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CARICATURE

In more than three million homes in this country the Exercise was associated with the incoming of 1947. On New Year's Eve the 'Daily Express' published a belfry scene as the subject matter of Giles' cartoon on current events and by permission of that newspaper we reproduce it in this issue. We were not flattered, but the privilege of caricature is such that to be featured in 'Punch' is a stepping stone to fame, and to be noticed by the most popular daily newspaper in this country is undoubtedly some recognition. The question ringers will be asking is where does caricature end and ridicule begin?

Now it is a maxim of art for the cartoonist to use exaggeration to emphasise points of personality. The creatures of fantasy that Giles pictured in his' ringing chamber as the companions of bats are devoid of personality and in true keeping with the words of the caption. Ringers are all too familiar with the gnomelike mockery. Incongruous situations cause many a smile, hence the Exercise will take the joke against themselves in good part. Caricature is no modern thing: King Rameses V. of Egypt, as early as 1100 B.C., was caricatured, and in the introduction of printing this art quickly flourished. The first printed caricature of 1460 depicts a group of richly-clothed ladies scrambling for the possession of a pair of trunk hose held aloft in a garland of two winged genii. To-day's caption would undoubtedly be 'Nylons'—so history repeats itself!

Virginia Woolf, in one of her essays, wrote: 'If you say to the public with sufficient conviction, "All women have tails and all men humps," it will actually learn to see women with tails and men with humps, and will think it very revolutionary and probably improper if you say, "Nonsense."' The same observation might equally apply to 'Bats in the Belfry,' as, unfortunately for us, there is a substantial section of the community who invariably associate the decrepit and the half-wits with bellringing. 'Bats in the Belfry' is a phrase most ringers have had hurled at them by the uninitiated, and it is popularly held that the intelligence ratio of bellringers is subnormal. It is only when the critic starts to explore the hidden intricacies of bellringing that an appreciation is gained of the concentration and high mental faculties required, and mathematical, too, if the art of composition and proof is registered.

There are, however, hidden joys to ringers in Giles' cartoon as revealing heights of absurdity unbeknown to the ordinary individual. Perhaps this humour was unconscious. 'The Ringing World' refrains from offering a prize for the maximum number of absurdities or impossibilities spotted by readers. Six ropes in a straight line, for example, make one wonder how Giles' phantoms mastered the principle of rope-sight. The length of rope below the sallies of elephantine proportions conjures up a series of problems as to what sort of a contraption was at the other end of the rope. 'Caricature, to be an art at all, must always be allowed its own way,' wrote an authority. The sore of ridicule is healed by the balm of absurdity, and our readers will laugh with the millions of others who look to the 'Daily Express' for their news and views.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| *NOEL J. DISERENS ... Treble | *PHILIP WALKER ... 7 |
| *MARGARET C. COSSAR ... 2 | REGINALD W. REX ... 8 |
| ALBERT DISERENS ... 3 | R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 9 |
| RICHARD A. POST ... 4 | PAUL K. WILLIAMSON ... 10 |
| *JAMES HIGGINS ... 5 | WALTER JUDGE ... 11 |
| MRS. A. DISERENS ... 6 | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS Tenor |

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. A. POST.
* First peal of Cinques. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 28, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

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| *MRS. ENID WAYMAN ... Treble | SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ... 7 |
| JOHN FREEMAN ... 2 | GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 8 |
| MISS M. M. LYON ... 3 | JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9 |
| KENNETH S. B. CROFT ... 4 | WALTER TOMLINSON ... 10 |
| †JACK F. HODSON ... 5 | H. LESLIE PASK ... 11 |
| RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 6 | JOHN WALDEN ... Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES:

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| THOMAS BEVAN ... Treble | THOMAS R. DENNIS ... 6 |
| THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ... 2 | FREDK. E. COLLINS ... 7 |
| THOMAS G. FOX ... 3 | THOMAS J. LOCK ... 8 |
| THOMAS A. BLOW ... 4 | THOMAS H. FRANCIS ... 9 |
| THOMAS E. SONE ... 5 | THOMAS CULLINGWORTH Tenor |

Composed by THOMAS GAY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL (CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in D.

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| JOHN PINFOLD ... Treble | LEONARD TREVOR ... 6 |
| G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ... 2 | SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7 |
| DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... 8 |
| *THOMAS W. SHEPPARD ... 4 | HENRY H. FEARN ... 9 |
| HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 5 | JOHN S. MASON ... Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. WM. CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Royal on tower bells. First peal of New Cambridge Royal for the Guild and by all the band excepting the ringer of the 8th.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JAMES BENNETT ... Treble | ALAN F. THIRST ... 6 |
| *ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 2 | ‡DENNIS G. BROWN ... 7 |
| *ERIC A. DENCH ... 3 | §WM. J. RAWLINGS ... 8 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4 | ‡PERCY J. SPICE ... 9 |
| †LUCILE M. HUBBERT ... 5 | PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor |

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Surprise Royal. § First peal of Surprise.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thurs., Dec. 26, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| *ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble | †GORDON BENFIELD ... 6 |
| *ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 2 | ‡SYDNEY BARRON ... 7 |
| RONALD H. DOVE ... 3 | †ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... 8 |
| †KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 4 | FREDK. SEAGER ... 9 |
| ‡ALFRED ASHTON ... 5 | *CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.
* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Nov. 30, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

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| MISS JILL POOLE ... Treble | HARRY G. WAYNE ... 5 |
| SHIRLEY BURTON ... 2 | *HERRICK B. BOWLEY ... 6 |
| HAROLD G. JENNEY ... 3 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 7 |
| GEORGE A. HOLLICK ... 4 | WILLIAM HECTOR ... Tenor |

Composed by F. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Stedman.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 14, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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| *LEONARD G. TOOKE ... Treble | GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5 |
| †GORDON F. HURN ... 2 | PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... 6 |
| THOMAS E. SPIGHT ... 3 | HENRY TOOKE ... 7 |
| ROBERT G. FISHER ... 4 | WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by H. TOOKE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.
Rung in honour of the installation of the Rev. F. Jarvis, Vicar of Wymondham, as Hon. Canon of Norwich Cathedral.



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RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tues., Dec. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| CHARLES WARD ... Treble | *JOHN ORME ... 5 |
| THOMAS H. MATHER ... 2 | *ERNEST H. HUGHES ... 6 |
| *ROBERT B. P. HULSE ... 3 | CYRIL VALENTINE ... 7 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4 | WALTER ALLMAN ... Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method. First of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung for the retirement of Canon H. N. Perrin, Vicar of this parish for 35 years and Rural Dean of Frodsham.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb. in D.

