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'OUR YOUNG RINGERS.'

It is seldom a new subject is introduced into the toast list of a ringers' dinner. Usually the toasts follow a somewhat hackneyed, if time-honoured form, and it is refreshing, therefore, to find that, at the annual dinner of Bristol United Ringing Guilds, a new toast appeared—'Our Young Ringers.' We congratulate, whoever it was, who had this inspiration. All sorts of institutions and people are honoured on these occasions, but surely there is no section of the ringing community which deserves recognition on such occasions more than the youngsters who, later on, will have to carry on the good work now being done by their elders, and to whom we look not only to maintain present standards, but to go on raising the level of ringing and the status of ringers.

The speech in which the toast was commended to the company was one which every ringer would do well to read, and which everyone responsible for the teaching of young ringers would do well to ponder. Although it was made by a non-ringer, it was full of understanding, common sense and good advice. The Rev. M. Paterson's wide experience of youth in a great city like Bristol fitted him admirably for the task. He pleaded for encouragement and sympathy on the part of tutors, and he put into words exactly what we might expect a youngster to think when he first tries his hand at the end of a bellrope, but which, of course, he has not the courage, or shall we say the audacity, to put into words.

There are often regrets expressed that young ringers cannot be got, or, if obtained, cannot be kept. Very frequently the cause is attributed to lack of interest, but we think there must be many cases where pupils, having entered the belfry, have left it again because they do not feel themselves in a sympathetic atmosphere. It may not be entirely the fault of the older ringers, but there is sometimes that lack of encouragement which is sufficient to keep a beginner plodding along a rather difficult path in which he has largely to make his own interest. Patience with beginners may sometimes be sorely tried, but both master and pupil must possess this virtue if the best is to be made of raw material. We need youngsters in the belfry everywhere. The band that goes on year after year without recruiting new blood are doing a disservice to the cause which they believe they have at heart, for sooner or later there must come a time when the old hands will drop out. But youngsters will only be kept if they are encouraged and their interest fed. We would like to see the Rev. M. Paterson's words hung in every belfry where there are beginners — and that ought to be in every belfry in the land.

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On Thursday, January 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	...*Treble*	*ALLEN MORGAN	6
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	7
DENIS R. MORRIS	3	REGINALD WOODYATT ...	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
GEORGE E. LARGE	5	CHARLES CAMM	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*T. DOUGLAS WHORTON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM GOODMAN	6
JOHN GOODMAN	2	HERBERT SHEPPARD	7
WILLIAM GREEN	3	ALFRED ROWLEY	8
HENRY GOODMAN	4	RONALD GOODMAN	9
HARRY HUBBALL	5	GILBERT GUEST	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. J. Goodman, father of the ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Goodman, and to Mr. H. Sheppard on the completion of 40 years as a Sunday service ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN ...	...*Treble*	HARRY BAKER	5
WILLIAM GORRINGE	2	LESLIE W. JARVIS	6
*GEORGE MASKELL	3	JAMES G. POWELL	7
†EDWARD BISHOP...	4	‡STANLEY ETHERIDGE...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED J. TURNER ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM J. COPPARD	2	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ...	6
HAROLD S. HOBDEN	3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ...	7
OLIVER WOOD	4	JAMES A. HART	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. R. J. Dawe, for 48 years a member of the band at this tower.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*FREDERICK C. CASE ...	...*Treble*	JOHN A. GREEN	5
A NUNNELEY WOOD ...	2	HARRY SEAR...	6
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD...	3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	7
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ...	4	ALBERT J. GREEN... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* 50th peal. This composition has the full combination of 4.5.6 in 5-6. It is in two equal parts with two singles only and calls at 1.4.6; see 'The Ringing World,' November 20th, 1931.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ...	...*Treble*	ARNOLD BRUNTON	5
ROBERT WALLWORK	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON	6
JOHN WILKINSON	3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ...	7
THOMAS WALLWORK	4	HERBERT DAVENPORT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN WHEADON	...*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ...	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	HARRY HOVERD	6
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ...	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDRRICK J. CULLUM.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen-and-a-Half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ...	...*Treble*	JAMES N. MILNER	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	LIONEL CLOUGH	6
*ALAN D. STEELE	3	WILLIAM FERNLEY	7
KENNETH LEWIS	4	JOHN WORTH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method away from treble.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK...	*Treble*	FREDERICK BOREHAM	5
MAURICE T. SYMONDS ...	2	LEONARD OFFORD	6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ...	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ...	7
*ROBERT J. STEED	4	LEONARD PRYKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the 21st birthday of the 7th ringer. R. J. Steed hails from Buxhall, the rest are local men.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 1. Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS M. COX... ...	..*Treble*	*BERNARD PYBUS...	5
THOMAS LANCASTER	2	RALPH JACKSON	6
GEORGE P. KEMBALL ...	3	CYRIL POLLARD	7
JACK REED	4	WILLIAM WATSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. REED.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the newly-inducted Vicar of Ormesby, the Rev. C. A. Budgen, who, after the peal, kindly entertained the ringers at the Vicarage.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH JENNINGS...	...*Treble*	RONALD SUCKLING	5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS	6
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ...	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	H. WALTER SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.
* First peal of Major.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

HERBERT V. DIGBY	...*Treble*	DOUGLAS E. RUST	4
ARTHUR S. BROTHERS	2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ...	5
ERIC DURRANT	3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.
Rung by the local band with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of their late Squire, Philip Edward Sewell, who was not only a member of the association, but a generous and friendly supporter of the church and every organisation connected with the parish. His remains were interred earlier in the day.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN.	...*Treble*	FRANK VARTY	4
WILLIAM STRONG	2	JOHN GREASLEY	5
*DAVID HUGHES	3	THOMAS ROGERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. ROGERS.
* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Stanley Strong, who was a ringer for 40 years at the above church.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire, 22 callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PATRICK A. HEWITT ...	...*Treble*	NORMAN STATHAM	4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS	2	FRANCIS R. DEACON	5
E. HAROLD FARMER	3	JAMES PRESTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. R. DEACON.
* First peal.

HAMPRESTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

R. C. HURST...	...*Treble*	*A. E. HOARE	4
W. G. YOUNG	2	W. C. SHUTE	5
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	3	A. G. ROSE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.
* First peal. First peal on the bells.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*VICTOR BRIGGS ... ...*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON 4
†JACK VESSEY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
‡G. LESLIE A. LUNN 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal and rung in 19 different towers and with 56 ringers: Quickest peal on the bells.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Law James' Arrangement. Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM OLDHAM ... ...*Treble*	HARRY GIBBARD... 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	†ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method.

SILKSTONE, NEAR BARNSLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wath Delight, Pontefract Delight, Oswald Delight, Barham Delight, Killamarsh, Trinity Sunday and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*ROWLAND HILL ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST BROOKES... 4
WILLIE GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	DANIEL SMITH ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

GEORGE BROOKER ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS MAY 4
CHARLES H. SONS 2	TOM SAUNDERS 5
THOMAS E. SONS 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

This peal was rung on the 22nd anniversary of the wedding of T. Saunders, also as a birthday compliment to his daughter, Annie, who was 19 on the same day.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising six six-scores each of Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS... ... ...*Treble*	SIDNEY G. MUNTON 3
LEONARD G. TOSELAND ... 2	ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND ... 4
BURLEY P. MORRIS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. A. Toseland. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Toseland after the peal.

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The actual work of the bells at a bob varies with the method. In Grandsire it is effected by an additional 3rd's place made at the handstroke lead of the treble, and causes all the bells above that place to alter the order of their work, although the actual transposition of coursing order only affects three bells.

