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THE COUNCIL AND THEIR PUBLICATIONS.

It would be for the good of the Exercise if more Associations would follow the example frequently set by Lancashire and discuss at their meetings matters outside their purely domestic affairs. The Manchester branch, for instance, has just debated the question of the publication of the Major Methods Collection, which the Central Council have had to hold up for want of funds, the present enhanced cost of production being such that to print the work would absorb all their reserve and put the publication of any other work out of question for many years to come. The Rev. A. T. Beeston put forward a suggestion that the work should be subsidised by the associations, but this met with opposition and we gather from the report that the general feeling was that the Council should publish the works at such a price as would recoup them for the outlay.

The Council, it is certain, would welcome expressions of opinion on matters such as this, if only the associations would have sufficient initiative and interest to discuss them. The associations exist to promote the art of ringing, and what could be better calculated to promote this end than the publication of a volume of new methods? The first portion of the Collection—the Minor Methods—has been responsible for a great advance in Minor ringing, and, as a criterion, ought to convince everyone that a collection of Major Methods would still further advance ringing practice. The financial difficulty, however, not only holds up the publication of the volume of Plain Methods that is ready for the Press, but subsequent volumes of Treble Bob and Surprise Methods, which the Committee are not very inclined to proceed with until they can see some chance of the work they have already done reaching the hands of the ringers.

Unfortunately, it is not merely a question of charging a sufficient price for the publication to cover the cost of production—that, we take it, would be done in any event unless the Council is to establish itself as a philanthropic body—but the difficulty is to find the capital which must necessarily be locked up in stock, or else, for the time being, cripple further work. We suggested, after the last meeting of the Council, one way out of the difficulty, and that was to publish the Collection in small sections, making one pay, more or less, for the next. This has more than one advantage. A section of, say, a hundred methods would be something for the Exercise to go on with; it would be as many as the average band would want at one time and, pending the printing of the next section, the cost would be almost certain to come down. Thus there would

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be much to be gained and nothing to be lost by adopting this course. If associations are not prepared to subsidise the Council for the purpose of printing the Collection, another alternative would be for each association to guarantee to purchase a number of copies, and this they could very well do by first approaching their own members. The difficulty of dealing with associations under the present constitution of the Council is that the process involves endless delays, for the Council and the associations have only one meeting a year at which they can pass financial resolutions. If, however, the Council were to take their courage in both hands and put the matter into the charge of one energetic business man with some knowledge of sales organisation, we believe they would get over all their difficulties and quickly see their money back.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BECCKLES, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT HARDY	Treble	NORMAN R. BAILEY	6
GEORGE H. CROSS	2	GEORGE MAYERS... ..	7
EDWIN R. GOATE... ..	3	BEN S. THOMPSON	8
ARTHUR WEBBER... ..	4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	9
CLAYTON PARNELL	5	FREDK. R. BORRETT	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

LLANDAFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN W. JONES	Treble	JOHN BUTLER	6
FRED ATWELL	2	SIDNEY DAWE	7
WILLIAM B. BISS	3	WILLIAM BOLTON	8
FRANK J. BAILEY... ..	4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	9
HARRY PAGE	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER	Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

First peal on the bells since they were augmented from eight to ten by Mears and Stainbank in February, 1920. Rung as a birthday peal for two very old esteemed members of the Cathedral band, Mr. John Clutterbuck and Mr. William Coombes.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

FREDERICK BIRD	Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS	5
*E. G. HIBBINS	2	*WALTER AYRE	6
THOMAS JORDAN... ..	3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR	7
HENRY DEW	4	GEORGE JORDAN... ..	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Jordan.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY DICKENS... ..	Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
GEORGE F. SWANN	2	*HERBERT C. SPENCER	6
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT	3	THOMAS H. REEVES... ..	7
*WILLIAM J. MEERS	4	*ARTHUR GARDNER	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method.

REBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 5
FRANK FOX 3	JAMES MORGAN 6
JOHN HAYES 4	HENRY W. WILDE 7
GEORGE R. JONES Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung, after meeting short, without cover and leaving the 2nd out.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S-ODD & EVEN BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

JOHN CARTER Treble	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	HERBERT W. HIBBERT 6
ERNEST J. KING 3	ISAAC J. ATTWATER 7
ROBERT G. CHAPPEL 4	HERBERT SPINK Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

This peal is on a new plan, containing odd and even bobs in every course throughout (418 bobs and 2 singles), and is now rung for the first time and at the first attempt.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE, E.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	JEFFREY R. GAMMON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ROBERT G. CHAPPEL 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	REDBEN SANDERS 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the appointment of Mr. F. C. Lambert as steepie-keeper of this church.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, Jan. 12, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

*GEORGE PETTER Treble	GEORGE TOMSETT 5
GEORGE J. NICHOLS 2	EDWARD RADDON 6
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE 3	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7
†GEORGE R. NICHOLS 4	EDWARD G. HEATH Tenor

Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 3rd.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
WILLIAM SMITH 3	JOHN OLDHAM 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' First Surprise peal as conductor. First peal in the method in the county.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	PRYCE TAYLOR 5
†JOHN SADDINGTON 2	JOHN OLDHAM 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Superlative. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Quickest peal of Major on the bells. The conductor has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours,
At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR MASON Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	*WILLIAM ROGERS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Clara Riley, daughter of the tower-keeper, and Mr. Albert Gobbett, who were married on the above date at St. Philip's, Islington; also to Ernest William Pye, son of the conductor, on his 4th birthday. * First peal in the method, and hails from Northampton.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
ALBERT FEIST 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 6
WESLEY PETTIFER 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	PERCY H. DOICK Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The ringers take this opportunity of congratulating the firm upon an excellent improvement, both in go and tone. With the exception that Mr. Smither took the place of Mr. H. Doick, this band rang the last peal on the bells prior to rehanging.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHARLES DEAN Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 5
REGINALD BROUGH 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
JOHN SPARROW 3	DAVID WRIGHT 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	WILLIAM JOINER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

First peal of Major on the bells since recasting by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringer of 5th hails from Beddington, tenor from Mitcham and the remainder from Croydon.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	CHARLES E. READ 6
GEORGE COOK 3	FREDERICK LAVER 7
EDWARD T. GROVE 4	GEORGE MARRINER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY HARRINGTON... ..Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	HERBERT MARKWELL... .. 6
WILLIAM STEED... .. 3	WILLIAM LATIER 7
*STAFFORD H. GREEN 4	GEORGE EDWARDSTenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stonestreet.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY).

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 24½ cwt.

HERBERT E. ROBBINS... ..Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
REV. R. P. WILKINSON 2	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT 3	JOHN FLINT 7
FRED W. HILL 4	SAM THOMAS... ..Tenor

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

First peal of Major in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of the 6th and 7th.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*FRANK PATRICKTreble	WILLIAM DODLEY 5
WILLIAM BACON 2	GEORGE E. WILSON 6
CHARLES P. CHALKE... .. 3	HENRY T. WILSON 7
WILLIAM BEDWELL 4	WILLIAM H. JODDTenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM H. JODD.

* Re-elected a member in the tower.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

SAMUEL WHEATLEY... ..Treble	WALTER POPPLEWELL 5
JOHN AMBLER 2	*PERCY WHEATLEY 6
SAMUEL WARD 3	WILLIAM CORDINGLEY 7
WILLIE STANHOPE 4	WILFRID LEETenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by W. POPPLEWELL.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Lee. First peal on the bells since they were rebung by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being exceedingly good.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY MILESTreble	FREDERICK S. MACEY 5
*MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	THOMAS PAYNE 6
*FRANCIS TAYLOR 3	*GORDON CAUDWELL 7
*ALBERT E. LOCK 4	*WILLIAM STONE... ..Tenor

Composed by J. PATRICK.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Major.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERNEST STITCHTreble	JOHN W. JONES 5
*FREDERICK J. BAILEY 2	CHARLES H. PERRY 6
*FRANK J. BAILEY 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
RICHARD EVANS... .. 4	*ALBERT J. PITMANTenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Major.

GODSTONE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb.

OLIVER SIPPETTSTreble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
*WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	*WILLIAM BEESON, SEN.Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

SIX BELL PEALS.

IWERNE COURTNEY (SHROTON), DORSET

On Saturday, Jan. 7, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

J. W. HARVEYTreble	H. MARTIN 4
A. W. HARVEY 2	F. ARNOLD 5
B. NEWMAN 3	W. WILKINS... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. ARNOLD.

First peal rung by the company, also the first peal on the bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH AND THE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of London and Superlative, and three of Cambridge.

WILLIAM PAGETreble	SIDNEY HOLT 4
*JOHN J. JEFFERIES 2	WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 5
THOMAS WALTERS 3	JAMES R. MACKMANTenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Surprise Minor by the rest and for the Association. Also first peal of Minor for the Cathedral Guild.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS WINNIE BAXTERTreble	JOHN W. BOOTH 4
*FELIX J. SUTTON 2	HARRY WHITTLE... .. 5
*EDWARD J. BAGGULEY 3	ALBERT JOYCETenor

Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells and first ever attempted.

MUFFLED RINGING.

On Tuesday, January 10th, at the Church of St. Augustine, Woodston, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), consisting of two six-scores each of St. Simon's Doubles, two of Old Doubles, two of Plain Bob, two of Grandsire, and 60 changes of Grandsire, in 47 minutes, was rung by: H. Hoare, senr., 1. Miss F. Calpin 2. C. Hoare 3. Miss A. Parkins 4. H. Hoare, junr. (conductor), 5. Mrs. Danson (longest touch) 6. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of the rev. W. M. Crome, Rector of Cirencester, formerly Rector of Woodston.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM POWELL Treble	JAMES BLAKE 4
JOHN J. BEVAN 2	EDWARD SUMMERS 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal containing London by a resident band of the Guild. First peal by ringer of treble, who is aged 16 years.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HAMPSON Treble	GEORGE POWNALL 4
†WILLIAM GOULD 2	JOHN YATES 5
*WILLIAM PYE 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Tenor