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| HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... Treble | SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 5 |
| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 2 | *PHILIP C. BICKNELL ... 6 |
| FRANK L. FISHER ... 3 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7 |
| GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 4 | LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal of Superlative. Farewell peal to Philip C. Bicknell, who is leaving Suffolk.

ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Carter's Irregular Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... Treble | ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 5 |
| MISS JULIA M. PRESTON ... 2 | FREDK. S. ALMOND ... 6 |
| GEORGE N. NEWTON ... 3 | THOMAS W. HESKETH ... 7 |
| DAVID VINCENT ... 4 | THOMAS LEE ... Tenor |

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Abbey Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

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| JOHN ANDERSON ... Treble | JOHN E. PLANE ... 5 |
| WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2 | WILLIAM E. ROBINSON ... 6 |
| KENNETH ARTHUR ... 3 | ADAM DEAS ... 7 |
| THOMAS W. CROWE ... 4 | JACK A. WAUGH ... Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by K. ARTHUR.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. E. Plane on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Vivian Hutchinson, of Newcastle.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| VICTOR R. WOODARDS Treble | ERIC A. DENCH ... 5 |
| *ALAN WHITE ... 2 | ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6 |
| LUCILE H. HUBBERT ... 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4 | PHILIP A. CORBY ... Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.
* 50th peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MAJOR AND GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

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| ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble | WILLIAM AMBLER ... 5 |
| KATHLEEN HIGGINS ... 2 | ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 6 |
| SYDNEY H. BARRON ... 3 | RONALD H. DOVE ... 7 |
| ERNEST H. RAYNOR ... 4 | CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor |

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.
First peal in these two methods by all the band.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *GEORGE CHURCH ... Treble | *FRANK HOUSE ... 5 |
| *MORRIS THOMAS ... 2 | *ROBERT CHALLEN ... 6 |
| ROBERT PRIDGEON ... 3 | FREDK. PAGE ... 7 |
| FRANK BENNETT ... 4 | HENRY STALLHAM ... Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by HENRY STALLHAM.
* First peal of Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Dec. 21, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael at Coslany,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F. sharp.

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| REV. J. E. TREDENNICK Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5 |
| HENRY TOOKE ... 2 | F. CHARLES GOODMAN ... 6 |
| JOHN MOOR ... 3 | REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 7 |
| GEORGE SAYER ... 4 | WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

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| NOLAN GOLDEN ... Treble | *KENNETH L. BROWN ... 5 |
| DR. FREWIN MOOR ... 2 | †JACK KING ... 6 |
| *MRS. FREWIN MOOR ... 3 | WALTER C. MEDLER ... 7 |
| JOHN MOOR ... 4 | ARTHUR G. BASON ... Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

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| *WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 5 |
| EDWIN G. MOORE ... 2 | WILLIAM JUDGE ... 6 |
| JAMES HIGGINS ... 3 | LEONARD TREVOR ... 7 |
| ALBAN R. POYNTZ ... 4 | SYDNEY TAYLOR ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* 50th tower-bell peal during 1946.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Oxford Society.)

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edburg,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

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| WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble | *SYDNEY TAYLOR ... 5 |
| JAMES HIGGINS ... 2 | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6 |
| MARIE R. CROSS ... 3 | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 7 |
| LEONARD TREVOR ... 4 | WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Dec. 23, 1946, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... Treble | *FREDK. R. HARRIS ... 5 |
| WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 2 | LESLIE EVANS ... 6 |
| WALTER TAYLOR ... 3 | WILFRID F. MORETON ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 4 | GEORGE DAVIS ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE DAVIS.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. L. Brown 1, C. E. Lankester 2, D. R. Judd 3, J. E. Lewis Cockey 4, M. Hodgson 5, A. Cutler 6, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 7, F. A. Finch 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Dec. 22nd at St. Margaret's Church, 1,264 Bob Major: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, D. Beard (first quarter inside) 2, W. Beard 3, F. Groves 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, S. J. Holgate 6, E. G. Cottis 7, C. E. Faulkner 8.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—At St. Michael's on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Smith (first quarter) 1, R. A. Hickman 2, A. Anstey 3, J. E. Ballard 4, J. Weaver 5, D. H. Anstey 6, C. W. Munday (conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Lench 1, O. Castleman 2, P. Smith 3, J. Udale 4, R. Barrow (conductor) 5, N. Abell 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 6, aged 13 and 14 respectively.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Dec. 15th at All Saints', 1,264 Bob Major: L. Trevor (conductor) 1, Margaret Beamish 2, A. H. Beamish 3, J. E. Moreton 4, J. F. Clarke 5, J. Draycott 6, H. Harris 7, J. Thompson 8. Rung prior to the ordination of the Rev. J. B. Jones to the curacy of All Saints' by the Lord Bishop of Coventry. First quarter in the method for M. Beamish.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At St. John's Church for Confirmation service on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Morris 1, F. W. Richardson 2, P. G. Parrott 3, R. G. Long (conductor) 4, J. Dafters 5, A. F. Bennington 6, J. E. Warner 7, R. E. Last 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—At St. Mary's on Dec. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Allen 1, C. J. Hibbert 2, Miss June East 3, Miss Joan White 4, W. Hibbert (conductor) 5, J. Wilson 6, E. Sneller 7, F. Carter 8. Rung with memories of the many happy Christmasses spent with R. T. and W. Hibbert in this village.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—At St. Peter's on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. V. Lathbury 1, W. Simmonds (conductor) 2-3, H. Colcombe 4, G. Curtis 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, J. Gill 7, F. J. Dodson 8.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Dec. 14th, 1,248 Double Norwich: B. A. Cornell 1, W. J. Arnold 2, D. Bayles 3, L. Hansell (first quarter in method) 4, T. J. Southam 5, R. W. Darvill 6, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 7, H. V. Frost 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 15th at St. Michael's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss Ann Thomas 1, C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, E. S. Hawker 6, H. G. Keeley 7, C. E. Tett 8.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Dec. 15th, 1,512 Stedman Triples: T. Grice 1, H. Coast 2, L. Head 3, G. Collins 4, E. Spiller 5, R. Rich 6, B. Baker 7, F. Thwaites 8. Also on Dec. 24th a date touch, 1,946 Stedman Caters: E. Spiller 1, T. Grice 2, G. Cantrill 3, L. Mannering 4, H. Coast 5, L. Head 6, F. Leeson 7, R. Rich 8, B. Baker 9, H. Smith 10. Both conducted by L. Head.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Hunwicke 1, Miss P. Jackson 2, F. Casley 4, C. Ward 4, W. Vince 5, H. S. Arbin (conductor) 6, W. Langley 7, D. Tinsley 8. First quarter by Miss Hunwicke and D. Tinsley.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Wiuncombe 1, A. Hicks 2, C. Taylor 3, J. Hicks 4, F. Sangwin (conductor) 5, L. Duke 6. First quarter for 2, 3, 4 and 6.