FOR BEGINNERS.

SIMPLE METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

Last week we endeavoured to explain what is meant by 'hunting,' which enables a beginner to grasp the first principles of change ringing. Hunting will help him to acquire rope-sight, but it is not advisable to continue a plain hunting course for too long a time, because, after a while, one gets to know it by heart, and its usefulness, at any rate for the purpose of teaching rope-sight, is lost.

As soon as the beginner can pick out the bell he has next to follow, by using his eyes, he should go on to learn a 'method.' If he is in a five or six bell tower, Grandsire Doubles is the method he will probably turn to first.

There are a number of methods of 'Doubles,' but only a few of them are 'pure Doubles,' that is to say, changes produced *entirely* by moving two pairs of bells every time. There are some methods which are constructed by the use, once or oftener in a lead—a lead for this purpose meaning the changes from one lead of the treble to the next lead of that bell—of a change made by moving only one pair of bells.

If, for instance, you have one row of figures 13254, you can produce either 31524, or 31245, or 12345 by means of 'Doubles'—that is by changing two pairs of bells. But in some methods, in order to produce the extent of the changes on five bells, it is necessary periodically to move only one pair of bells, such as, after 13254, having 13524. This change is really a single change, and in some of the very old ringing books methods in which a number of such changes occurred were known as 'Singles and Doubles.'

If you are going to produce a method which does not consist solely of a plain hunting course, there must be, within each lead, one or more 'places' made.

A 'place' is made by a bell remaining two blows (a whole pull, either at handstroke and backstroke, or backstroke and handstroke) in the same position in the interior of the change.

Thus on five bells a 'place' *can* be made in 2nd's, 3rd's or 4th's, but *only* 3rd's place enables the succession of pure Doubles to be maintained. If you write out a few changes and introduce 2nd's or 4th's, you will soon discover why.

In the construction of Doubles the number of available 3rd's places is very limited, hence the limited number of possible methods. If we confine ourselves for the moment to methods in which the treble keeps to plain hunting, then there are only four possible 3rd's places in any one lead. The different methods depend upon the different positions in which these 3rd's places occur.

The formation of the Grandsire method is caused by making 3rd's place at the first available opportunity, that is at the very first change.

Now, no method of pure Doubles based upon a treble with a plain hunt will produce the extent of the changes in a plain course.

The use of 'bobs' and 'singles' is necessary. A bob is the introduction of an additional 3rd's place, and has to be signified by the conductor, who at the stated intervals calls out 'Bob.'

For a reason which we need not go into now, plain leads and bobs alone in a pure Doubles method will produce only half the possible changes; it needs a 'single' to produce the other half and a second 'single' before the bells can be brought round.

We have already indicated what a Single is—it is, in Doubles, the movement of only one pair of bells in the change.

Before we go on to the actual explanation of how to *ring* Grandsire, we would like our beginners to try and work out for themselves some of the methods which can be produced. Remember there are four places in which 3rd's can be used, let us call them a, b, c, d. These can be used singly, as 'a' in Grandsire, or in any combination as 'a' and 'c' in what is known as Double Grandsire. In 'skeleton' this is where the places can occur, the letters representing the places, 1 the treble and the dots the other bells:—

1 . a . .

. 1 a . .
. . 1 . .
. . b 1 .
. . b . 1
. . c . 1
. . c 1 .
. . 1 . .
. 1 d . .
1 . d . .
1 . a . .

While on this question we would like to answer an inquiry which we received the other day, 'What is a "bob" and "single"?'

A bob causes certain bells to alter the path of their regular work—that is, it transposes their coursing order. Usually only three bells are affected, but the work of any odd number of bells may be affected. The bob is 'called' by the conductor.

A 'single' effects the transposition of the work of two bells (instead of three) or some even number of bells. It, too, is called by the conductor.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT PROGRESS.

Satisfactory progress was reported at a meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Southampton on Saturday, January 9th. During the afternoon and evening there was ringing on the ten bells of St. Mary's (which were half-muffled on account of the death of Col. Sir Edwin Perkins), St. Michael's and Holy Rood, and a variety of methods up to Cambridge Royal was rung.

The Guild service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon R. B. Jolly, who also gave an address.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Guild, presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. Evan Jones (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Mr. D. Cecil Williams, Mus.Bac. (University College, Southampton), Mr. J. W. Faithfull (secretary, St. Mary's Guild), Mr. George Pullinger (district secretary) and Mr. Wilfrid Andrews (captain of Winchester Cathedral band).

The towers represented were Southampton, Eastleigh, North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Romsey, Dibden, Eling, Fawley, Netley, Lockerley, Mottisfont and Upham, and members were also present from Portsmouth Cathedral, Portsea, Wickham, Titchfield, Soberton, Fareham, Bournemouth, Poole and Winchester.

Mr. Wilfred Andrews announced that Winchester Cathedral bells, taken down for recasting, would be dedicated on March 20th, some weeks earlier than was expected.

The Master will celebrate his 80th birthday on May 7th, and the hope was expressed that attempts will be made for peals in a number of towers in celebration of the event.

The audited accounts showed a balance, and it was agreed to make the collection up to £1 1s. for the St. Mary's Restoration Fund.

The secretary reported on a successful year, and urged greater effort in ringing for the ordinary Sunday services, even at some personal sacrifice. A total of 16 honorary and 88 ringing members had paid subscriptions. The bells of Mottisfont were in a bad state, but in the other churches of the district they were in good order.

Several new members were elected, and the election of Messrs. G. H. King (of Breaston, Derby) and G. Parsons (of Blackfriars, London) prior to peals was confirmed.

General regret was expressed at Mr. Pullinger's request to be relieved of his office, and his valued services not only to the district, but also to the Central Committee were mentioned. He was warmly thanked for his work, and eventually was persuaded to carry on with Mr. A. J. Corrigan (North Stoneham) as joint hon. secretary.

The Rev. G. T. Tritton, who was unable to attend owing to illness, was re-elected chairman, and Messrs. J. W. Faithfull and W. T. Tucker, North Stoneham, were chosen as representatives on the committee. The re-election of Mr. G. Williams as Ringing Master was greeted with applause.

District meetings agreed to were: February 27th, Mottisfont and Romsey; May 8th, Dibden; July 17th, Lockerley and Tytherley; October 2nd, Netley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A special meeting of the Eastern District was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, January 9th, the occasion being the unveiling of a peal board commemorating a peal of Grandsire Caters rung by Miss Stephenson, one of the local ringers, who was the first lady to ring a peal on ten bells in the County of Durham.

Ringers were present from Middlesbrough, Saltburn, Darlington, Sunderland, Fenham, Chester-le-Street and the local ringers.

A short service was held, the Rev. T. H. Lilburn officiating, after which the ringers went to the belfry, where the Vicar dedicated the peal board, Miss Stephenson unveiling it.

Tea was held in the Mission Hall, after which there was a short meeting, Mr. R. L. Patterson presiding.

After the loyal toast the Chairman said it was a great pleasure to him to see each district of the association represented at the meeting, and heartily welcomed the visitors. He was pleased to see so many ringers present and specially mentioned the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He hoped both associations would meet on other occasions.

Mr. T. Metcalf thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and also Miss Shepherd for her services at the organ.—The Vicar suitably replied, and said he was delighted again to have the ringers at West Hartlepool. They were always welcome.

Mr. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea, and Mrs. Robson replied.

The Rev. J. P. Pelloe, of St. Columbia's, Sunderland, was elected a member.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Houghton-le-Spring, notice of which will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

The bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire Trinles and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal and Double Norwich Major. It was a most successful meeting and all had a very happy time.

