Evesham.

Service was held, after which tea was partaken of at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rector, Canon R. H. Edmondson. At the business meeting which followed, it was proposed that the summer meeting be held at Grimley.

Mr. R. Knowles proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his excellent address, for his generosity in providing tea, and also for presiding at the meeting. He also thanked the organist and choir for their services and all who in any way helped to make the meeting such a success.—The motion was carried with applause.

The ringers then paid a further visit to the belfry, and the bells were kept going to various Triples and Major methods until about 8.30.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S TITLE. REFERENDUM BEING TAKEN.

Voting cards have been issued to members of the Essex Association to enable a referendum to be taken as to whether the association's title shall remain as at present, viz. 'The Essex Association of Change Ringers,' or shall be changed to 'The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers.'

The referendum was decided upon at the annual meeting last year, and only those members whose subscription for 1934 was paid before December 31st last are entitled to vote. Members who do not receive a voting card on or before March 8th should notify the hon. secretary immediately.

The cards have to be returned by March 15th. Those received after that date will be ignored.

It is interesting to note that in a recent issue of the 'Chelmsford Diocesan Gazette,' the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford expressed himself as in favour of the title being changed to a diocesan one, by reason of the ringers' work being so closely associated with the Church.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION AT FINCHINGFIELD.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association had a very successful meeting at Finchingfield on Saturday, February 16th. Despite a terrific gale, the number present exceeded all expectations, and 15 towers were represented. Ringing commenced shortly after 2.30 and continued until 4.30, when a service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Jordan), the lesson being read by Mr. F. Ridgwell (district secretary). The Vicar gave the ringers a hearty welcome, and gave them an address on the psychology of bells. 'I have sometimes been to a modern church,' he said, 'where there are no bells or perhaps only one small bell. The service is not the same. It is not prepared. It is the bells that prepare the service. The organ or choir may cease, but it does not have the same effect as the bells. There is nothing I like better than to hear the bells when I am on my way to church. There is no mistake in their message; they speak the truth. There is nothing, to my mind, so accurate or so near perfection as the bells.'

Tea was served at the Lion Inn, the Vicar presiding over a company of 43.

Before the business meeting the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) referred to the recent death of Mr. A. Ribbans, of Dunmow, and as a mark of respect the company stood in silence for a few moments.

One hon. member and three ringing members were elected, and Kelvedon was agreed upon for the next place of meeting on May 18th.

The District Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his appropriate address, which had been appreciated by all present. He also thanked the lady organist for her services and also those who had attended from other divisions.—Mr. E. Runter (Springfield), in reply, said the visitors liked to attend the meetings in that division. They always get a good welcome and never anything better wherever they went.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent, Superlative, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Whitstable on Saturday, when 35 members were present, representing towers in all corners of the district.

Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, with rounds for the beginners, of whom there was a good number present.

The association form of service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. Geoffrey Hillyard) officiated and gave a most interesting address. Mr. Groombridge kindly presided at the organ.

Following the service, a very entertaining half an hour was spent by the members, when the Vicar undertook to describe the interesting features of the church, after which they were shown the magnificent collection of communion plate, of which Whitstable is particularly proud.

Subsequently tea was held in the Schoolroom, at which the Rev. Hillyard presided, and at the subsequent business meeting Mr. J. P. Cobbold was voted to the chair. The following new members were elected: Arthur Sims, of Whitstable; D. Carroll and E. Gosbee, of St. Peter's, Thanet; Thomas Young and Albert Stringer, Littlebourne. Three new honorary members were also welcomed to the association: The Rev. J. Hillyard, the Rev. H. Thornton-Trapp and the Rev. J. M. Y. Phillipson.