MONMOUTH.—On Dec. 7th at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Price 1, S. Goodwin 2, R. T. Jones (first quarter of Triples) 3, H. Fryer (first quarter) 4, G. Hanks 5, J. J. Webb (conductor) 6, L. H. Jones 7, T. Castree 8.

NEWMARKET, CAMBS.—On Dec. 17th at St. Mary's, on handbells, 1,280 Bob Major: B. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin (conductor) 3-4, J. A. Acres 5-6, S. Forwood 7-8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 15th at the Cathedral, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Burnett 1, L. P. Cook 2, J. D. Harris 3, P. Speck 4, H. A. Nobes 5, W. Tate 6, J. H. Hunt (conductor) 7, A. Lawry 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Dec. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Harris 1, G. Gale 2, J. Green 3, D. Reed 4, J. Hartless 5, C. Reed 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, H. Kerley 8.

SHROTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 10th at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles as a welcome home to Gerald A. Harvey from the Navy and Eric Harvey from the Air Force: R. Martin 1, W. G. Damen (conductor) 2, E. Chant 3, R. Woodland 4, G. W. Dennis 5, Alan Woodland (first quarter) 6.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On Dec. 15th at the Church of St. Andrew, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Theobald 1, S. Macey 2, F. E. Manns (conductor) 3, J. Sutton 4, E. Smith 5, G. Smith 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. G. C. A. Spaut.

THURLBY, LINCS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Doubles, comprising 480 St. Simon's, 240 Grandsire (Morris) and 540 Plain Bob: N. Ward 1, Ray-Wade (aged 10) 2, N. Horton 3, C. Wade 4, B. Wade (conductor) 5.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—At the Minster Church of St. Denys, on Dec. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: V. Bull 1, R. Newton 2, R. Gould 3, E. Norris 4, H. Blanchard 5, P. Merritt 6, N. Knee (conductor) 7, E. F. White 8. Rung to the memory of Sidney Cousins, killed in action in Normandy, 1944, by his tower comrades on his birthday.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 8th, 1,269 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Norrice 1, Miss B. Mathieson 2, C. Hughes 3, S. Webb 4, A. Bass 5, H. Carney 6, J. H. Crampion (conductor) 7, E. Seabrook 8. First quarter by the ringers of 1, 2 and 8.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

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'The Ringing World' was founded in the year 1911 by John Sparkes Goldsmith, who remained its proprietor and editor until his death in 1942.

Family tradition has been followed by 15-year-old Harry Briggs, who rang his first peal at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire. His great-grandfather, grandfather and father also rang their first peals in this tower. The first two named were for many years captains of the local ringers.

Within the past seven days we have received 73 peals. A publication delay is bound to arise as we cannot go to a larger size of 'Ringing World' until our next consignment of 16-page paper arrives.

By ringing his first peal of Little Bob Major at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln, Mr. Sydney A. Chambers has now circled the tower.

Mr. Leonard Trevor, by a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Allesley, Warwickshire, has rung from Minor to Maximus.

Broughton Astley ringers' golden wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dury was accomplished after a number of setbacks, including the fifth casting a rope at back-stroke. They thank Mr. and Mrs. Dury for their hospitality. The peal was an occasion of determination winning through.

There was only one peal on Christmas Day—at Ashbrittle, Somerset, which was completed in time for the 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion service.

Salisbury Guild announce two augmentations. Two new trebles have been added at Downton, making a ring of eight, and one treble at Codford, increasing the bells to six.

Northampton ringers and friends' annual Boxing Day tour was highly successful. Ringing took place at Oundle (with its difficult circle of eight), Cotterstock (a light ring of five), Massington (with its steeple built in three sections), Elton (with a good ring of five) and Warmington (a handy ring of six). Mr. Frank C. Tysoe was thanked for making the arrangements.

BELFRY GOSSIP

If your friend has missed his 'Ringing World' this week it might be through the late arrival of his subscription. His copy is with Mr. Eldred awaiting the receipt of the remittance.

Edmonton ringers expressed their affection to Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas on their departure for Worcestershire by a farewell peal on December 21st.

Indisposition of one of the band prevented a Thomas name peal attempt at Boddington on St. Thomas' Day, December 21st. With the help of a Frederick, however, a peal was successfully rung, and the remainder of the band wish to thank him for the interest he took in the effort as planned but not accomplished.

There is no change in the condition of Mr. Rupert Richardson from last week's bulletin.

More Yorkshire news. Mr. E. D. Tune, of Hemingbrough, writes commending St. Clement's Minor for service touches in six-bell towers. Two 720's—one with 22 bobs and 38 singles and the other with 30 bobs and 30 singles—were rung last month by the Misses E. W. and E. B. Tune, Messrs. E. D., T. W. and J. J. Tune and Mr. F. Terry. Tune and method combined!

Another progress report from Whiston, near Rotherham, Yorks. Since our last report in our issue of December 13th the following local ringers have rung their first 720 from treble: George Preston (14), Bryan Thomas (15), Tony Willis (16), Jack Curwin (13), Malcolm Head (15). George Preston, Philip Coote and Mr. T. Cutts have also rung their first 720's on a working bell. If all Yorkshire towers enjoyed the enthusiasm Mr. N. Chad-dock imparts, its reputation as champion county would be unassailed!

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HARLINGTON BELLS AUGMENTED.

History has repeated itself at Harlington, Middlesex. On December 21st, 1904, the Bishop of London, according to a brass tablet on the west wall, rededicated the six bells at SS. Peter and Paul's Church (although frost and fog prevented him from attending). Forty-two years later to the day the bells, retuned and augmented to eight, were dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. Hector W. Reindorp, M.A.).

The bells, previously a light and not too tuneful ring of six, with a tenor of about 7 cwt., have now been immensely improved, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on providing a really tuneful and well-running peal of eight. Of the two additional bells one is in memory of Harriett Georgia Eason, who for 51 years was a worker in the parish, 11 of which she was churchwarden. The other bell was a thankoffering to God for the victory given to our arms in the late war.