DEATH OF MR. B. JARMAN.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The death took place in the London Hospital on Thursday of last week of Mr. Ben Jarman, of Harpenden, Herts. He was 62 years of age.

All his life Mr. Jarman was associated with Harpenden Parish Church, joining the choir as a boy and remaining a chorister during the incumbency of six Rectors.

He had been a ringer for over 37 years and was captain of the company. In 1926 he served in the office of president of the Hertford County Association. His death is keenly felt by a host of Harpenden friends, by whom he was much esteemed.

AN APPRECIATION.

Ben Jarman was a very capable change ringer, and had rung many peals in a variety of methods for the Hertford County Association, who in 1926 honoured him by electing him as their president. Possessed quite naturally of a genial and friendly disposition, he was greatly liked, for he was one to whom the ringers could always appeal, either to 'make one' to complete a team for a peal, or render any helpful service in connection with the County Association. He had the secret of living an unperturbed and unselfish life.

The earthly career of our friend has ended, and, whilst we deeply mourn his departure, we rejoice that the trumpets of welcome have sounded for him on the other side; but we shall ever cherish the memory of 'Ben' with true affection. 'Then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the city rang again for joy, and that it was said unto them, "Enter ye into the joy of the Lord."'

His body was laid to rest in the Parish Churchyard on Monday, amid many tokens of respect from a large congregation, the service being taken at the Parish Church in the absence of the Vicar by assistant clergy of the parish. The service was choral and included the 23rd Psalm and the hymns, 'Lead, kindly light' and 'Abide with me.' Besides the local company of ringers there were also present, representing the County Association, Mr. G. E. Debenham (treasurer), Mr. G. W. Debenham (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. Walter Ayre (district secretary, Western Division), Mr. A. King (Luton, Beds Association) and others.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon the handbells during the service in church by Messrs. H. Jarman 1-2, R. Newson 3-4, A. Day 5-6, W. Hill 7-8. Previous to the service a half-muffled touch was rung upon the tower bells. There were many wreaths, including one from the president, officers and members of the Hertford County Association.

On Monday evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following: *Walter Hill 1, C. Shadbolt 2, A. Dockerill 3, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 4, *R. Eley 5, R. Newson 6, Arthur Day 7, G. Cull 8. * First quarter-peal.

G. W. C.

FIRST PEALS ON OLD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note with interest that a peal has been rung at Methwold 160 years after the ring was converted to six. At Redruth, Cornwall, the tower was built during the reign of Henry VII. (1485-1509), and a ring of six hung by Thomas Lester in 1744. These bells, however, were rehung when the church was restored in 1878, and again in the same frame and on the same headstocks in August, 1935. The first peal was then rung in September, 1935—one hundred and ninety-one years after the bells were placed in the tower. Two trebles were added in November, 1935.

I suppose the bells at Methwold have been rehung or reconditioned since 1778.

A. S. ROBERTS.

Truro.

PINNER RINGING SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Pinner Society, Middlesex, held on Wednesday, January 13th, was preceded by some excellent touches on the tower bells, conducted by Messrs. A. J. Harding and T. Collins. The meeting was held at the Conservative Club, the chair being occupied by the Vicar (the Rev. Eric Barnes), supported by the Rev. C. T. Chapman, the Vicar's warden (Mr. J. S. Hogg, J.P.) and the captain (Mr. A. J. Harding). The people's warden, Mr. A. Townsend, was unavoidably absent owing to a prior engagement.

The balance sheet was accepted, and the chairman distributed the annual grant of £1 1s. to each of the members. He also nominated the parish ringers for 1937.

On the proposition of Mr. J. S. Hogg, supported by the chairman, Mr. A. J. Harding was elected captain, hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. Harding thanked the members for their support during the time he had been captain.

Mr. C. A. Kirn was elected vice-captain.

The Chairman thanked the society for the work they had done during the past year and also said what pleasure it was to be with them that evening, it being his first meeting as Vicar. He looked forward to a happy time with them.

Mr. Harding thanked the Vicar for presiding and also Mr. J. S. Hogg for having engaged the room and provided refreshments.

DEATH OF MR. FRED WILFORD.

FORMER SECRETARY AND MASTER OF PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Fred Wilford, formerly secretary and later Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who passed away at the age of 66 years on January 11th at Chapel Brampton, Northants, where he had been living since retiring from the service of the Northampton Corporation Water Department. For some time past Mr. Wilford had been in indifferent health. He leaves in bereavement a widow, with whom much sympathy will be felt.

Born at Ringstead, Northants, Mr. Wilford went to Northampton in 1887 and was appointed a water inspector under the Northampton Corporation in 1903. He began his ringing career at St. Giles', Northampton, in 1897, at the time when the bells, having been rehung, and increased from eight to ten, a new band was being formed. He was then already a member of the choir and superintendent of the Sunday School.

His first peal was rung in 1898, the first peal on the bells at St. Giles'. This peal, Grandsire Caters, he rang on the tenor, and his first peal on an 'inside' bell was also Grandsire Caters in the same tower in 1900. His first peal of Major was Treble Bob, rung in 1901, and in the same year he scored his first of Stedman. This and his first peal of Double Norwich in 1903 he rang in London. His first peal of Superlative was at Irthlingborough in 1904.

In 1901 he was made foreman of St. Giles' belfry and held the office until 1909. When, in 1905, the Central Northamptonshire Association was split up into districts, Mr. Wilford was appointed secretary of the Northampton District, and in the following year was elected general secretary of the association.

He was largely instrumental in the transformation of the Central Northants Association into the Peterborough Diocesan Guild in 1924, and was elected Master. He held the office until 1935. On his resignation he was succeeded by the Rev. E. S. Powell. In October of that year Mr. Wilford's services to the Guild were recognised at a special meeting at Northampton, when he was presented with a roll of notes and an album suitably inscribed, which contained the names of 436 subscribers.

Mr. Wilford's services to Northamptonshire were, indeed, great. He laboured ungrudgingly in the cause of the art, and his personal example was a great encouragement to all who had ringing at heart. For many years Mr. Wilford made a point of attending all the quarterly meetings throughout the district and often assisted, as a licensed lay reader, in conducting the services.

In 1904 he was elected a member of the Central Council, and remained a representative of his Guild up to the time of his death.

He had rung about two hundred peals, of which he had conducted a considerable number, and was a member of the following associations: Bedfordshire, Midland Counties, Yorkshire, Oxford, Kent, Middlesex and London County.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

RETIREMENT OF HON. SECRETARY.

The annual general meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 9th, the following towers being represented: Ackworth, Adwick-le-Street, Darfield, Eastwood, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Pontefract, Rotherham, Sandal, Shelly, South Kirkby, Sheffield (Cathedral and St. Marie's), Wath, Wragby and the local company. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and at 5 p.m. a short service was conducted by Canon Hone. Tea was served in the Station Restaurant, 40 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, the honorary president (Canon Hone) presiding. The balance sheet for 1936 was presented and carried unanimously. Four new members were elected.

The president and treasurer were re-elected. It was with deep regret that the resignation of the secretary had to be accepted, as he has not enjoyed good health for some months past. He had sent an apology for not being able to attend through illness.

There were two nominations for the post of secretary, namely, Mr. E. Brookes, of Hoylandswaine, and Mr. D. Smith, of Felkirk, and, on being put to the vote, the latter was elected.

In recognition of the services rendered by Mr. Panther, who has been in office either as treasurer or secretary since 1910, he was unanimously elected honorary vice-president, and everyone present wished him a speedy recovery so that he may long be able to fill his new office.