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from treble. William Pye was proposed a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal. All the ringers belong to the local company.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 4
FREDERICK WATLING 2	HENRY PHILLIPS 5
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES M. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, who belongs to Saxmundham. Messrs. Hardy and Phillips belong to Kelsale, the rest to St. Margaret's, Leiston.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced 720's: (1) Poynton and Old Oxford, (2) Bocking and Willesden, (3) Grove Delight and Neasden, (4) Wragby and College Bob IV., (5) Trowel and Duke of Norfolk, (6) College Exercise and Norbury, (7) Oxford, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	HARRY LANGLEY 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

First peal in 17 methods by the ringer of the 5th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Hinckley, on Saturday, January 14th. Members and friends attended from Burbage, Barwell Croft, Earl Shilton, Nuneaton, Stoney Stanton, South Wigston and Hinckley, and the bells were kept going in Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

The business meeting was held at the ringers' meeting room, Mr. C. H. Webb presiding. Mr. C. H. Webb was re-elected vice-president, Mr. S. White was re-elected on the committee, and Mr. F. C. Cotton local hon. secretary. Messrs. G. Mark Coe and Edward Clough were elected ringing members, and Mr. John Worthington an honorary member of the Association.

Thrieston was chosen as the place of the next meeting, and the business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Hurrell for the use of the bells. Songs were afterwards given by Messrs. W. Humphreys and W. Reynolds; duets by Messrs. L. Cobley and W. Reynolds; Miss Abbots and Mr. W. Reynolds. Change ringing on handbells also took place, and altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent.

HANDBELL PEALS.

EALING.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1922, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At 69, BALFOUR ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

GEORGE E. HARBOUR 1-2	HAROLD P. JAMES 5-6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3-4	DOUGLAS HARBOUR 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

This composition has the 6th twenty-four times each way.

CLAPHAM.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 13, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At 63A, OLD TOWN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	HAROLD P. JAMES 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3-4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7-8

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Umpire: W. H. HEWETT.

CLAPHAM, S.W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 14, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At 63A, OLD TOWN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8
*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3-4	†WILLIAM HEWETT 9-10
†ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6	§GEORGE W. STEERE 11-12

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: H. P. JAMES.

* First peal of Bob Maximus. † First peal of Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus 'in hand.' § First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Maximus by the above Guild. Rung in honour of the 6th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs' wedding day.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
In TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2	WILFRID HOOTON 5-6
JOHN WOOLLEY 3-4	*CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY 7-8

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

CLAPHAM, S.W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
At 63A, OLD TOWN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16½ in B flat.

*REGINALD BROUGH 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	JOHN SPARKOW 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE 9-10	

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: MRS. F. I. HAIRS.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.'

A CARILLON FOR NORWAY.

Stavanger, Norway, was on fete on Saturday, January 7th, when a fine carillon of 22 bells, tenor 22 cwt. in E, was opened by Mr. Harry Withers, the carillonneur, of Bournville, Birmingham. After a short dedication service in the Domkirken, where the carillon is hung, large crowds listened, some, no doubt, for the first time, to bell music. Mr. Withers gave a selection of tunes, lasting 1½ hours, concluding with the Norwegian Anthem, and, by the donor's special wish, 'God save the King.'

The donor of bells and clock, with Westminster chimes, is Konsul Segval Bergesen, of Stavanger. The whole work was carried out by Messrs. Warner and Son, the well-known Spitalfield Bell Founders, and reflects great credit on the firm.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT ORDSALL.**

The Christmas quarterly meeting was held at Ordsall on Saturday, January 14th. The weather was wretched in the extreme, wind, sleet and snow making itself conspicuous, and of the 25 members who had signified their intention of being present, only 14 put in an appearance, including Miss Ivy Barker, who bids fair to become an efficient ringer. All honour is due to those 14 ringers who turned up from distances far and wide under the inclement weather and most unfavourable circumstances, viz., Anston, Barlborough, Treeton, Gainsborough, Worksop and Ordsall. A nice light, sweet peal of six were at their disposal, and with the exception of 75 minutes' interval for tea and meeting, the bells were kept ringing continuously between 2 and 8 p.m. The ringers were few, but the methods were plentiful, and the striking both with close and open leads was excellent. The methods consisted of Plain Bob, Little Bob, Oxford Bob, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Violet and Duke of York, including two 720's of Violet, conducted by H. Haigh, and a non-conducted 720 of Kent, the first on the bells, by: R. Reece 1, W. Platts 2, P. E. Hibbard 3, J. H. Brothwell 4, H. Haigh 5, C. F. Fowler 6.

Tea was served at the Gate Inn, and presided over by the Rector of Ordsall (the Rev. R. D. Foster), who also took the chair for the business meeting which followed. He was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), and others.

Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. C. Buxton, of Ordsall, and Mr. H. Hibbard, of Barlborough.

Tuxford applied for an instructor to coach them through a number of lessons, but as none of the Tuxford ringers were present, the matter was held over until the annual meeting in May.