The Rector, in his address, said that Harlington Church had had its bells for over 500 years. In Henry VIII.'s reign a bell weighing over 800lb. was sent to John Fford, bellfounder, of London, to be recast and tuned with the other bells numbering four. But the churchwardens omitted to take a receipt from Fford, who immediately proceeded to melt the bell down, but died a few weeks after. His widow denied all responsibility, consequently the bell was never returned. The case was taken to the High Court of Chancery, from which our record is taken, but the outcome and verdict has been lost, as was the bell.

In 1779 Thomas Mears, now Mears and Stainbank, Whitechapel Bell Foundry, recast five bells and added one more, making six in all. In 1893 the tenor bell, weighing 7 cwt., which had become cracked, was recast.

The Harlington bellringers desired to add a chiming apparatus, and collected the necessary funds, and to erect a tablet to two of their ringers who fell in the last war, Lionel Leonard Beale and Cyril Arthur Winter. The chiming apparatus would not be heard that evening as some adjustments had to be made. Nor must that tablet recording the two names be taken as a parish memorial to those who fell in the late war; that would come after.

The Rector then dedicated the bells, after which he requested the captain of the bellringers, Mr. J. Nelhams to unveil the tablet, which the Rector then dedicated.

Following the dedicatory prayers, the following members of the Middlesex County Association rang a few rounds: E. C. S. Turner treble, T. G. Bannister 2, J. F. Lewis Cocker 3, F. G. Baldwin 4, J. J. Pratt 5, C. Imfrey 6, W. H. Coles 7, J. A. Nelhams tenor. At the close of the service, the first touch, one of Stedman Triples, was called by Mr. J. J. Pratt, of St. John's, Hillingdon, who it is interesting to note was one of the band who opened the old six after restoration, 40 years previously almost to the day. Mr. T. J. Clark deputising for Mr. Nelhams. Further touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

The whole of the local company have joined the Middlesex Association.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

MEETING AT HELLINGLY.

A meeting was held at Hellingly on December 28th, when ringers from Maxfield, Rotherfield, Wadhurst, Chiddingfold, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and Christ Church), Hailsham, Heathfield, Hastings, St. Albans (Mr. T. J. Southan) and the local tower attended. Carols were sung during the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Shaw).

By kind invitation of the Vicar and the local ringers, a good tea was enjoyed. At the business meeting Hellingly was elected an affiliated tower. The next practice will be at Pevensey in January and the annual meeting at Eastbourne in February.

Valuable Addition to South Yorkshire

DEDICATION AT THRYBERGH.

On December 14th, the ring of six bells was dedicated at St. Leonard's Church, Thrybergh, near Rotherham. There were five bells previously. Of these the fourth is inscribed with the date 1586 and the tenor is believed to be much older, probably at least 500 years old. These two were retuned only and the original canons retained.

The remaining three of the old five, also very old, dated 1609, 1638 and 1687, have been recast. Their dates and inscriptions have been reproduced in facsimile and the year of recasting is recorded on each of them.

A new treble, given by an anonymous donor, has been added and the whole rehung on ball bearings in an iron frame, making a very handy and tuneful peal of six, tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. with the assistance of Messrs. Belden, Ltd., of Thrybergh.

The new treble was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield (the Rt. Rev. L. S. Hunter) and the old five by Canon G. H. C. Bowen, Rector of Thrybergh from 1901 to 1944.

The opening touch was rung by the following members of the Yorkshire Association: Colin Harrison treble, W. Eric Critchley 2, Arthur Firth 3, John J. L. Gilbert 4, Sidney F. Palmer 5, Norman Chaddock tenor. Mr. Harrison, who was representing the bellfounders, kindly stood in at the last minute owing to the unexpected illness of one of the original band.

About 25 ringers were present from the surrounding district to test the 'go' and the tone of the bells. Criticisms were very favourable and this ring has made a fine addition to the towers of South Yorkshire.

Ringings continued during the afternoon and evening. The Rector very kindly provided a free tea, which was very much appreciated. To end the day a 720 of Bob Minor was rung by John H. Brothwell 1, Gordon Briggs 2, T. Colin Ryde 3, George Tuke 4, Tom Cutts 5, John J. L. Gilbert tenor, this being the first 720 of Minor on the bells.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

About 40 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Guild at the Parish Church, Llanelly, on December 14th. The bells were available from 2.30 p.m. and the service was conducted by the Rev. D. Reece (assistant curate), who deputised for the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Jones). For the first time the Guild's form of service, which has been sanctioned by the Archbishop of Wales, was used. Members were afterwards entertained to tea at the Church Institute.

At the business meeting the Rev. D. Reece, who presided, gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Llanelly. An apology for absence was received from the treasurer, Mr. E. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen, owing to the illness of his wife.

Elections included seven life ringing members and nine members. In recognition of his services in the interest of campanology, life membership was conferred on Mr. William Robbings, of Llanelly. Ill-health has, unfortunately, compelled him to give up ringing for the time being, but everyone was pleased to see him at the meeting, and wishes for a speedy return to health were extended to him.

A very hearty welcome was extended to the visitors—Mr. E. Stith (Aberavon), Mr. and Mrs. F. Roderick (Porthcawl), Mr. Hannington and Mr. Wood (Wigan), also to Mr. A. Hoare (Swansea) and the Rev. S. Rees (Burry Port).

The next quarterly meeting will take place at Burry Port in March. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 12s. 6d. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Rev. D. Reece and also to the ladies, who provided tea. Methods rung included London, Cambridge, Plain Bob, Grand-sire and rounds for the learners.

A New Oxford Eight

DEDDINGTON COMPLETES THE OCTAVE.

A large congregation, including about 100 members of the Oxford Guild, assembled in the 13th century SS. Peter and Paul's Parish Church at Deddington, Oxon, on December 14th, when the Lord Bishop of Oxford dedicated two new bells recently added to complete the ring of eight in the tower, which with its crown of vane topped pinnacles is a notable landmark for miles around.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. Frost), the Rev. B. R. Buchanan and the Rev. R. C. West reading the lessons. The Lord Bishop gave the address. After the impressive dedication the two new bells were rung by E. C. Pearson and L. J. Malings, and the whole eight were then heard for a few moments rung by the local band of Sunday service ringers. After the service a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by Miss M. Cross, Mr. A. E. Locke, Capt. A. R. Poyntz, Mr. W. Hibbert, Mr. R. White, the Rev. H. Benson and Mr. F. Sharpe, conducted by Miss S. Davis, of Reading.