Canon Hone said, as he was leaving the district very soon, it would no doubt be the last time he would preside at the annual meeting, but he hoped the society would continue to prosper as it had done in the past.

Mr. C. D. Potter expressed the feelings of all when he said how sorry he was to lose Canon Hone, as he had always found him a real friend to ringers. He wished him success in his new home, which is at Godalming, Surrey.

Cawthorne was chosen for the next meeting on February 13th.

Further ringing followed until 8.45 p.m. in Major, Triples and Minor, including both London Major and Minor. The bells were then lowered and a most enjoyable meeting concluded.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL NEW BELLS.

TO BE RUNG ON CORONATION DAY.

The new ring of 13 bells (12 and semi-tone) for Leicester Cathedral are now cast and the frame erected. They will be first dedicated on the floor of the church, and then erected and rung for the first time on Coronation Day.

Although the cost of the bells has been assured by the generosity of individual donors, there is a great expenditure on the tower and belfry, and an appeal was issued to all ringers and friends—especially in the Leicester Diocese—to defray this cost. Will all those who have the special appeal forms please return same as soon as convenient to Mr. Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LOST PEALS IN CORNWALL.

THE LADY WHO WROTE A POEM.

Peals are difficult to get in Cornwall at the best of times, but lately they have been particularly elusive. Three attempts have failed in the last two months, one through the light failing a quarter of an hour from the end, and one through sickness under the tower.

The third attempt was made on Boxing Day for Holt's Original at Camborne, by W. J. Sanders 1, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, F. Harris 4, E. Sanders 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, A. S. Roberts 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. The ringing was good for an hour and a half, when the sudden entrance of a woman behind the conductor caused a slight trip. This was put right, however, and the woman left the belfry, only to return a little later when she started to whisper to one of the ringers. She was politely but firmly asked to leave the belfry. This she did, but returned a quarter of an hour later with a note which she tried to fix so that one of the ringers could read it. It fluttered to the ground and her efforts to retrieve it took the attention of the ringers off the method so that the bells set up after two hours 10 minutes.

The woman could not then be found. The note read: 'I wanted to tell Camborne Church bellringers that I wrote a poem for them in this week's "Cornish Post." All Camborne has read it. I knew if I spoke it would upset the ringers. Tell them to read the Christmas Carol I wrote for them.'

A quarter-peal from the 'Original' was rung at Truro Cathedral for the last practice of the year on Tuesday, December 29th: Miss M. Penrose 1, W. H. Southeard 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, W. E. Minors 4, A. S. Roberts 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 7, J. Jose (first quarter-peal) 8. Another attempt was to have been made for a peal on Saturday, January 9th, at Mawgan, the lightest peal in Cornwall. Unfortunately, two of the ringers were lost on the road and when they arrived at the church a peal was impossible. However, half of Parker's twelve-part was rung in 1 hour 26 minutes. The ringers were W. J. Sanders (longest length of Triples) 1, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, E. Sanders 4, A. S. Roberts 5, F. Harris 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. It is hoped that a peal will be safely brought round in the near future.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

REPORT FOR 1935 AND 1936 TO BE ISSUED.

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild on Saturday last at Nuneaton was very well attended, and an excellent start to the new year was made. The bells of the Parish Church were raised in peal soon after three o'clock, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. L. White), a former president of the Guild. The presence of the choirboys was appreciated by all, and their singing helped greatly towards the beauty of the service.

Nearly forty ringers and their friends sat down to an excellent tea in the Parish Hall, prepared by Mrs. Argyle and other local ringers' wives. Canon White presided at the business meeting. Apologies were received from Messrs. J. W. Taylor, H. C. Burt and H. F. Ashley.

It was proposed that a subscription of one guinea should be sent to the Vicar of Wolvey for the Burton Hastings Bells Restoration Fund.

Meeting places for the next three months were decided as follows: Bulkington on February 20th, Exhall on March 20th, and the annual meeting at Rugby on April 17th.

Geoffrey Stoneley, Wilfred H. Argyle and Roy Hayne were elected members of the Guild.

It was decided to issue a report for the years 1935-36, and the secretary was instructed to proceed with the preparation of the same.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, to the organist and choirboys, and to the ladies who had kindly prepared tea. This was proposed by Mr. White, Ringing Master, and carried with applause.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT DISCUSSES STRIKING.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association was held at Wrotham on January 9th. The fine weather and the fine peal of bells brought many visitors of the useful kind, who can ring anything, so that the district experts were given a chance 'to clear the cobwebs from the attic.'

The association service was conducted by the Rector, Canon A. P. Pascoe, who is a change ringer. He illustrated his address in an interesting way by pointing out the lessons which were to be learned from the art.

After tea the business meeting was conducted. West Malling was chosen for the next quarterly meeting on April 10th, and Yalding for a by-meeting in February.

Mr. F. Leeson, district representative, gave a full account of the November committee meeting, and the position with regard to the amended rules.

A sharp discussion on the subject of 'striking' ensued, the secretary being criticised for being too outspoken in his remarks to the committee.

However, whether benefiting from the discussion or not, some good striking was obtained afterwards, courses of Cambridge and Superlative being rung. A feature of the meeting was the number of handbell enthusiasts present, the four standard methods being attempted and brought home.

Towers represented at the meeting were Wrotham, Egerton, Staplehurst, Maidstone, Ightham, West Malling, Linton, Sevenoaks, Bromley Common, East Peckham, Hayes, Crayford and St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

CORNWALL SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As I was the conductor of the peal of Cornwall Surprise, and sent the figures to 'The Ringing World' without the name of an author, I think that I owe Mr. Tipler just a word. I did not know that he had produced this method, nor did any of the band. Mr. Trollope sent the method to us and stated that it had been published by several people years ago, H. Dains being one of them, so it would be difficult to put anyone's name to it as the author. However, I congratulate Mr. Tipler upon producing it, as it is one of the most musical Surprise methods that I have had the pleasure of ringing.

G. WHITING.

Helmingham, Stowmarket.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Mayne), the annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 16th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m.; the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar; tea was held at the Swan Hotel, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

The balance sheet was presented and passed and a few new members elected.

Before the election of officers took place the company stood for one minute in silence as a mark of respect to the late president, the Rev. G. Wright. Officers elected for the year were: President, the Rev. A. S. Mayne; vice-presidents, the Rev. G. S. Long and Dr. Cock, J.P.; Master, Mr. C. W. Everett; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. Page, who was also elected on the Central Council.

Mr. C. Tribe proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the year, and thanks were also accorded, on the motion of Mr. T. Conley, to the Vicar for giving permission to hold the meeting and for conducting the service, also to Mr. W. Capeling and his assistant for playing the organ.

The rest of the evening was spent in harmony. Those taking part in the programme were Mr. W. Capeling, Mr. W. Capeling, jun., Mr. and Mrs. F. Wood, Mr. R. Maile and Mr. Balcomb, Mrs. Wood and Miss French. The party broke up at 10 p.m. after a very enjoyable evening.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE IN THE BELFRY.

The bells at St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Cheshire, were rung for service at 11.15 p.m. on New Year's Eve, after which the old year was rung out and the new year in.

It is the custom for the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphreys) to hold the first service of the year in the belfry. On this occasion he was accompanied by the chairman of the Hazel Grove and District Council (Mr. C. Allen), who had come specially to thank the ringers for ringing for the centenary of the village and other public functions during 1936.

The chairman wished the ringers 'a happy new year' and expressed the hope that it would not be the last time that a chairman of the Council would attend the service.