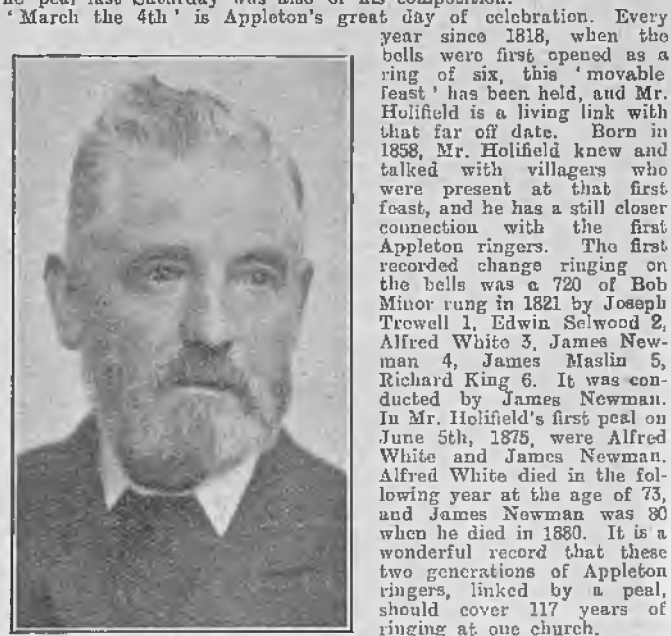
A vote of thanks, proposed by the district secretary, to the Rev. Hillyard for the use of the bells, the service and address; to Mr. Cecil Dilnot for making the arrangements for the meeting, and to Mr. Groombridge for presiding at the organ, was carried by acclamation.—The Vicar suitably replied and welcomed the ringers to Whitstable.

During the evening many methods were successfully accomplished, including Cambridge Surprise.

MR. GEORGE HOLIFIELD'S LONG RECORD.

SIXTY YEARS OF PEAL RINGING AT APPLETON.

Sixty years of peal ringing is a wonderful record. Mr. Geo. Holifield, sen., of Appleton, rang his first peal in that celebrated tower on June 5th, 1875, and last Saturday took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters to celebrate this 'diamond jubilee.' Throughout this long period he has also been a service ringer at the church and has figured in all the record lengths rung there, except the last long peal of Grandsire Caters. But he was associated with this as the composer of the peal. The peal last Saturday was also of his composition.



MR. G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

'March the 4th' is Appleton's great day of celebration. Every year since 1818, when the bells were first opened as a ring of six, this 'movable feast' has been held, and Mr. Holifield is a living link with that far off date. Born in 1858, Mr. Holifield knew and talked with villagers who were present at that first feast, and he has a still closer connection with the first Appleton ringers. The first recorded change ringing on the bells was a 720 of Bob Minor rung in 1821 by Joseph Trowell 1, Edwin Selwood 2, Alfred White 3, James Newman 4, James Maslin 5, Richard King 6. It was conducted by James Newman. In Mr. Holifield's first peal on June 5th, 1875, were Alfred White and James Newman. Alfred White died in the following year at the age of 73, and James Newman was 80 when he died in 1880. It is a wonderful record that these two generations of Appleton ringers, linked by a peal, should cover 117 years of ringing at one church.

Incidentally also the well-known Appleton family of White, two representatives of

which were in the peal last Saturday, have had a continuous connection with the Appleton Society through succeeding generations from 1818 to the present day.

BROTHER BILLS.

The peal rung at Isleworth last Saturday by a team of ten Williams was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier. Eight of the ten men were members of the South and West District, while Mr. Robinson, of Guildford, was provisionally elected a member in the belfry before starting the ringing. 'Old Bill,' of Camberwell (who had left his Surfleet portmanteau at home), ably conducted the ringing in his usual quiet manner, whilst 'Australia Bill' gave kindly messages to Messrs. Elson and Madgwick from ringing friends in Victoria.

That ancient riverside inn, The London Apprentice, was invaded after the peal and hospitality enjoyed with the president amidst greetings for many more birthdays to come. The landlord, William McDonald, was no novice at his business, and will be pleased to show visitors a fine set of 12 engravings by William Hogarth, which are also known as The London Apprentice. Thanks of the association are due to the Rector, the Rev. P. William Shepherd-Smith, for granting permission to visit the tower.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The Southern District of the Ladies' Guild met with a warm welcome at St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey, on Saturday, February 23rd. Ringing continued in various methods during the afternoon until 4.15, when a pause was made to enable the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Walthman) to dedicate a peal board commemorating a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung by the local band.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, and the organist and choir were in attendance. The Vicar gave an interesting address, taking for his text, 'I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of Lord.'

Tea was enjoyed in the hall and a vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar and all who had assisted in the arrangements.