The company were entertained to tea, the Lord Bishop being present. Dr. G. M. W. Hodges, Vicar's warden, expressed the gratitude and thanks of all present to the private generous donor of the new bells, to the Lord Bishop for his presence and to the Vicar for the tremendous amount of work he had done in connection with the day. He congratulated the bell founders (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) and Messrs. R. White and Son, of Appleton, on the excellent tone and the hanging of the new bells.

Capt. A. R. Poyntz (Deputy Master of the Guild) also congratulated the Banbury and District Branch in getting two new bells, completing the octave in one more tower, and for the service that day. After tea the bells were put to good use in touches from rounds to Major to suit all ringers who had come to hear and try the now very nice ring of eight. Messrs. R. White and Son rehung the six in 1929, making them an oak frame to take eight.

A collection taken for the General Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Nearly 50 ringers attended the annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Blandford on December 14th, the towers represented being Blandford, Sturminster Newton, Stalbridge, Okeford Fitzpaine, Shroton, Buckhorn Weston, Kington Magna, Lydlinch, Childe Okeford, Whitechurch, Buckland Newton, Hazelbury Bryan, Templecombe, Lytchett Matravers, Salisbury, Semley, Amesbury and Leighton.

At the Guild service the Rector of Blandford (Canon B. T. Rosson) preached. The business meeting followed tea. Reference was made to the deaths of Mr. J. Braddock, prominent Gillingham ringer, who had acted as a bell inspector for the Guild, and Mr. H. Woolridge, for many years captain and instructor of the Fontmell Magna team. The gathering stood in silence.

Officers re-elected were: Chairmen, Dr. E. W. J. Hellins; vice-chairman, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; secretary and treasurer, the Rev. W. Uphill; Ringing Masters, Messrs. W. C. Shute, L. Perrett, E. Coward and E. T. P. Field; committee, Messrs. J. Ralph and B. Ridout.

It was arranged to hold the spring meeting at Motcombe, summer meeting at Hazelbury Bryan, autumn meeting at Shroton, and the winter meeting at Gillingham.

The following new members were elected: Ringing members, Mr. A. Bollen (Stalbridge), Mr. A. Rothwell (Gillingham), Miss M. Davidge, Miss L. Davidge, Miss A. Davidge and Miss R. Short (Sturminster Newton); hon. member, the Rev. R. M. Taylor (Shroton); non-resident life member, Miss D. Webb (Templecombe).

A grant of £2 2s. was made to the appeal for the bells of St. Thomas', Salisbury.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMPANOLOGISTS AND ABSENTEEISM

Dear Sir,—Someone once asked, 'What is a campanologist?' After a little thought I replied, 'It is a curious bird seen flying from a belfry as the later worshippers enter the church.'

It is nice to know Mr. R. A. Post is an exception to this rule and also nice to know he does not 'hide his light under a bushel.'

On reading the life of John Bunyan, I discovered he was a ringer, but when converted thought it very wicked to ring bells. So he gave it up, thinking an angry God would cause the tower to fall on him.

To my surprise, on reading his 'Pilgrim's Progress,' he writes in the last chapter about the pilgrims entering heaven. 'Then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the city rang again for joy.' I thought to myself, 'Well, John, you think it very wicked to ring bells on earth, but up yonder it is quite all right and you think we shall have plenty of be ringing in heaven.'

Some people love bells, some don't. One of the latter said to me one day, 'I hate the sound of bells.' I replied, 'You won't get to heaven, for John Bunyan says there will be a lot of be ringing in heaven.'

Though the bad old days of the leather bottle in the belfry have faded away and we still have all sorts and conditions of ringers, yet there is something that binds us all together, and on the whole I find them a lovable lot and desire they may all 'hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life.'—Yours faithfully,

J. MAURICE TURNER, President.
N.E. Devon Guild of Ringers.

TWO SYDNEY TOWERS REOPENED

Dear Sir,—During Christmas two of the Sydney towers have been put in order and opened again.

On Sunday, December 22nd, the bells of St. Jude's, Randwick, were opened, after being out of order since before the war. The bells are a ring of eight by Vickers, Ltd., and are cast steel with a tenor of 21 cwt. The tenor has been put on rollers and a price has been accepted to put the 5th, 6th and 7th on rollers also. I was taught to ring in St. Jude's tower and it was good to hear the old bells going again.

The other tower is Christ Church St. Laurence, George Street, City. These bells, a ring of six with a tenor of 13 cwt. by Taylors, have not been rung for 25 years. The same old story, the tower was not safe. A little pushing by the N.S.W. Association and great enthusiasm from a newly-formed Christ Church Society eventually persuaded the authorities to get an architect to inspect the tower, which he passed as safe for ringing! In fact, there was no reason for them ever to have stopped.

The Christ Church ringers then got to work and dismantled the existing clavier, and after 12 months' hard work have the bells swinging again. They were opened on Christmas Eve for the midnight service. The ringers taking part were as follows: J. Campigli (capt.), K. Miller, R. Jones, P. Davis and W. M. Rowe from Christ Church, J. B. Watts and D. McGrainger (Tarramurra), H. Short (St. Mary's), L. Orme from St. Paul's, Melbourne.

With the addition of these two towers we now have six towers with swinging bells in Sydney, three 8's and three 6's.—Yours, etc.,
W. ROWE.

'THE STRANGE GOD CAMPANOLOGY'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Post in his letter states that only 20 per cent. of ringers attend divine service. I presume he has come to his figures from his own area. When I was a resident at Over, Cambs, and a member of the Over St. Mary's Society, at the five principal festivals we rang the bells for 45 minutes before the 7 a.m. Holy Communion and sometimes we have met 12 and 12 have stopped and partaken in that service. Very often two ringers, several being sidesmen, took up the collection.