The Vicar moved a vote of thanks to Mr. C. Allen. The usual service was then held, conducted by the Vicar, after which a short touch of Bob Major was brought round: Mrs. J. Fernley 1, T. Entwistle 2, R. E. Jones 3, W. Fernley 4, F. Jones 5, J. Fernley 6, E. Bennett (conductor) 7, J. W. Hartley 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have been entrusted with the contract for the restoration of the bells at Bickleigh Church, Roborough, South Devon.

The subject of 'Combined Practices' came in for serious discussion at the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Wokingham on Saturday. A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

Mr. W. E. Jelley, who has been a member of the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, since 1900, has resigned. In recognition of his long and faithful service to the tower, his fellow-members have elected him a life honorary member. In recent years Mr. Jelley has been hon. secretary to the tower, and his successor in this office is Mr. T. W. White, Bingham, Stoke Road, Guildford.

Rumours from Bristol after the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' annual dinner on Saturday lead us to ask: Who locked one of the visitors in his bedroom at the Grosvenor Hotel and then lost the key?

Who purloined the trousers of two well-known King's Norton ringers?

Who found the establishment where they could get their 'shoes mended' on Sunday morning?

What business was transacted at the committee meeting that detained an important speaker so long that he 'missed the boat,' when it came to his turn to respond to a toast?

The restored peal of six bells at Lanchester Parish Church is to be rededicated to-morrow afternoon. This is short notice for ringers, but doubtless the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will see to it that they are well represented. Further particulars will be found in our notice columns.

The number of 720's rung at Little Mundeu, Herts, during 1936 was 110 in 20 methods. The bells were rung for both services every Sunday throughout the year.

That is an excellent record of consistent service, but Little Munden has for long been conspicuous for the loyalty of its ringers, in spite of the fact that it is a small parish with less than 400 inhabitants.

For 34 years a band has been kept together and they have missed ringing for only one Sunday service during the whole of that time, except in the evenings during the war and whilst the bells went to the foundry.

In that period they have lost quite a number of ringers—two last year, and once in their career they lost in one year five who could ring Surprise Minor.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost an old member by the death of Mr. Frank Boreham, who passed away after a brief illness on January 11th. He had been a member of the Guild for upwards of 40 years and formerly was associated with the Hughenden Society. In later years he was a member of the High Wycombe company. On Sunday a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung at High Wycombe as a last mark of respect.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with half-muffled bells at Southover, Lewes, on Wednesday week, in memory of Mr. R. J. Dawe, whose death we recorded in our last issue. At the first pull after the bells came into rounds the sixth rope broke!

We referred last week to the fact that all the band who rang with the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in his first peal, in 1893, had now 'crossed the bourn,' except one, Mr. A. E. Nye, who 'had long since given up ringing.' This paragraph has brought us the news that Mr. Nye, after an absence from the Exercise of over 20 years, has recently returned again to the 'fold,' and now rings with the Oxhey band. We are delighted to hear it.

LADIES' GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Whittington quotes woman 'as the last best work, the noblest gift of Heav'n.'

Woman was *one* of God's good gifts, but she was tempted and brought man into the temptation and fall. Not that man is to be excused for yielding to the temptation, but God gave to man and to woman a greater gift than either. He provided the Sabbath, a spiritual gift, a day that He specially blessed, a day prepared by Him for communion with Himself. Man is of 'the earth, earthy,' and this includes women. The Sabbath has for its special content God Himself. St. John, speaking of himself on the Christian Sabbath, saith, 'I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day.' Hence the Sabbath is a greater gift than either woman to man or man to woman.

W. W. LUCAS.

Drayton Parslow Rectory.

PARENTS RING FOR SON'S BAPTISM

At St. Laurence's Church, Reading, on Sunday, January 10th, Cyril Ernest, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewington, was baptised by the Rev. N. R. Raper. A 516 of Stedman Cinques was rung in honour of the event, the parents taking part: Mrs. (Pat) Lewington 1, Miss N. Belcher 2, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3, S. Lodge 4, S. Davis 5, W. Lewington 6, W. Hibbert 7, H. G. Foxall 8, H. Smith 9, C. Pullen 10, C. J. Watts 11, E. G. Foster 12. The band afterwards drank to the health of the young ringer, with the hope that he will become a better ringer than any of the above band. R. T. H.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

LARGE GATHERING AT ANNUAL DINNER.

A New Toast.

Enthusiasm and success marked the sixteenth annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, held at the Cadena Cafe, on Saturday. There was a representative company of over 200 present, and an interesting innovation was the introduction of a toast to 'Our Young Ringers.'

The arrangements made by the committee, of which Mr. Edgar Guise is the energetic hon. secretary, were much appreciated by the many visitors. Not only were the bells at many Bristol churches available on Saturday afternoon, but a special coach trip to Bitton was an attractive feature. Some 30 ringers took advantage of the excursion and enjoyed ringing on the recently restored eight bells. The old six were tuned and two trebles added, making a perfect octave. The bells in Bristol which were open to ringers included St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen's (10), St. Philip's, Temple, and St. Thomas' (8). Tea was served in St. Thomas' Schoolroom.

Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, presided at the dinner, and the vice-chairman was Mr. D. Marsh. Among those present were the Rev. E. C. Pritchard (Rector of St. Michael's, Gloucester), the Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas', Bristol), the Rev. E. Beddoe (St. Werburgh's, Bristol), the Rev. E. Bankes James (Fareham, Hants), Mr. S. Romans (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) and Mrs. Romans, Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), Mrs. E. Wilkins, Mrs. V. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams (Newent), Mrs. Tindale (Gloucester), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. C. Read, Mr. and Mrs. Ford (St. Thomas'), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary, Worcestershire Association) and Miss A. Johnson, Messrs. G. E. Fearn, H. H. Fearn, G. Williams, V. Homan, H. Stanley (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Mr. R. C. and Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Belfield, Messrs. G. F. Swann and Williams (Erdington), S. Holt (Manchester), J. Holman (Sheffield), W. A. Stote (Coventry), J. S. Hawkins, P. E. Clark and E. Hancox (London), W. B. Kynaston, W. Bishop and party (Swindon), W. H. Harris (Lydney), W. J. Prescott (Bath), H. Knight and party (Wrington), J. E. Nailor and party (Chippenham), J. White (Weston-super-Mare), E. Griffiths (Gresford, North Wales), etc. Other towers represented were Mells, Churchill, Portishead and Clapton-in-Gordano, Somerset; Westbury-on-Trym, Henbury, Coalpit Heath, Mangotsfield and the following Bristol churches: St. Stephen's, St. James', St. Thomas', St. Ambrose's, St. Matthew's, St. Werburgh's, St. Philip's, Emmanuel and St. Mary-le-Port.

MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

Among the regretted absences were those of Mr. E. J. Brown (the pro-vice-chairman) and Mr. S. Palmer (Sheffield) through bereavements. Many others were unable to attend through indisposition.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' spoke of what ringers owed to the Church for the facilities to practise their art. He compared the general condition of belfries, when he began ringing, 40 or 50 years ago, when they formed the receptacle for all the rubbish which could not be accommodated elsewhere in the Church, with the conditions of to-day, when most of the belfries were well cared for. Ringers, however, would like to see more of the clergy in the towers when ringing was going on, he said. Things in this direction were improving, but he wished more of the clergy were like the Rev. M. Paterson, of St. Thomas', Bristol, who showed a constant interest in the ringers. The clergy would be welcomed in the belfry, and ringers, especially the younger members, would like to have more of their encouragement.