The Vicar responded with a few anecdotes of his experiences with bells.

Mrs. Melville (Guildford) took the chair at the short business meeting. It was decided to hold a meeting at Puttenham on May 4th if possible. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Brede (Sussex), Guildford, Farnborough, Pirbright, Warpleston, Wokingham and Yateley.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT ANNUAL DINNER.**SURPRISE ITEMS AT 'THE BEST YET.'**

On Saturday, February 16th, the bells of St. Martin's Cathedral (10), St. John the Divine (10) and St. Margaret's (12) heralded the Leicester and District Society's annual dinner. During the afternoon all sorts of touches were rung in the standard and Surprise methods—some very surprising!—and everyone possible was catered for. At 6.30 the gathering met at the George Hotel and sat down to an excellent dinner, after which the music-composing conductor aptly put to verse and made 'no thinner' rhyme with it! The local chairman (Mr. A. J. Harris) presided, and was supported by the Rev. W. Groome-Merrilces (Theddingworth), the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton), and in addition to friends from the surrounding towers of Wigston (2), Great Glen, Kibworth, Belgrave, Syston, Lutterworth, Anstey, etc., and Hinckley District, a cordial welcome was extended to Messrs. H. Withers (Birmingham), R. F. Deal (London), J. Oldham, J. P. Fidler and Fletcher (Loughborough), and others too numerous to mention. A happy party of 88 sat down.

A fine programme of music and harmony was the order of the evening, free from formal speeches of any kind. Before commencing, however, the Chairman spoke of the great loss sustained of one who had recently 'passed over,' and who was—by a strange coincidence—the very first to buy a ticket for that dinner. He referred to the late Mr. Ernest Marsh, of Husbands Bosworth, who was such an enthusiastic member of the Leicester Committee and rarely missed a meeting of any sort.—The company stood in silence for a moment to his respected memory.

The musical programme opened with a course of Stedman Triples by Messrs. H. J. Poole, G. S., E. and J. Morris, followed by the last named gentleman's well-known song, 'Johnny.'

The Chairman then had a small presentation to make to the Rev. Groome-Merrilces, who was leaving Theddingworth for Ellistown during the coming week. The recipient suitably replied, and stated he took the greatest interest in the bellringers, and he cordially invited any who cared to, to come and ring a peal at his new church. It has one small bell hanging in a cupola!

Handbell selections by the Friends' Adult School Sextet were splendidly rendered on a large number of bells and greatly enjoyed by all present. The Chairman then had another surprise in the presentation of a sealed packet to the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who, he remarked, had at a previous dinner expressed a wish that someone would give him the means of conveyance which would enable him to attend many more meetings. The contents of the packet, it was pointed out, would enable the rev. gentleman to fulfil his desires.

In receiving the packet, Mr. Farrow said he would open it when alone, but the chairman asked the police present to make him open it immediately. After seeing the handcuffs dangled before him, the rev. gentleman gingerly undid the packet, revealing—a toy motor-bike!

Mr. Harold J. Poole, with his two fellow-conspirators (the three D's), gave several humorous selections of his own composing, which fairly 'brought down the house.'

During another interval, the chairman had yet a further surprise item. This was the 'bit-bit' of the evening and caused endless fun and hilarity. Telling all present of the 'great adventure' recently undertaken by the dexterous Sergeant-Major in going to London specially to ring Bow bells, he was surprised and amazed that the police, aided by certain London ringers, had utterly defeated his object. He had really never recovered from this bitter disappointment. He (the chairman) was quite certain all Leicester district ringers sympathised with Mr. Dexter, and, after much thought and patience, he had devised a substitute, and had pleasure in presenting 'Freddy' with a couple of door-bells tied up with a huge riband into a bow. It was good to see the 'splicing champion' (J. P. Fidler) endeavouring to coax these 'bow-bells' round Fred's neck, but he was again—too dexterous.

A very interesting item on the programme was a course of Double Norwich, faultlessly rendered on the piano by that genius, Mr. Harry Withers, of Birmingham. A course of Stedman Caters was given on the handbells, and songs by Mr. S. Hawley and Mr. Fidler and Sergt. Billson's 'tales' all helped to make an enjoyable evening. All too soon 'Time, gentlemen!' ended what everyone present echoed—it was 'the best yet.'