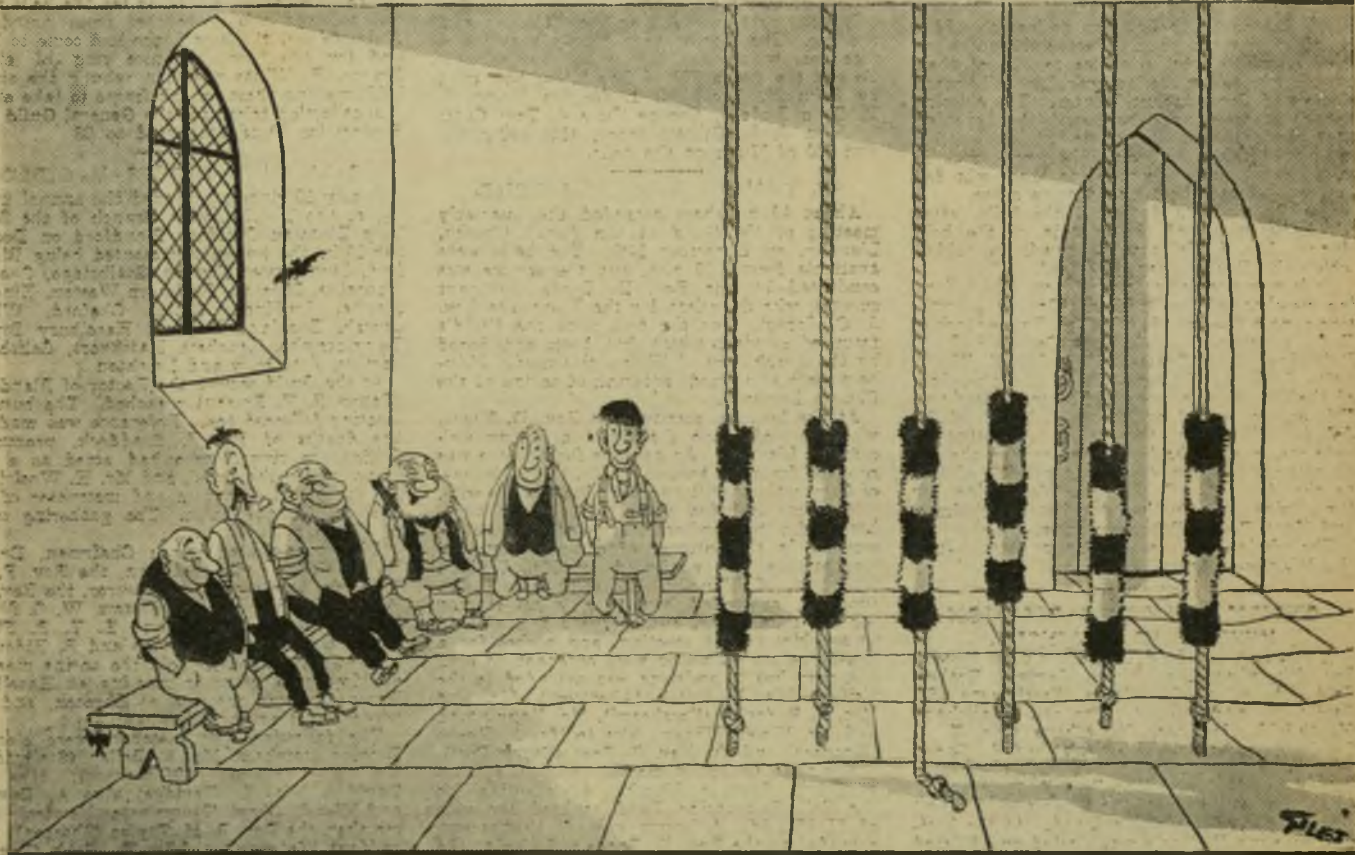
Here at St. Ives, Hunts, our local captain, Mr. L. Fisher, assists at the altar table and sometimes 100 per cent. of ringers stay for service.

For myself, I know I am not a saint, but I also know that if I really get down to real worship and say the 'General Confession' in the spirit of truth my sin or sins are forgiven when the priest pronounces the 'Absolution.'—Yours faithfully,
St. Ives, Hunts. F. WARRINGTON.

PROGRESS AT CARBIS BAY

A pleasing ceremony took place in the ringing chamber at Carbis Bay Church on Dec. 20th, when badges of membership of the Truro Diocesan Guild of Ringers were presented by Mr. W. Polsoe (churchwarden), who was accompanied by Mr. T. L. Roberts (secretary of Church Council) and Mr. R. C. Ivey, O.B.E., to Miss Marion Lidgey, Paul Roach, Tony Roach, Kenneth Nicholls, Roy Nicholls, John Peters, Gerald Peters and Clarence Peters.

Mr. Polsoe congratulated these young ringers on their progress, and said he was glad they were taking such a keen interest in ringing.



'Five minutes before it's time to ring in the New Year, let's have one of they little unofficial strikes'

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Irish Association

PROGRESS IN CHANGE RINGING.

Ringers from Londonderry, Lurgan, Carrickfergus, Bangor, Holywood and St. Thomas', Belfast, met at Holywood on December 26th for the annual meeting of the Northern Branch. Mr. Fred E. Dukes, general secretary of the association, was also present.

The ringers service was conducted by the Rev. E. S. Barber, Holywood, president of the branch, who in his address spoke of the three-fold aspect of bellringing, as a call to worship, an act of worship and an act of witness.

At the business meeting the president welcomed the ringers, especially the eight from Londonderry.

The report, presented by Mr. W. Webb (hon. secretary) showed that the membership was now 107 and that progress was being made in change ringing. During the year the Holywood team had the honour of ringing a full peal of Grandsire Triples, the first to be rung in Ireland since before the war, and the sixth for the Northern Branch. Mention was also made of the fact that several of the peals in Northern Ireland had been included in B.B.C. programmes and this recognition of bellringing by the B.B.C. was welcomed by the members.

The bells of Hillsborough Church are now unringable and a fund has been established to raise sufficient money to have them rehung. The bells of St. Patrick's, Coleraine, are to be rehung on ball bearings as soon as conditions permit.

The rules of the branch were revised, and a copy of these is to be incorporated in a new form of membership card.

After tea the ringers went to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Londonderry.

RECORD PEAL TABLET UNVEILED

The Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, visited the Cathedral belfry on December 23rd, and in the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Oxford and a large company of Oxford ringers, unveiled a tablet commemorating the record peal of Stedman Cinques rung there on August 24th last.

The Mayor spoke of his amazement that ringers could carry on ringing for so long and congratulated the conductor (Mr. W. F. Judge) and three of the Oxford Cathedral band who were also in the peal, Messrs. V. J. F. Bennett, F. A. H. Wilkins and R. A. Post.

The tablet is a slate one, 2ft. 6in. by 2ft., with incised lettering silver painted, and is the work of Mr. Albert E. Lock, secretary of the North Berks Branch of the Oxford Guild, and forms a fitting and worthy record of an historical performance.

Some photographs have been taken of the tablet, and it is hoped to have these in due course. It is also hoped to get the band together some time in the summer of 1947 for a commemorative touch and to enable a photograph to be taken.