The Rev. E. C. Pritchard, who responded, referred to the respect in which he and all the ringers in the West of England held Mr. John Austin. He was specially happy to be associated with him on that occasion in Bristol, as he was on other occasions in Gloucester. He referred to his own association with Bristol, where he was born, and said he congratulated himself upon being a Bristolian, because his father used to say that Bristol boys always slept with one eye open (laughter).

Continuing, he said he was deeply sensible of the debt the Church owed to ringers. Although he did not yet understand the art of ringing, he hoped one day to find time to learn to ring and take his part with the ringers of St. Michael's, Gloucester (applause). The Rev. E. B. James had often spoken to him of the great value of the clergy joining in with the ringers, and it would be his endeavour, during the next few years, to associate himself more closely with the ringers at his church. He thought the clergy of to-day were much more sociable people than they had the reputation of being in the past, and he hoped the wish expressed by Mr. Austin that they would mix more with the ringers would be realised. If any of them felt that the churches were not filled to-day as well as they might be, he asked the laymen to remember that they were as much a part of 'the church' as the clergy, and it was up to them, as much as to the clergy, to see that the churches were filled (applause).

BUILT ON FINE TRADITIONS AND HARD WORK.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in proposing the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and Bristol United Ringing Guilds,' said it was always a pleasure to come to Bristol. Personally, he got a 'thrill' every time he came to Bristol, for he could picture those great men of the past, the merchant venturers and the sailors, who went out from that city and had a big share in laying the foundations of the British Empire. Bristol was famous for its sailors and beautiful women; perhaps some of their descendants were present that night.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association, continued Mr. Hughes, was founded 59 years ago, and was one of the first three diocesan or county associations formed. In that diocese they had seen a marvellous improvement in the belfries and status of the ringers in that time. The association had been built up very strongly on fine traditions and the hard work of its foundation members; he referred particularly to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. G. H. Phillott, the Rev. A. H. Cockey, the wonderful performances put up by the Cheltenham band under Mr. Pates, and the work of the brothers Bankes James and Law James in Gloucester. It was up to the present members of the association to keep that great work going and to foster the social side of ringing. He remembered the passing of their old friend Jack Wilkins. He had a feeling then that the social side of ringing in Bristol might go out, but the introduction of the United Ringing Guilds' organisation had maintained the social aspect of the work. In conclusion, Mr. Hughes stressed the advice so often given by the president of the Central Council, that ringers should more and more strive for accurate striking, which was far more important than intricate method ringing, because, after all, the ringers in the tower were very few, while the people outside, who had to put up with bad ringing when it occurred, could be numbered by hundreds and sometimes by thousands. Their first consideration, therefore, should always be for good striking (applause).

Mr. S. Romans, who replied to the toast, mentioned the names of the stalwarts of the past, who built up the early fortunes of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. These men, he said, were the pioneers, and ringers of to-day were enjoying the benefit of their labours. It was for them, now, to uphold the tradition and do all they could for the furtherance of the association. They had in Mr. Guise a very able and hard working secretary (applause). He took a great interest both in the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and, in the social side of the work, in the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS.

It had been his privilege, continued Mr. Romans, to visit many of the districts during the past year, and he could not speak too highly of the work of the assistant secretaries. The meetings had been most encouraging. He had found that where in some places in the previous year they were struggling to ring Grandsire, to-day they could ring all the standard methods (applause). That was progress in the right direction, but they needed more young members. He had appealed to the clergy from time to time to help them in this respect. If they could get young men from the church, the choir and the Bible class they were likely to keep them. He was very pleased to say that that appeal had not been in vain. During the last few months they had started a young band in Gloucester. They were now just able to ring their bells nicely, and rang rounds for the first time on New Year's Day (applause). He hoped by next year they would have three times the number; then he did not think they could complain.

Several restorations had taken place in the dioceses during the past year. At St. Michael's, Gloucester, where when the Rector first arrived they contemplated putting eight bells in order, they would now be able to get all ten restored, thanks to a handsome donation given to the fund by one of their past Masters, the Rev. E. B. James (applause).

Referring to the forthcoming Coronation, Mr. Romans said they wanted, if possible, to get all the bells in the two dioceses rung on that occasion. He particularly asked that they would try to ring

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WHAT THE YOUNG RINGER NEEDS.

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the methods they were most acquainted with, so as to get the best striking possible. He also made the suggestions that where there were towers with a surplus of ringers, they should try to transfer some of the men for the day to those towers were there was a shortage, so that all the rings of bells could be set going. At the Silver Jubilee of the late King George they adopted that principle at Gloucester and found that it worked very well. They rang at their own churches and afterwards split up into two parties and visited the parishes nearby. The festivities were at full swing, but they would have been incomplete without the pealing of the bells. The incumbents were very grateful to them and so were the villagers, because, in some places, the bells had not been rung for a considerable time (applause).

The Rev. M. Paterson next proposed 'Our Young Ringers.' He said he felt highly honoured that he was the first person to propose that toast, which appeared on their programme for the first time. A friend of his, a clergyman, who attended a ringers' dinner, came away with the confused notion that the world was created in order that towers might be built and bells rung (laughter). He felt surprised, on consulting the first chapter of the Book of Genesis, to find no mention of towers or bells (laughter). That, said the speaker, was obviously a rather exaggerated view, but they were all very much interested in bellringing. What he wanted to suggest was that it was the duty of the Guild not only to maintain a high standard of ringing, but it was equally their duty to gain recruits. A little while ago he saw in a paper a picture of a group of old men, he believed all over 70, who had rung together for over 50 years. Now those old gentlemen, he had no doubt, had won many disciples and had taught many young men to ring, but on the face of it, all that picture told them was that seven or eight old gentlemen had thoroughly enjoyed themselves for over 50 years (laughter), and the letterpress not only did not add to their information, it only told them that the career of those old men in the tower had been diversified by one terrific row with the Vicar about the mastication of a halfpenny bun (laughter).

'THOUGHTS' OF A YOUNG RINGER.

He (the speaker) wished to suggest another picture; one that had never been published; one that, perhaps, never would be published, of six or seven young fellows, all under 21, who all belonged to the same tower. That picture would speak for itself. It would show the Guild was doing at least one half, and a very important half, of its duty; that it was not only maintaining a high standard of ringing, perhaps, but was most certainly doing what should be the duty of bellringers—gaining recruits (applause).

There was, continued Mr. Paterson, to be a response to that toast, and he did not know what the responder would say, but sometimes they older men could enter into the minds of the boys perhaps even better than their friends and companions could. He wanted to put into words what he thought a young recruit would want to find in a tower.

> I think, said Mr. Paterson, if he is of the right sort, the sort I have known for a good many years, he would say: 'I should like sometimes a little praise, for it encourages me, but I don't want to be flattered, it only makes me feel awkward. I should like to have an instructor who is patient, who remembers that he was a beginner once himself; who knows that boys are not always as they would wish to be, but they are as God made them, some are slow and some are quick. I think I would like to find good fellowship. I do not want to be admitted on sufferance, but to be welcome.'
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> I would underline this: My boy would say: 'I want you to make me feel that, in spite of my blunders and mistakes, I am of some real help to you.'

If, concluded the speaker, you will not give them that you will not get them, or if you get them you will not keep them (applause).

Master A. Tyler, aged 13, the youngest ringer present, had to reply to the toast. He said: 'Mr. Paterson, I thank you for toasting the young ringers. Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for the way in which you received the toast. Mr. Paterson, I have been asked by the committee of the United Guilds to present to you these pipes and tobacco to remind you how much we appreciate your active interest in church bellringing at St. Thomas' ' (applause).