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Cuthbert's Church, Benfieldside, Durham, on February 10th, 1,080 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Lishman 1, R. Oliver 2, C. T. Lamb 3, J. H. Elliott 4, E. Hall 5, T. W. Dodd (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. P. M. Bruton, one time churchwarden and of later years a sidesman at the above church.

On Thursday, February 21st, at the Parish Church, Woodbridge, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (from Parker's twelve-part): G. Warner 1, J. Trolan 2, F. Nichols 3, G. N. Blake 4, W. Woods 5, F. Woodruffe 6, F. Fisher (conductor) 7, P. Woodruffe 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late W. King, a member of the original band, who was interred at Woodbridge the previous day.

A SUFFOLK VETERAN.**DEATH OF MR. DAVID COLLINS.**

Within nine days of his 87th birthday, Mr. David Collins, a celebrated Suffolk ringer has passed away at Worlingworth, and a link with the early days of the Norwich Diocesan Association has been broken. He joined that association in 1878, on August 3rd of which year he rang his first peal, 5,088 Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Mary's, Framsdan, conducted by the late Daniel Prentice.

On October 16th, 1880, he rang in a peal of 10,272 Kent Treble Bob Major at Debenham, conducted by William Ireland, of Diss, who is still with us. On June 6th, 1892, he took part in the celebrated 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham, conducted by the late James Mottis, of Ipswich. David rang the 6th to this peal, this, in fact, being his favourite position. The remaining ringers of this long peal now surviving are Robert H. Brundell, William G. Crickmer and Frederick J. Tillet, who rang the tenor. On October 23rd Mr. Collins took part in a septuagenarians' peal of 5,184 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Pulham Market, Norfolk, conducted by the late John Souter, of Diss, David being the oldest member of that band and then in his 75th year.

In all he rang over 50 peals and was perfect in striking. Ringers in Ipswich and Suffolk have lost a personal friend and a ringer much esteemed for his sterling qualities.

Mr. Collins celebrated his diamond wedding last year, having been married at Worlingworth in 1874. His wife died during the year. All their six children had predeceased them and are buried in Worlingworth Churchyard.

In addition to being a member of the Worlingworth band for about 73 years, Mr. Collins was sexton from 1889 until three years ago. A wheelwright and carpenter by trade, Mr. Collins, in conjunction with his late brother, Mr. Edgar Collins, also a well-known Suffolk ringer, was responsible for the construction of several bell frames in Suffolk towers.

The Suffolk Guild was represented at the funeral last Friday by Mr. W. G. Crickmer and Mr. E. F. Poppy.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER GREENAWAY.**A HERTFORDSHIRE ENTHUSIAST.**

The death occurred very suddenly on February 14th of Mr. Walter Greenaway, of Ware, Herts. Deceased, who was well known in East Herts, was 68 years of age, and a very enthusiastic ringer. He was captain of the Ware ringers, who are only a 'call change band,' but he learnt all his change ringing with the Hertford College Youths and never failed to attend the two Hertford churches, where this society is responsible, once every Sunday and for the usual weekly practice. He was present three days before his death at the Monday evening practice and seemed in his usual health. His death came as a great shock to the Hertford ringers, among whom he was most popular.

The funeral took place on February 16th at Ware Parish Church, where the deceased only last month rang his first peal of Treble Bob. The Ware and Hertford ringers were present, together with several visiting ringers, and the handbells were rung over the grave.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, including one from the Ware ringers and another from the Hertford College Youths, on which was written, 'Dear old Walter,' and 'The last course,' 'That is all.' This referred to a course of Grandsire rung at the practice three days before his death. At the conclusion of this practice it was decided to give a little girl member, aged 11 years, her first course. This was accomplished, and, sadly enough, was Mr. Greenaway's last. Deceased had rung five peals, viz., two of Bob Major, one Grandsire Triples, one Stedman Triples and one Treble Bob Major.