A vote of thanks to the Rector of Ordsall for the use of bells and presiding over tea and meeting, was proposed, and carried with acclamation.—The rev. gentleman, in reply, gave the members a most hearty welcome to Ordsall, and said that if he did not attend all their meetings held in the old ancient borough of Retford, it was not because his heart and soul were not in their work, but because he had urgent duties to perform elsewhere. He looked upon the office of a bell ringer as a missionary and church worker of great importance. They at Ordsall had a nice light and sweet ring of six bells, and it was delightful to hear the bells when skillfully rung. The art of change ringing was a noble art; he could pull a bell; he understood the theory of the art from study at school, and also as a schoolmaster, but that was as far as he had got. Nevertheless he was delighted to hear them ring, and he wished the Association every success.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Devizes on Saturday, January 7th, and was well attended (notwithstanding the very unpleasant weather) by ringers from Warminster, Westbury, Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Holt, Bromham, Keevil, Devizes, St. John and St. Mary, and Southbroom. Ringing commenced at St. John's, and a brief dedication service was held in the belfry, when the Rector (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke) unveiled a stone mural memorial tablet engraved as under:—

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.

This Tablet was erected by the Members of the Devizes Branch to the memory of their fellow ringers who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-18.

Beneath this inscription is a record of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung half-muffled by a band of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, all ex-Service men, on 20th February, 1920.

After this ceremony the ringers assembled in the church for the usual Guild service, which was conducted by the Rector, the lessons being read by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham.

Tea in the parish room was followed by the business meeting, at which the balance sheet was passed.—The Chairman (Mr. W. Hart, of Westbury) asked to be allowed to resign owing to inability to attend the meetings regularly, and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of St. John's, Devizes, was elected chairman of the branch for the ensuing year. The secretary, Mr. H. F. Brown, Westbury, was also unable to continue the duties for another year, and Mr. F. Green, of St. Mary's, Devizes, was elected as secretary. Both the retiring officers were heartily thanked for their services. The ringers then returned to the towers, some visiting St. James's, Southbroom, the remainder St. John's, where some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Plain Bob Minor were rung, as well as courses of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Minor. It was a great pleasure to the ringers that the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, of Beccingstoke, and Mr. and Mrs. Brownlee West were able to be present at the tea and meeting.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

Ten members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, will (D.V.) attempt a record peal of Grandsire Caters, containing 19,115 changes, at Appleton, on Saturday, January 28th.

C. G. WHITE, Appleton.

OLD CUSTOM REVIVED.**NEW YEAR'S GATHERING AT SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**

The members of the Salehurst Society of the Sussex Association met in the belfry on Saturday, December 31st, to bid adieu to the old year and to welcome the new.

Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung till midnight, when the tenor was struck twelve times. The bells were then 'fired,' and further touches rung.

Several youthful members of the band, as well as the older hands, took part.

Following an old custom, the ringers again met on Monday, January 2nd, at 10 a.m., and the bells were rung at intervals throughout the day, several touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples being brought round. The band was assisted by Mr. H. Parks (Mersham), Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden), Mr. A. Baker (Frittenden), Mr. W. Franks (Battle), and Mr. F. Lambert (Burwash).

In the evening the party adjourned to the Old Eight Bells Inn, where an excellent dinner had been provided by Host and Hostess J. Schnorr. Mr. F. T. Willsher presided in the absence of the Vicar, and was supported by Messrs. L. J. Hodson, F. Hudson, W. Hoad, W. Franks and F. Lambert, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts having been musically honoured, Mr. Willsher proposed 'the health of the ringers.' He assured them that the parish was greatly indebted to them for the way they rang every Sunday for service. They were also deserving of great praise for their regular attendance at practices. They had not met around the festive board for six years, and during that time many changes had taken place. He hoped, however, that all present would be spared to meet again next year and do honour to the old custom.

Mr. T. Booth (captain), in responding, said a great deal of the credit was due to the ringers, who had rallied round him so well. He hoped they would continue to attend the Sunday services as well as in the past, and also to follow up their peal ringing. He himself would always do his utmost to make the ringing a success. He then proposed the health of the visitors, referring especially to the kindness of Mr. W. Hoad, who, he said, had helped them in many ways, and was good enough to lend his motor-car whenever the band wished to visit any other church.

Mr. F. Hudson, in responding, said the parishioners would feel lost if there were no bells to summon them to service. He looked upon them as a great help to lighten people's hearts.

Mr. W. Hoad also replied. He said he always took a great interest in the bells, and had two sons belonging to the band. He hoped all would pull together and get 'to the top of the ladder.'

Mr. W. Franks said he hoped the members would try and attend the annual meeting of the association at Brighton in May next. They would then be able to hear the different speakers and vote on the questions that were discussed.

The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. W. Franks, F. Hoad, E. Mills, F. Morgan, H. Weston and P. Weston, while Mr. Willsher also gave some capital recitations.

Just before the close, Mr. Booth, captain, on behalf of the company, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Schnorr for the excellent dinner they had provided. It was the first since the war ended, and it revived an old custom, which had existed for many years of ringing on New Year's Day, and having a good dinner afterwards. During the war the ringers had only had a tea after ringing, but they now thought it would not do to let the old custom die out, and so the dinner was revived this year.—The National Anthem concluded the proceedings.