OXFORD RINGERS ENTERTAINED

A very pleasant incident took place in Magdalen College on New Year's Eve, when ten members of the Oxford Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1,259 changes, in 50 minutes, as a farewell touch to Sir Henry Tizard, who was vacating the presidency of Magdalen that day to become chairman of the Scientific Research Defence Committee.

The ringing was greatly appreciated by Sir Henry, who invited the ringers to dinner, which took place in the Senior Common Room. Small items of the college plate were placed at their disposal for the liquid refreshment, and a liberal supply of college ale was available and partaken of with much relish.

After spending a very pleasant hour, the ringers adjourned to ring out the old year. The ringers were: E. Moore 1, Miss M. Cross 2, V. Bennett 3, J. Higgins 4, P. Walker 5, C. Coles 6, G. Cross 7, N. Allnatt 8, W. F. Judge (conductor) 9, F. A. H. Wilkins 10.

OBITUARY

MR. JAMES BURGE.

With regret we announce the loss to the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of its oldest member, Mr. James Burge, who died on December 20th in his 90th year. He was one of the foundation members of the association and had been for many years an hon. life member. He was conductor of St. Mary Magdalene's ringers for 40 years (1896-1936) and during that time did a good deal of instruction in rope handling and the first stages of change ringing. Among his pupils were Mr. A. Walker, of Birmingham, and the late Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford and Taunton, both of whom rang their first peals with him at St. Mary's. For many years he was never absent from his post and was always punctual in attendance at both services and practice.

He conducted a few peals of Triples and Caters, and when St. Mary's bells were increased to 12 in 1922 he had hoped to call a peal of Stedman Cinques. Owing to a serious internal operation and advancing years, this was denied him, and he finally retired in 1937. The funeral service was held in St. Mary's Church on December 27th, the Vicar (Preb. Heaton-Renshaw) officiating, assisted by the Rev. C. Chitty. As the cortege left the church for the cemetery the bells were rung half-muffled by a band representing the three Taunton towers. Muffled ringing also took place later in the evening. S.P.M.

HAMPSHIRE AND SUSSEX RINGERS AT WESTBOURNE

A joint meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild and the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Westbourne, Sussex, on December 14th. Forty ringers attended from Angmering, Arundel, Chichester Cathedral, Fareham, Felpham, Heene, Henfield, Liss, Portsmouth Cathedral, Portsea, Storrington, Tarring, Titchfield, Westbourne, West Grinstead, and visitors from Ewell, Hull, Spalding and Stockbridge.

The Vicar (the Rev. M. T. Dodds) conducted the Sussex Association's form of service and joined the company at tea. At the Sussex County Association's (Western Division) business meeting ringers from Angmering (9) and Arundel (3)—where it is anticipated the ring of eight will be restored during 1947—were elected members; Miss Patricia Smee, Ewell, elected non-resident member, and the election before peals of W. H. Inwood, Guildford, and L. Cheeseman, Banstead, ratified.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and among other expressions in thankful vein the meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Frederick W. Burnett for his assistance to Sussex ringers on numerous occasions. The following towers were suggested for forthcoming meetings: Storrington, January 18th; Wisborough Green, February 15th; Chichester Cathedral, March 15th (annual meeting).

Methods ranged to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise during the afternoon and evening.

MR. ERNEST MORRIS LECTURES IN ESSEX

Ringers of Woodford and district, Essex, were the guests of the Woodford and District Historical Society on December 16th, when Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., of Leicester, gave an illustrated lecture on 'Bells of all nations—their history and romance.'

The chair was taken by Mr. George Black, a keen local ringer and a very active member of the society. He introduced Mr. Morris as an outstanding ringer, writer and lecturer, and expressed the great pleasure he had derived from the reading of the lecturer's famous book, 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' a work that now finds a place in most public libraries and many ringers' homes and church towers.

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BIRTH

ROGERS.—At the Grove Nursing Home, Isleworth, on Dec. 31st, 1946, Olive (née Ashbrook), wife of Capt. H. W. Rogers, a daughter, Patricia Olive Marguerite. A sister for Christopher.

ENGAGEMENT

WOOLLEY—TELFORD. — The engagement is announced between Christopher W. Woolley, of Bushey, Herts, and Margaret D. Telford, only daughter of Mrs. E. E. Telford, of Keswick, Cumberland.

IN MEMORIAM

GUTTERIDGE.—We, his family and ringing friends, remember with affection George H. Gutteridge, who died Jan. 14th, 1946. His perseverance, patience, good humour and friendliness still gladden our hearts, while the example he set by his service to the Church and the ringing fraternity continues to encourage us in our own efforts.

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'THE CHURCH BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE,' Part III., price 1s., supplied only to purchasers of the previous parts; or the set of three parts, price 3s.; to be obtained from the author, Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. — Saturday, Jan. 11th. — St. Mary's, Battersea, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business and handbells 6 p.m. Further ringing 7.30 to 9 p.m. Names for tea, please: — H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Hertford, on Saturday, Jan. 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—G. Radley. Future address: 6, Nursery Road, Turnford, near Hoddesdon, Herts.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Practice at Withyham, 7.30, commencing Jan. 3rd, on 1st and 3rd Friday each month. Meeting at Sevenoaks, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Andrews, 175, London Road, Sevenoaks. — C. A. Bassett.

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch.—Annual meeting at Woodbury, Jan. 11th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30.

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Annual, Walpole St. Peter (6), Saturday, Jan. 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring food; Cups of tea available.—W. Buckenham, Marham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Annual meeting at West Ham (10), Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting in Church Hall at 4.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. H. Crampion, 7, Cedar Avenue, Chadwell Heath.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, St. Peter's, Derby, Saturday, Jan. 11th. Bells (8) 2.30. Committee 4. Tea, 5.30, Parochial Room. — W. Lancaster, 83, Albert Road, Chaddesden, Derby.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield Branch. — Annual, Staveley, Jan. 11th. Election of officers. Names to Mr. A. Parsons, 40, Circular Road, Staveley.—Sam Scattergood, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—Practice meeting will be held at Wareham on Saturday, Jan. 11th. Ringing from 2.30. Tea at Rainbow Café at 5.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Jan 11th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Bring own food.—T. H. Loakes, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — An evening meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Tuesday, Jan. 14th. Bells from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District. — Annual general district meeting at Galleywood on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, please. — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 48, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meet 3 p.m. in the Howden Institute. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names to Mr. J. Silk, 21, Leeds Road, Selby, on or before Jan. 14th. General meeting on same premises immediately afterwards (Howden Institute). — L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — West Malling (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, near Maidstone.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Annual district meeting at Braintree (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—H. A. Pratt, Dis. Sec., Black Notley.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — Annual meeting, Wellingborough, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30. Names most essential by Tuesday previous. — Arthur Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry (8), Jan. 18th. Names for tea early to Miss H. M. Smith, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District. — Annual meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. More details later.—T. J. Lock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells at 3. Service in Church at 4.45. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5.30, over Milk Bar, near Church.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Nuneaton, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3.30. Service 5, followed by tea and business. Names by 16th, please.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone: Nuneaton 3296.