HOSPITALITY AT LEIGH, DORSET.**PEAL RINGERS ENTERTAINED.**

On Saturday, January 19th, five members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild visited Leigh, Dorset, and rang a peal there, as recorded in the peal column, and they are not likely to forget for some time their visit and the hospitality accorded to them. Before the attempt for the peal, the Vicar (the Rev. T. L. Jenkins) came to the church to welcome them and to wish them good luck. After the peal, which was the first on the bells, the Vicar conducted a short service, which had been especially arranged for the visiting ringers, and in which about 40 took part, including the local ringers and other church-workers.

After the service the locals rang for a short time, and then practically the whole congregation adjourned to the Vicarage, where a splendid repast awaited them. A most enjoyable time was spent, and it was nearly nine o'clock before the party broke up.

The five visitors greatly appreciate the wonderful arrangements made for their visit. It is hoped that this gathering may lead to the return of Leigh tower to the Guild. P. F.

SUDDEN DEATH IN BELFRY.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William J. Rundle, of Plymouth, which occurred on Wednesday, February 20th, with tragic suddenness during practice in Emmanuel belfry, Plymouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. CHERTSEY DISTRICT.

At the annual meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, the hon. secretary (Mr. F. E. Hawthorne) reported that there had been a rather disappointing attendance at the meetings held during the year, and regretted the fact that a number of towers in the district were practically closed to Guild ringers. It was, he said, up to every member to pull his weight in introducing the Guild wherever possible. He asked all the members to come to the meetings prepared to ring something different to what they generally practised. The membership had been increased somewhat, but he hoped the members would rally more to the support of the officers.

The balance sheet showed £2 ls. remitted to the Guild treasurer and balance increased by 13s. 2d.

It was decided to hold meetings during the year at Horsell, Weybridge, Molesey, Thames Ditton and Chertsey.

The retiring officers were re-elected, with the Rev. C. Wanstall as the hon. members' representative on the Executive Committee.

Mr. W. Bagg, of Chertsey, was elected a member of the Guild.

The meeting was presided over by the Vicar of Chertsey (the Rev. C. Wanstall), who had previously conducted the Guild's service, and was thanked for all he had done in connection with the meeting.

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

Great regret was felt at the Leatherhead District meeting last Saturday at the absence through illness of Mr. Arthur Dean, leader of the local band. Mr. Dean has been a bulwark of ringing in Leatherhead for a long period of years, and a meeting at that church without him was like 'Hamlet' without the Prince of Denmark. A vote of sympathy and good wishes for his speedy recovery was passed.

About forty ringers attended the meeting, and a special welcome was extended to Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association), Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. A. W. Coles and Mr. J. Bennett (Middlesex), Mr. D. H. Cooper (Surrey) and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of London.

The report of the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) showed that the district balance had increased by over 30s., and that the membership remained about the same. He was disappointed, however, that not more than three youngsters had taken advantage of the reduced terms to ringers under 16 years of age to come into the Guild. It had been decided to carry on with the combined practices. Only five peals had been rung during the year in the district, but these included the 'first ever' of Leatherhead Surprise. Banstead and Leatherhead seemed to be the only towers available for peals, but they were still looking forward to the restoration of the bells at Ewell and Capel.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and Mr. W. J. Hart, of St. Martin's, Epsom, was elected a member.

Mr. A. Harman was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. A. H. Smith hon. district secretary. Messrs. G. Marriner and F. G. Woodiss were elected members of the Executive Committee after a ballot.

The retiring Guild officers were renominated and the following places chosen for district meetings: Dorking, Newdigate, Ranmore (joint with Surrey Association), Cobham, Banstead and Leatherhead. The usual votes of thanks were passed.

Ringling during the day reached as high as Cambridge Surprise Royal.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

EX-PRESIDENT VISITS AYLESBEARE DEANERY BRANCH.

A very encouraging meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Whimple on February 16th, when about 60 members attended. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Julian), the lesson being read by the Rev. O. Packridge, and a most inspiring address was given by the Rural Dean (the Rev. E. C. Grimaldi). Tea followed in the Victory Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman (the Rev. E. A. Julian). Apologies were received from the Revs. W. N. Mitchell and Dr. Keene, also Messrs. S. Hull and R. S. Ward.

Three honorary and three associate members were elected, and the meeting delighted to welcome the late president of the Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell) and Mrs. Powell, and the former branch secretary.