FATHERS AND SONS IN SURPRISE PEALS.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—In regard to the suggestion that the peal of London Surprise Major at Kinner, on December 17th, was believed to be the first peal of London Surprise in which a father and son have rung together, may I point out that my father and myself both rang in a peal of London at St. Mary Magdalen's, Woolwich, on Sept. 6th, 1910, when I rang the treble; also at St. John the Baptist, Erith, on Dec. 3rd, 1910, when we both rang inside bells, and have since then rung three together. We have also rung together in Superlative, Cambridge Major and Maximus, New Cumberland, and Bristol Surprise.—Yours faithfully,

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

Mr. E. Hern, of 6, Victoria Place, North Shields, also writes: 'May I point out that a peal of London was rung at North Shields on January 2nd, 1911, in which my father (the late J. Hern) and myself took part.'

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. ANNUAL MEETING OF PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A well-attended meeting of the Portsmouth district was held on Saturday, January 14th, at St. Thomas', Portsmouth. Despite the fact that the weather and road conditions did not favour the cyclists, members to the number of 30 attended from Alverstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth, Portsea and Wickham, while Mr. W. G. Edwards, of North Stoneham, and Mr. G. Pullinger, of Upham, were also present. The fine peal of eight were made good use of in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Major. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. David). After giving the Guild a hearty welcome, he gave an interesting history of the bells. In 1702 the cupola on the tower was built, and five bells hung in it, these bells coming from the Roman Pharos at Dover Castle. They were recast at the expense of Prince George of Denmark, Consort of Queen Anne, and at some later date three more bells were added to complete the octave. When the church was restored in 1912 the bells were recast.

A move was then made to Smith and Vosper's, in Castle Road, where an excellent tea was served.

The business meeting was then held, the balance sheet being read by the auditor, and comments made by the secretary.

The election of officers for 1922 resulted as follows: President, Mr. W. Tate; district secretary, Mr. E. J. Harding, senr.; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. H. J. Smith and F. W. Rogers; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds.

Several full and probationary members were elected and Bishop's Waltham was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on April 22nd next.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the organist for his services concluded the meeting.

OFF TO SOUTH AFRICA.

On Tuesday evening, January 10th, 1,696 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Eckington, Derbyshire, to celebrate the wedding of the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Hewson, R.D.), and also as a 'farewell' touch to one of the ringers, Mr. G. Noden, who is leaving to take up an appointment in South Africa. The composition consists of 1,696 changes, and was successfully brought round by: F. Hancock 1, A. Tomlinson 2, G. Noden 3, B. Ditcher 4, P. Jervis 5, W. Ashman 6, C. Booth 7, J. Marton (conductor) 8.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.

By kind permission of the Vicar, a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Wellingborough on January 14th, ringers being present from Irthlingborough, Finedon, Wilby, Higham Ferrers, Geddington, Broughton, Luton, Thrapston, Earls Barton, and the local tower. During the afternoon and evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, and Grandsire Doubles were rung.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. W. Smeaton), who gave a stirring address. The Rev. A. M. Baines was also present.

Tea was partaken of at the Granville Hotel, followed by the business meeting, and in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. J. C. Shatford was voted to the chair. It was decided to hold a special meeting at Wollaston on February 25th, and the next quarterly meeting at Yardley-Hastings, on April 29th.

The Secretary read his report for the past year, and also submitted the balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the local ringers brought a successful meeting to a close.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Stafford on January 7th. The somewhat small attendance of members was disappointing, but at the same time not to be wondered at, considering the high cost of travel. The ten bells have recently been retuned and rehung—the front nine on ball bearings and the tenor on rollers—by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tone and 'go' is a remarkable improvement upon the old state of affairs.

A short service was held in church, with a helpful address given by the Rev. J. H. Kempson, M.A., Vicar of Penkridge, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector of Stafford, the Rev. L. Lambert. At the conclusion of the service, the organist favoured the assembly with a pretty voluntary upon the very fine organ.

An adjournment was then made to the Gresham Restaurant for tea. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the church and bells, the Rev. J. H. Kempson for his address, and to the organist and choir boys for their valuable assistance.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Lelsall on April 29th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The coming week marks the anniversary of the death of three noteworthy members of the Exercise. On January 29th, 1886, Henry Haley died at Bethnal Green at the age of 66. Henry Haley's services to ringing are still fresh in the memory of many living ringers.

On January 30th, 1916, died Henry Burstow, of Horsham, at the age of 89. He was a link with a past generation of ringers, had tramped literally thousands of miles in his native Sussex and neighbouring Surrey, in pursuit of ringing, and had a repertoire of over 400 Folk Lore songs which he could sing from memory. He was born in poverty, and faced the hard side of the world all through life, but his indomitable soul was cheery to the very end.

The anniversary of the death of one of the greatest among pioneers of ringing falls on February 1st, for on that day, in 1756, Benjamin Annable was gathered to his fathers. Ninety years ago on February 1st, the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Cinques was rung—at St. Martin's, Birmingham—and very few, if any, have been rung since.

Another William Pye has rung his first peal. This was at Newchurch, Lancs. We wonder if he will become as famous as his namesake!

Two correspondents sent a report of a peal of Treble Bob, rung at Eckington, and consequently this peal has been published in two consecutive weeks. It is not always possible to check this kind of thing, and it would be well if the conductor alone would make himself responsible for the report.