The Rev. M. Paterson expressed his thanks for the gift.

Mr. D. Marsh proposed 'Kindred Guilds and Visitors,' and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors present. He referred to the good work done by the associations throughout the country, and, to the non-ringers present, he suggested they should take up ringing in this Coronation year. They would find it a nice hobby and one in which, on the social side, they would meet people of more diversified professions than in any other type of Guild they could find.

Mr. G. E. Fearn, who responded, congratulated the committee on the excellent arrangements they had made for the entertainment of the visitors and also for the wonderful hospitality extended to them. Of all the ringers' dinners held in this country, those of the Bristol United Guilds were second to none when it came to the arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, and was attended by some 35 members and friends. Ringing commenced at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, at 3 p.m., and Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung until 4.10 p.m., when, to everybody's regret, illness nearby prevented further ringing. Members made their own arrangements for tea, and reassembled for the business meeting, which was held in the Vestry Hall at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.

The District Master, Mr. H. Mance, took the chair, and was unanimously re-elected Master. Mr. R. Mackrill was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. W. Essery steward. The only change was in the office of hon. secretary. Mr. C. M. Meyer, the retiring secretary, intimated that he wished to resign, and forthwith proposed Mr. A. P. Cannon. This was seconded by Mr. E. J. King and carried.

St. Mary's, Lambeth, was chosen for the place of next meeting, and the date fixed for March 20th, subject to permission being granted.

Mr. T. H. Taffender proposed a vote of thanks to the district officers for their services in the past year, especially to the retiring secretary, Mr. C. M. Meyer.

Mr. Taffender also proposed and Mr. R. Mackrill seconded that the respective incumbents at the two churches be thanked for the use of the bells, and Messrs. P. Carter and C. Meyer, of Rochester Row, for their valuable help with the arrangements. Further ringing afterwards took place at St. Stephen's, the ringing including Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London, and a well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods. A broken rope at 8.15 p.m. put an end to a very successful meeting.

BOURNEMOUTH LADY RINGER WEDS.

MARRIAGE OF MISS MARCIA WHITE.

On Saturday, January 16th, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Bournemouth, the marriage was solemnised between Mr. Fredk. John Marshallsay and Miss Marcia White. The bride is a well-known ringer in the Bournemouth district and a member of the Ladies' Guild. Attired in a white broche satin gown with veil and headdress of orange blossom and carrying a bouquet of red and white carnations, the bride was accompanied by two bridesmaids (her sisters), who were dressed in red ring velvet and carried bouquets of white carnations.

The bride was given away by her mother, and the best man was Mr. Frank Marshallsay (brother of the bridegroom). Organ music was rendered by Mr. E. Pilcher.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and was attended by 50 guests, including her fellow-ringers of St. John's, who rang the bells as Mr. and Mrs. Marshallsay left the church after the ceremony.

The ringers of St. John's presented the bride with a canteen of cutlery, and the staff of Messrs. Hendy Bros., with whom the bridegroom has been connected for several years, gave an oak electric clock.

The happy couple left by car for a honeymoon, which is being spent in touring Devon.

The future residence of Mr. and Mrs. Marshallsay will be 11, Exton Road, Boscombe East, Bournemouth.

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Mr. W. B. Kynaston gave the toast of 'The Ringing World,' to which the Editor (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) responded.

Mr. W. Rose thanked the artistes, and Mr. L. Nott replied on their behalf.

As usual, the entertainment was of a very diversified nature. Miss Marjorie Hall and Mr. Leonard Nott sang songs, Miss Anne Kelly gave amusing monologues, Mr. George Cooper and Mr. Clifford Hensley gave individual comedy turns. Handbell selections were given by St. Thomas' Guild and a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Thomas, J. D. Johnson, G. F. Swann, R. C. Ingram and G. Fearn. Much appreciation was shown for all the items, but nothing raised greater enthusiasm than a 'turn' by Mr. John Austin (aged 74) and Mr. J. Williams (aged 84), who, seated back to back and with 'four in hand,' struck off a course of Grandsire Triples, which they followed with some tunes.

Many of the visitors stayed overnight and had the opportunity of ringing at Bristol and nearby churches during Sunday.

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HOBART DEAN'S REPLY TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

'ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUNG RINGERS.'

The president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) has received the following reply from Dean Rivers, of Hobart, Tasmania, to the congratulations and greetings sent by the Council on the occasion of the completion of the tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral:

'My best thanks for the kind and welcome congratulations of the English Bellringers on the occasion of the Dedication of the Tower and Bells of St. David's Cathedral. Your letter will give great pleasure and encouragement to our band of young ringers, whose privilege it will be to ring the first peal on Sunday, December 6th.'

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ANNUAL VISIT TO PUDSEY.

On Saturday, January 16th, Leeds and District Society once again enjoyed the hospitality of the Pudsey company. It needs no reiteration to say how much the society values this visit.

The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 9 p.m. except for a break for tea and the business meeting, which were held in the Park Hotel.

The president was delayed at work and the chair was taken by Mr. H. Davison (vice-president).

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. Hall, of Calverley.

Mr. George Barraclough proposed and Mr. G. Titterington seconded that the best thanks of the society be accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the other arrangements.—Mr. J. W. Baxendale replied for the Pudsey ringers.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved that the best wishes of the society be conveyed to Mr. Pratt Cordingley, together with the hope that his health would improve and enable him to be amongst the ringers again.

Further ringing on the tower bells took place by some of the members, whilst others remained for handbell ringing, when, as a variation from changes, the Leeds Parish Company, assisted by one ringer from Armley, rang 'Caller Herrin.'

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Birstall, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Selby, Sherburn and the local company.

A MID-DEVON PRACTICE MEETING.

A number of Devon Guild members living in the Newton Abbot district visited Bickington, near Newton Abbot, on Thursday evening, January 14th. The bells are a ring of six with a 9 cwt. tenor, and are in good going order. Some excellent practice was obtained, and, in addition to a 360 of Double Court Minor, a couple of courses of Cambridge Surprise Minor were successfully brought round. Some plain courses of Grandsire Doubles were also rung to give the local ringers present some idea of half-pull ringing, and the evening was wound up with 468 of Minor in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. All the methods were well struck, and it was generally agreed that the practice had been in every way successful. The rise and fall too, were worthy of mention.

CANON SOLLOWAY'S JUBILEE.

A POPULAR YORKSHIRE VICAR.

The Vicar of Selby, the Rev. Canon J. Solloway, D.D., has just celebrated his golden jubilee in the ministry of the Church, having been ordained in York Minster on December 19th, 1886. Large congregations were present at the services in Selby Abbey on Sunday, December 20th, to take part in the thanksgiving to God for all Canon Solloway's work in the past half-century and particularly for the last 26 years as Vicar of Selby.