The ex-president presented certificates to two members of the branch.

Sownton was proposed for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 27th. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rural Dean for his address, to the Rector, the organist, choir, organ blower, and the ladies who presided at the tea tables.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grand sire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob, under the able management of the new Ringing Master, Mr. J. M. Skinner.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

On Thursday evening, February 7th, six of the local ringers at Rainford, Lancs, met to celebrate the 61st birthday of James W. Hall. The bells were fired 61 times, and afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles in spliced 120's by Gabriel Lindoff was rung: P. Shaw (conductor) 1, G. Saint 2, W. Bagley 3, S. Cadwallender 4, J. W. Hall 5, O. Ashurst 6.

ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

VALUE OF SUBSTANTIAL BALANCE.

The importance of an association having a good balance in hand was emphasised by Mr. S. E. Armstrong (Southern Divisional Secretary of the Sussex County Association), when speaking at the annual dinner of the Southover Bellingers' Guild, Lewes. The dinner was held at the King's Head Inn, Southover, and was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews), who is president, supported by a number of vice-presidents and several visiting ringers, including Messrs. F. Bennett, K. Hart and S. E. Armstrong (Brighton), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), etc.

The loyal toast having been honoured, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed the toast of 'The Southover Bellingers' Guild,' with the formation of which, he said, he was connected nearly 40 years ago. He urged the members to support their officers by their regular and punctual attendance at both service ringing and practices, and said that with the encouragement they received from the Rector they had every opportunity to go on and make great advances in change ringing. Some of their members had rung peals during the past year, and he hoped that before the present year was out all of them would do so. He wished the Guild success and prosperity in the future.

Mr. G. Elphick (the hon. secretary), who responded, said they had been able during the past year to ring for nearly all the Sunday services, although sometimes they only mustered six or eight ringers. Their best performance had been the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples ever rung by local members of the Guild. They had also begun to practise handbell ringing.

Mr. G. E. Suter (vice-president) submitted the toast of 'The Sussex County Association,' and, in congratulating the association upon its work in the past, also congratulated it upon the fact that this year it would celebrate its jubilee. He commented upon the fact that according to the 1933 balance sheet, the association had over £180 in hand. He said, as a church treasurer, he cast envious eyes on such a balance as this, and went on to suggest that the association might spend some of it in assisting those churches whose bells needed restoration, but whose funds were insufficient to do the work.

Replying to the toast, Mr. S. E. Armstrong said the association kept its balance for a rainy day. Their actual income did not very largely exceed their expenditure, and as they bound themselves to make good any damage done to bells at their meetings and gave certain advantages to members who attended the meetings by way of grants towards railway fares, it was necessary to have a reserve. Indeed, the umbrella was already going up this year. He did not think he was disclosing any secret when he said that it was hoped that one way of celebrating the jubilee of the association would be by a great gathering of members, to whom an allowance up to 2s. each would be made for travelling expenses, and a dinner, half the cost of which would be defrayed out of the funds. If all the members turned up it would make a big hole in their £180 balance. It was sometimes asked, said Mr. Armstrong, what benefits a ringer got from membership of the association; in other words, what was he going to get out of it? The annual subscription was 2s., but if a member attended all the meetings of his district and the annual meeting of the association, he would, if he could claim the maximum amount, receive 10s. towards his travelling expenses. But that, he said, amid applause, was not the way to look at membership of such an association. It was not what they got out of it that mattered, but what they put into it. He added that there had never been any desire among members that subscriptions should be given towards repairing church bells or towers.

The remaining toasts were 'The President and Vice-Presidents,' proposed by Mr. C. J. Rugg and responded to by Mr. C. T. Lloyd, and 'The Host and Hostess,' submitted by Mr. Ward and acknowledged by Mrs. Muzzell.

Song and story, to say nothing of handbell ringing, passed a very pleasant evening.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

FORTY ATTEND ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, February 2nd. Some 40 members and friends, including the general secretary (the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake), attended. The business meeting was held in the Vicarage at 6 p.m., the Vicar of Haddenham (the Rev. A. E. Kirkland) being elected chairman. The election of officers for 1935 are: President, the Rev. A. E. Kirkland; secretary, Mr. F. Warrington; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. A. J. Abrams; committee, Messrs. A. J. Ginn, J. Lawrence, G. Few, S. Shipp, captains of their respective bellfries. Sutton in the Isle was selected as the place of the next annual meeting, and Chatteris for the next ordinary meeting on March 9th, particulars of which appear in the notice columns of this issue.