We learn that tickets for Bristol United Guild's first annual dinner are going very rapidly, and it is good to note that some are being asked for 50 miles away from Bristol. The Right Rev. Bishop Clifford has kindly accepted an invitation to be present, and will be supported by many Bristol clergymen. The social programme is being kindly arranged by Mr. W. Emery, of Bristol University, and will be completed with handbell selections by St. Stephen's handbell ringers.

Ringers are reminded that, in order to be included in the Council's Analysis, the reports of all peals rung in the year 1921 must be published before the end of February. If there are any which have not yet appeared from any cause they should be sent to 'The Ringing World' without delay.

Something which ringers will be inclined to call 'hot stuff' is the composition rung on January 7th at St. George's, Southwark. It is a new composition of Stedman Triples by Mr. John Carter, containing odd and even bobs, and, we have been informed, is more difficult than the famous Odd Bob One-Part. The Exercise will look forward with interest to seeing the figures.

The footnote to the peal of Double Norwich at Bishopstoke in last week's issue refers to the ringer of the 3rd, and not the 4th, as printed.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting, 1922, will be held on Whit-Tuesday, June 6th, at Lincoln. Further and full particulars of this will be announced later. Notice of motions should be sent to the hon. secretary before May 6th, in order that they may appear upon the agenda.

Secretaries of the affiliated Guilds and Associations are reminded that the subscription for 1922 is now due, and should be sent to the hon. sec., Mr. F. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

The death has taken place at Knighton, Radnorshire, of Mr. John Perks, who passed away at the age of 84 years. Deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the town, in which he had lived all his life.

He was the oldest ringer at the Parish Church, where he was sexton until recently, and had rung the tenor bell for the band for nearly 70 years, his ringing having begun when he was a boy of 14. In addition he assisted to chime for Sunday and weekly services, and assisted in the care of the church.

He probably had a good claim to being the oldest regular ringer in the United Kingdom.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING PEAL.

A peal rung at Tonbridge on Jan. 14th was to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Stonestreet, the former a respected member of the local band. It was arranged for November 21st (the actual anniversary), but had to be postponed at the last moment, owing to the death of a townsman close to the church. Unfortunately, Mr. Stonestreet's health prevented him taking part in the peal, but at his request the band adjourned to 53, Mableton Road, accepted his kind hospitality, extended hearty congratulations, expressed a wish that he might soon be restored to health, and that all might meet on the occasion of the golden wedding. It is interesting to note that the conductor of the peal (Mr. T. Groombridge, senr.), acted as best man at the wedding.

CHARLES MIDDLETON.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I am sure all your readers were, like myself, deeply interested in Mr. Trollope's excellent article on Charles Middleton. That he and Henry Johnson independently composed the one and only possible peal of Cambridge Surprise cannot, I think, be doubted. It was indeed an extraordinary coincidence, paralleled only by the simultaneous discovery of the planet Neptune by Professor Adams at Cambridge and Monsieur Le Verrier at Paris. Just as they, by abstruse calculations based on certain irregularities in the path of the planet Uranus, were able to indicate the exact position of Neptune, although invisible to the naked eye, earned a lasting name, so have Middleton and Johnson 'achieved a certain immortality' by their remarkable discovery of this peal. Amongst many things that have given me pleasure in the course of my ringing career, I look back with pride to having once conducted Middleton's peal, and I commend it as an object of ambition to all aspiring ringers.

Mr. Trollope has omitted, no doubt inadvertently, to tell us what was Middleton's business or occupation: this and any other personal details would be welcomed by your readers.—Yours faithfully,

Hill Top, King's Norton.

J. S. PRITCHETT.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting was held at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Saturday last, when various methods were rung on the ten bells, the go of which is excellent. Members attended choral evensong. Tea was afterwards partaken of in a cosy room in the King's Road, and a pleasant party sat down. Afterwards the tower bells were rung until 8 p.m., when the business meeting was held.

After the balance sheet had been adopted, the election of officers took place as follows: Mr. W. Pickett, Master; Mr. H. Burton resigning; Mr. F. Smith, secretary; Mr. H. Mance, treasurer; and Mr. W. Essery, steward, Mr. J. Herbert resigning.

A vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their services for the past year, which had been a successful one for the district.

A vote of thanks was also accorded the Rector and Mr. C. Hindes for the use of the bells; also Mr. H. Mance and Mr. W. Dean for making arrangements.

The evening concluded with a touch of Stedman Cinques on hand-bells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held on Saturday, January 14th, at St. Thomas's Schoolroom. The bells of St. Mary Redcliffe were available, and were made good use of during the afternoon. Service was held in the Lady Chapel, the Rev. E. J. Philips, of Coalpit Heath, officiating, and a good number of members being present. After service, a touch of Stedman Cinques was rung, and the bells lowered. The business meeting followed tea, and over 50 members were present, representing twelve towers. The chair was taken by the Master (Mr. H. T. Howell), who extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and expressed regret at the absence of the Rev. M. E. Thorold, through illness, and of the Rev. T. E. Fowler, who was in London.