Before the morning service 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, and for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Rayner (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Fenton 2, F. W. Hinton 3, E. Storr 4, A. Cryer 5, T. H. Foster 6, H. S. Morley (conductor) 7, T. Strudwick 8.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 6d., at 5.30 p.m. Names please to Thomas B. Worsley, 32, Castle Street, Bolton. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Fulmer on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 4 p.m. sharp. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) ready 5 p.m. Will all members who can make an effort to attend? All ringers welcome. — E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and may be paid at the business meeting which follows tea.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5.15 p.m.) at Rogers' Café, The Borough; business afterwards Everybody welcome. C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Important: Please send me numbers for tea not later than Friday, 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Wroxton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Shenington (5) and Banbury (10) also available during the evening.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland (bells 8, tenor 23 cwt.) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m.; members 1s.; non-members 1s. 3d.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and business proceedings afterwards. A fine peal of 8. All welcome. Please send names for tea to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Blenkin Memorial Hall. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12) from 3 to 5 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 5. Tea, by kind invitation, 5.30. Half rail fare to members, maximum 1s. 6d.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will take place at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. A good 'turn up' requested. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting to be held at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—S. Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at 1s. each.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The recently restored peal of six in Lanchester Parish Church (tenor 9 cwt.) will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 3 p.m., by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Auckland. Tea at 5 p.m. All members are invited to attend.—Roland Park, Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at Doncaster Parish Church. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Clergy House at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Memorial Hall, at 1s. per head. General meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—E. Cooper, Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—Special service for the reopening of the bells at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24th. Preacher, the Dean of Worcester. Ring of six rehung by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m.—William T Cockerill, Hon. Sec. Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The annual meeting of this district will be held at Streatham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells of St. Leonard's will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock at St. Leonard's. Tea at The Manor, at 1s. per head, followed by meeting. The bells of Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, will be available immediately after the meeting till 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. J. W. Chapman, 36, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16, not later than Thursday, Jan. 28th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea in canteen at 5.30. Business meeting in the Vestry Hall at 6.30. St. Bride's, Fleet Street bells available from 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, 27th. This is most important, for the catering. Usual practice at Shoreditch, Thursday, Jan. 28th, at 6.30 p.m.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.— Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 2.30 to 7.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, 1s. each, at 5. Important business meeting to follow. Ringing at Willesden from 7 to 9 p.m. Special method, St. Clement's Bob Triples. The District Committee will meet at 3.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please advise me by Jan. 27th?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Bath Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. — Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Som.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, January 30th, when the following bells will be available: Far Headingley (8) 12 noon to 9 p.m., St. Michael's, Headingley (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Matthias', Burley (8) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Chad's at 4.15 p.m., the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Ripon. The President asks that on this special occasion all ringers should do their best to attend. Tea will be provided in the schools at 5 p.m. for all who send in their names to Miss L. K. Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds 6, by Thursday, Jan. 28th, otherwise a charge of 1s. will be made. The general meeting will be held in the schools immediately after tea, and the presentation to Canon C. C. Marshall, who completes 25 years as President of the Association at this meeting, will be made by the Lord Bishop of Ripon on behalf of the members. The President and local company extend a very hearty welcome to all ringers. — J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells of St. Deny's Church (8) will be open 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 9d. each to those who notify undersigned by Thursday, Jan. 28th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec., 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, in Church Room. All ringers and friends given a hearty welcome. Subscriptions for 1937 now due. A p.c. for tea will be much appreciated by Wednesday, Jan. 27th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. A. L. Chapman (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 26th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Keene). Tea will be provided in the Church Hall, price 1s. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Eight Bells Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. All requiring tea please notify not later than Jan. 28th to H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Shenley (bells 6) on Saturday, Jan. 30th, from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 26th Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. All are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's (8), Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea after. St. Andrew's (8) also open. Visitors please notify early. — F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Saturday, Jan. 30th, annual meeting at Baldock. It is the duty of all Northern District members to attend. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service and tea to follow. Business meeting includes election of district secretary, district committee, election of two members to serve on General Committee, balance sheet of district and report. Book the date and don't be late.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock at a charge of 1s. Please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 27th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle and District Branch.—The 38th annual meeting will be held at Benefield, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea, please write by Jan. 26th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrook Rectory, Peterborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Grimsby District will be held (D.V.) at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Preacher, the Vicar, the Rev. E. Lisle Marsden. Tea in Church House at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Please help with arrangements by sending me a p.c. by Wednesday, Jan. 27th. All subscriptions are now due. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Practice meeting at St. Werburgh on Monday, Feb. 1st, at 7.15 p.m.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Jan. 30th. Bells of St. John's (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 27th.—R. Jeff, 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Blaydon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's (8), Wells, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 32, Burcott Road, Wells.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Two bus services—Barnet to Hertford and St. Albans to Hertford—are suitable. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, N. Mimms. and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Jan. 30th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar. Tea after at the Green Dragon, 1s. per head. All ringing friends heartily welcomed. Buses 205 pass the church from Waltham Cross to Potter's Bar and vice versa.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Cramlington on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Meeting at 3 p.m. Tea, in Parish Hall, 1s. each. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Guild Sec.

ALL SAINTS', HEREFORD.—You would be welcomed at our last 'open bell' practice before Easter, on Thursday, February 4th, at 7.29 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough (by kind permission of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.), on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. This meeting should not be confused with quarterly meeting of the M.C.A., which is being held at Loughborough on Feb. 6th.—H. Kerly, Hathern Road, Shepshed, Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) will be reserved only for those notifying me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ide on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in the Institute. Please notify me for tea by Jan. 30th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

DEVON GUILD. — North Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Georgeham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please advise me by Monday, Jan. 25th.—A. H. Hayward, Hon. Sec., Gas Office, Combe Martin, North Devon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Bourne (owing to Edenham bells being unavailable). Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in Abbey Church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Brightman's Café. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid. Notifications for tea by Wednesday previous, please. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. John's, Leytonstone, on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Service at 8 p.m. Will all requiring tea notify me by Saturday, Jan. 30th?—E. K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burley Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 26th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow,

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available: Cathedral, 3 to 4 p.m.; S. Nicolas', 3.30 to 4.30. Shalford, after meeting, until 9 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and meeting at Ayres' Café 5.15. Please send me numbers for tea by Feb. 3rd.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. Egan, 10, Brookes Terrace, Liverpool 6, not later than previous Wednesday.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Cleeve (8) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Feb. 1st for tea.—G. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Sevenoaks is the place, and Saturday, Feb. 6th, the date, for the first meeting of the New Year. *You* come, please, and help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South-West District. — The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Old Isleworth, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 5.30, in Church Hall, South Street. Business meeting to follow. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. If you require tea, can you notify me by Feb. 1st, please?—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the year takes place at Wymondham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Service, conducted by the Rev. F. Jarvis, at 4. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 4.45 p.m. Methods for practice: Erin Triples and Duffield Major. Diagrams on receipt of postcard. Please notify your intention to be present at tea.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. A hearty welcome given to all ringers to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting, Loughborough, Feb. 6th. Bells of All Saints' (10) and Bell Foundry Campanile (10) available 2 to 3.45 and after meeting. Committee meet 3 p.m. Special service 4 p.m., during which late Rector (Canon Briggs) will dedicate tablet to past Loughborough ringers. Tea at 4.30, followed by general meeting; both in the Fearon Hall. Tea will only be provided for those applying for and obtaining tickets before Feb. 4th from Mr. J. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Feb. 13th. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C., 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Bow, Cheapside, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St, Clement Danes, Strand, 3.10 p.m. to 4.10 p.m., followed by service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, probably Lord Bishop of Stepney. Tea, 5 p.m., reserved only for those who notify me well beforehand. Meeting and handbell competition in Parish Room 7 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner to be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, March 13th. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) now available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, or from J. E. Bailey, 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 20th. Tickets 3s. each. Further details later.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

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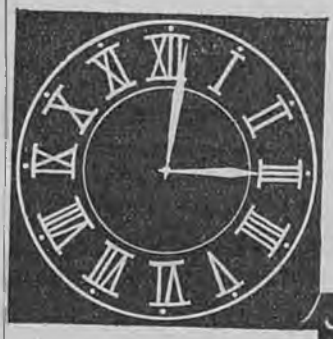

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