New members elected were Messrs. G. Burton, F. Maskell and C. Ambrose, and the belfry election of J. Hodson and R. Mitham, jun., were confirmed.

It was proposed that a joint meeting with the Wisbech Branch be held at Elm during the coming summer.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of his bells and presiding.

Ringling ranged from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor, and some good practice work done with the juniors.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 2nd (not on the 16th as previously arranged). Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, for same. Meeting for election of Officers, etc., after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due. The annual report available. A good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Maiseyhampton on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec., Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Bingham on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The first meeting of the year will be held at Wye on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, March 2nd, when all ringers are invited to try the recently restored 10 bells from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. During the afternoon a committee meeting will be held in the vestry. No branch meeting, but subscriptions welcomed; reports to hand.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Shildon on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock, and South Church bells, in addition, after tea. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5, followed by a short service in St. John's Church.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday, March 2nd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, March 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary Magdalene 4.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head Hotel 5 p.m. (1s. each, members 6d.). Business meeting follows.—George Case, Dis. Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

CLEVELAND & N. YORKS ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 10 cwt.) will be available for ringing after 3 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall at 5.—E. Brown, 11, Ingram Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint by-meeting of the districts will be held at All Hallows', Lombard Street, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (10) at 3 o'clock. Tea and jaw 5 o'clock. Handbells and further ringing till 8.30. Entrance in hoarding in Gracechurch Street.—J. Herbert, 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen (Aylestone not being available) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) ready 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good attendance requested.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Loughton (6 bells) on Saturday, March 2nd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Shaw (one mile from Newbury) on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on March 2nd, the bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service in church, tea and meeting after. All heartily welcome. Come and spend a happy time.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 2nd. Bells from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at 5. Tea, in the Schoolroom, at 5.30 p.m. Special business meeting after. Attention is drawn to Rule 9.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at North Stoneham, March 2nd. Bells (10) from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea 5.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 5th, St. Magnus' on the 7th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LONG SUTTON, LINCS.—On Thursday, March 7th, at 7 p.m. the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln. Peal restored and augmented to 8 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—All ringing friends will be welcome at Farnham Royal on Thursday, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m., to ring 'many happy returns' to Mr. J. J. Parker, on his 82nd anniversary.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—REFERENDUM OF TITLE.—Members who have paid their subscription to December 31st last are entitled to vote. Any member not receiving voting card on or before March 8th should notify me immediately. Cards not received by me by March 15th will be ignored.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 9th. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at West Tarring on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at St. Thomas à Becket's Palace 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday previous to the meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me by March 6th. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, 5.45 p.m. For tea notify Mr. Wm. Leach, 53, Eldon Street, St. Helens.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea, 1s., and meeting. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday previous.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whilton (6 bells) on Saturday, March 9th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford (6 bells) on Saturday, March 9th. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on March 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Please note the times.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. A. J. Abrams, Chatteris, Cambs. Special business: Owing to my probable departure a new secretary will be appointed at this meeting. A full attendance is requested.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Durweston on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bryanston and Shillingstone towers also open. A hearty welcome to all. Please advise J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

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BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, March 9th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea, please notify Mr. M. Perry, 3, Colliery Buildings, Brierley, near Barnsley, by Thursday, 7th. A good meeting desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's R.C. Church, Lytham, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, Lancs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at Burbage. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Ringing friends welcome.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m., at the Half Moon Inn. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, March 13th.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tendring on March 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by Vicar at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by March 13th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Meat tea will be provided at 1s. each for those who notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elm-side, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, by Thursday, March 14th. All welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, March 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Egerton on March 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by invitation of the Church Council at the George Inn, 5 p.m. Please send a postcard on the Sunday previous if you wish to come.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (All Saints') on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. St. Saviour's 7 o'clock till 8 o'clock.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Alteration of date.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, April 6th, and not on March 30th as previously stated.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

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