The balance sheet was presented by the secretary, and adopted. This showed a balance of £7 on the year's working, to be handed to the hon. treasurer. The branch has added two new towers, Brislington (taken from the Bath and Wells and added to the Bristol Diocese), and Coalpit Heath, with its new ring of four, which it was hoped to increase to six in the near future. Mangotsfield has had its old six recast into a peal of eight, and the young band, under the leadership of Mr. J. G. Jefferies, has made good headway in change ringing.

The retiring officers were all unanimously re-elected.—Four honorary, three associate, two life and 48 performing members had been elected during the year, and at the meeting five ladies were elected associate members, three performing members elected, and Mr. C. D. Heginbottom, of Devizes, was made a life member of the Association.

The quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: Bitton in March; Coalpit Heath in June; and Marshfield in September.

A collection was taken for the Coalpit Heath bell fund and realised £3 10s. 1d. This was handed to the Rev. E. J. Philips, who thanked the members for their help, and remarked that he owed a debt of gratitude to the Association for the assistance given him.

Votes of thanks were passed for the use of the bells and Lady Chapel at St. Mary Redcliffe; also to the Vicar of St. Thomas's for the use of the Schoolroom for tea and meeting.

St. Nicholas' (10), St. Thomas's and St. Philip's bells were available during the evening.

The meeting for February will be held at St. Luke's on the 11th. It is hoped that ringers will turn up in good numbers for the first united Guild's dinner, to be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, February 18th, at 6.30 p.m. Several towers will be open for ringing in the afternoon.

SOME HINTS ON CALLING TOUCHES.

Mr. Brown is the captain of his band, an ordinary every-day sort of band that rings Grandeire and Treble Bob and a bit of Stedman. And Mr. Brown is an ordinary, every-day sort of conductor, that calls ordinary every-day sort of touches from the observation bell. Sometimes he goes into other towers at association meetings, or on practice nights, and sometimes he is asked to call. If he can get hold of seventh or tenor he is quite willing, but he can't always do that. Sometimes, perhaps, he is ringing the fourth in rounds before someone says, 'Go on, Mr. Brown, call a couple of courses.' He doesn't like to stop and ask the seventh man to change with him. That would be advertising too loudly that he can't call away from the observation bell. So he has to be modest and say, 'Oh, never mind, let Mr. Blank call.' He cannot help noticing with envy how Smith walks into a belfry, catches hold of the first rope, and proceeds to call anything; and he wishes he could do the same. Perhaps we can give him some hints. We are not going to try and turn him into a first-class conductor. The man who can really call anything from any bell, know what each bell is doing, bring up rounds almost when he pleases, and put mistakes right before they are made—that sort of conductor is as rare as he is valuable. Mr. Brown will never be such a one, try he how he can; and, to give him justice, knows it quite well, and not even a good second-class bob caller. All he wants is to be able to save his face when he is asked to call from an unaccustomed bell.

Our first hint is this: That within certain limits, you can call touches from any bell in the same way you would call them from the usual observation bell. You must know what the limits are. Take the case of Stedman. There are two sorts of touches people call in this method. One is the sort where you go in for music—4-6's and 7-4's and 6-7's behind, where usually you have bobs on the 7th. Mr. Brown had better leave them alone for the present. The other sort is what you may call 'peal' touches, which are made up of calling, such as you get in Thurstan's four-part—bobs at 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, or 12-13. In these the 7th is fixed throughout, and the bells come round at the fourth row of the six. The simplest of all these is a double course called 12-13; 12-13 is the 7th In and Out Quick. Well, you can call any bell In and Out Quick and get a double course. You will remember that if you are ringing the treble you will call the Out Quick at the beginning of the course, and the In Quick at the end.

Or take the calling, 3-4, 5-6, 12-12, which goes five courses. Here the 7th is called In Slow, 1st Whole Turn, 1st and 2nd half turns, In and Out Quick. If you are ringing the fourth you go straight into the Slow. You must, therefore, call your first bob at the go off, and then carry on as if you were ringing the 7th. If you are ringing the fifth, you go up behind and then come down quick. You must, therefore, start with the In and Out Quick first, and then when you come down slow carry on with the other calling. So, too, with the sixth. If you are ringing the third, a bob at the go off is the first half turn. You call that, then the second half turn, then the In and Out Quick, and finish up with the In Slow and first Whole Turn. Fancy you are ringing the 7th, and pick up the calling from that bell at the place you happen to be in.

When you have experimented with a few of these simple touches, you can try some more complicated ones. Wait till you get to a place where you would call a bob if you were ringing the seventh and carry on. If you have omitted any bobs at the start put them in at the finish. The bells will come round right enough. But don't try any touches that come round at hand, or any that come round at the second or sixth row of the six.

Here is an example:—

1. From the Seventh. 2314567	2. From the Treble. 2314567	3. From the Sixth. 2314567
3425167 Right	3425167 Out Quick	3461275 In Quick
4675312 In Quick	4632571 Right	4132675 Out Quick
6543712 Out Quick	6712453 In Quick	1743256 Right
5123674 Wrong	7264153 Out Quick	7563124 In Quick
1372548 In Quick	2534716 Wrong	5371624 Out Quick
3215748 Out Quick	5413267 In Quick	3241567 Wrong
3254167 Plain Six	Each has, of course, to be repeated.	