CHESTER GUILD. — Crewe Branch. — Jan 18th, Crewe (10). Annual, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea provided if notified by previous Tuesday.—R. D. Langford, 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Royston (6) bells have been recast and will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea provided for all who notify me not later than Jan. 15th. Bells open to all after the service and all are welcome. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 28, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Hinckley District. — Annual meeting at Earl Shilton, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names by 15th to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton.

LEICESTER GUILD. — Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting, Kibworth, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 3.30. Unveiling of peal boards. Names for tea by Jan. 13th to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Annual district meeting, Saturday, Jan. 18th, at St. Albans. St. Peter's bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Abbey Restaurant 5 p.m., followed by business. Cathedral bells available in evening. Names for tea, please.—R. Darvill, Woodville, Batchwood Drive, St. Albans.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (All Saints') 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Notify by Jan. 14th. — B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham.

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Ely Branch.—Annual, Ely St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., St. Mary's Café (almost opposite), 2s.—C. Gimbert, Sutton, Ely.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stourbridge, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. —Northern Branch.—Gainsborough District annual meeting, All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.15.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Great Staughton, Saturday, Jan 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at Mr. Lack's, 5 p.m.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting, Fareham, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, C. of E. School. Names for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 15th, Mr. W. Linter, 16, Uplands Crescent, Fareham.—R. J. Stone, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting at Storrington, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 16th to W. Curtis, Woodway, Nightingale Lane, Storrington.

SALISBURY GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. — Annual meeting, Dorchester, Jan. 18th. Ringing, St. Peter's and St. George's, 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4. Tea and business, St. Peter's Institute, 5. Numbers to M. M. Godley, Stratton, Dorchester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. —Wirral Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Mary's, Birkenhead (6), Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Tea provided.—A. J. Martin, 3, Cecil Road, Prenton, Birkenhead.

LADIES' GUILD. — Meeting at Sibley (8) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Swan, 31, Cossington Road, Sibley, Leicester, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 15th.—Jill Podes.

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Hawkhurst, Jan. 18th. Start 3. Tea 5.30. Please notify W. Gorrings, Hawkhurst. Election of officers at business meeting. — J. G. Powell.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. —Southern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business at Five Bells Inn. Tea only provided for those who notify Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, by Jan. 15th.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. —South Shields (St. Hilda's), Saturday, Jan. 18th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. Names to Mr. W. Robson, 15, Logan Terrace, South Shields, by first post, 14th.—Frank Ainsley, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. —Manchester Branch. — The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18th. — Frank Reynolds.

SALISBURY GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service at St. Thomas' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available: Downton (8), Amesbury (8), SS. Thomas and Martin (8), St. Paul's, Wilton, South Newton (6). Notification for tea to W. A. Theobald, 243, Essex Square, West Harnham, Salisbury.

PEAK SOCIETY.—Darley Dale (8), on Saturday, Jan. 18th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Own food. Important meeting 5 p.m. All welcome. — H. E. Taylor, Darley Dale.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Annual meeting at Towcester, Saturday, Jan. 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. Names by Jan. 14th.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon Vicarage, Towcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Cambridge District. — Annual, Cambridge, Jan. 18th. St. Andrew the Great (8), 2.15 to 4.15 p.m., and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emanuel Road. R.C. (8), 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—H. L. Martin.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Tickenham, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 4 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Jan. 18th, Selston (6). Bells available 3 p.m. Please bring own food.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Reopening of Brown Edge bells, Saturday, Jan. 18th, 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Pointon, 126, North Street, Ball Green, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Annual district meeting, St. Michael's, Basingstoke (All Saints (9) available), Jan. 25th, 2.30. Names for tea by Jan. 21st to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — Annual general meeting at Farnham, Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at British Restaurant, Union Road. All welcome, but please let me know if you are coming by Jan. 21st.—C. W. Denyer, 15, Holly Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deanery. — Annual meeting, Castle Cary, Saturday, Jan. 25th, 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea to follow.—H. C. Lintern, Alhampton, Ditcheat.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Lewisham District. — Meeting, Crayford, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 20th to A. G. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

OXFORD GUILD.—South Oxon District.—Quarterly meeting at Benson, Oxon (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 20th to H. Bodger, Dis. Sec., 1, Chiltern Grove, Thame, Oxon.

OXFORD GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Saturday, Jan. 25th, meeting at Bloxham, 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea. Please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Full committee meeting, Chelmsford, 3.30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 15th. Please reserve date, as business reconstructive and important (for A.G.M.), necessitating meeting earlier than March. Agenda will be posted later. —R. C. Heazel, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — Hon. secretary, Charles Rouse. Address, Westdene, Bouncers Lane, Prestbury, Cheltenham, Gloucester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD MEETING AT TUTBURY.

Upwards of 30 members and friends attended the pleasant meeting held at the old Priory Church, Tutbury, on December 21st. Towers in the Guild represented were Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Ashby, Measham, Repton, Overseal, Ticknall, together with visitors from Wolverhampton, Derby (Cathedral and St. Luke's) and Lichfield.

The Vicar (the Rev. N. Edwards) welcomed the members and conducted the Guild service, giving the history of Tutbury bells for the address. In this he spoke of the three bells and one handbell in the tower at the time of the 'Monks' and of the old custom of ringing the curfew and sanctus bell which still continues at Tutbury.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, after which the informal meeting was held, Mr. B. G. Key being in the chair. Four new members, Noreen Brain, Doreen Roden, Allan Foster and L. Chamberlain, of Burton St. Paul's, were elected.

It was resolved to adopt the 1947 meeting card suggested by the committee, and arrangements will be made for the next meeting to be held at Newhall on February 8th.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for use of the bells, etc., to the organist and the ladies who kindly provided the cups of tea, and the meeting closed with the chairman extending seasonable greetings to all present.

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