You must remember that as the second, third and fifth start as bells in the Slow, or that have just come out of Slow, you can't call this touch from them, at least, not without repetition.

We should advise Mr. Brown to practise a few of these transpositions in his own tower first; then, when he goes into a strange belfry, he will know what to do. We have a few more hints we can give him, and perhaps if he finds this useful, we will later on. J. A. T.

LONDON.—On Wednesday, January 11th, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: F. Hairs 1, J. A. Trollope 2, T. Langdon 3, W. James 4, E. Pike 5, W. Hewett 6, R. Grimwood 7, J. Davis (conductor) 8. Also two courses London Surprise.

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THE COLLECTION OF MAJOR METHODS.**SUGGESTIONS AT A MANCHESTER MEETING.**

Following the custom of the past 25 years, the first meeting of the year of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 14th. A large gathering of ringers assembled, some of them having their first pull on ten bells. A feature of the proceedings was the ringing of the bells by a band composed entirely of members of the Manchester City Police.

At the business meeting, the Rev. A. T. Beeston was voted to the chair. He said the Exercise was gradually recovering from the effects of the war. This was apparent from the large number of peals now being rung in the higher methods, and he thought it was due in a large measure to the progress made in Minor ringing. He mentioned that the Central Council had a large number of Major Methods ready, but they had no funds to enable them to go on with the publication. He thought if the various associations could be appealed to for the money something might be done to get the methods published. This was, however, a matter for them to discuss at their other meetings.

Three new members were elected, Messrs. W. Savage, F. Brickell (of Christ Church, Barlow Moor), and Mr. R. T. Holding (of Crewe) as a non-resident member.—St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, was selected for the next meeting, on Saturday, February 11th.

During the meeting, the Rev. Canon Elsee, President of the Association, put in an appearance, having broken a journey across Manchester to attend, and he was heartily welcomed by the members.

In reply to the chairman's suggestion, Mr. J. H. Banks thought the best plan would be to print the methods in book form, and sell them at a price to cover the cost of publication.

The President, having first wished the members a happy New Year, said he was afraid the associations would be against being budgeted for the purpose of printing the Council's Collection of Peals, as it would mean an increase of affiliation fees to the Central Council. He favoured the idea of Mr. J. H. Banks.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells; also to the ringers for having everything in readiness.—Mr. A. Ridyard replied.—A vote of thanks to the chairman was also unanimously carried, and closed the meeting.

Further ringing in the standard methods took place, also touches on handbells, which delighted a large company.

WORKSOP PEACE PEAL.**COMMEMORATIVE TABLET UNVEILED.**

A pleasing little ceremony took place in the ringing chamber at Worksop Priory Church after morning prayer on Sunday, January 8th, when Mrs. Elliott, wife of Mr. A. E. Elliott, agent to the Duke of Newcastle, unveiled a tablet in commemoration of a peal of Bob Major rung on Saturday, December 13th, 1919, by the Priory Church ringers, with the assistance of Mr. J. T. Ladd, of Gainsborough. The unveiling was preceded by a short service, conducted in the temporary chapel at the west end of the church by the Rev. F. E. Franks, after which the company, including Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, the churchwardens (Mr. S. W. Pennington and Mr. J. P. Forrest), the ringers, Mr. J. H. Howard and Mr. J. Webster, and several other ladies and gentlemen, proceeded to the ringing chamber, where Mr. H. Haigh, captain of the ringers, officiated as Master of Ceremonies.

Mr. Haigh said they all regretted the absence of their Vicar, who had been taken ill on that day. They had assembled to unveil the tablet which commemorated the peal of Bob Major rung in celebration of the conclusion of the great war, the recovery from wounds of ex-Sergt. William Henry Johnson, V.C., and also to give a joyful welcome home to the 'boys' of Worksop who served in His Majesty's forces during the campaign. Some of the ringers thought the number 13 unlucky, but to him it had always been a lucky day, for on Dec. 13th, 1904, he went through the best ringing performance of his career, and he could truthfully say that ex-Sergt. Johnson, V.C., and all the other ringers never rang better than on Saturday, December 13th, 1919. He then called upon Mrs. Elliott to unveil the tablet, which was the work of two local craftsmen, Mr. W. Cartwright, son of one of their ringers, and Mr. A. Grant.

Mrs. Elliott then unveiled the tablet, which was covered with the Union Jack, and said she complied with the request with much pleasure. She thought it was an excellent idea. There were many memorials all over the country to the men who laid down their lives, and it was only just and fitting to have something in remembrance of those who, through God's mercy, came back to us.

Mr. H. Haigh moved a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, and mentioned that the tablet had been subscribed for by the ringers and friends in the town.

Mr. S. W. Pennington (parish warden) seconded the motion, and said all of them could go back to those anxious years of war. It was a kind thought on the part of the Priory Church ringers to remember what the 'boys' of Worksop had gone through, and to ring that peal

to welcome them home. The church people and the parishioners generally much appreciated it. He was sorry that Dr. Kemp, who was churchwarden when the peal was rung, was unable to be present.

The ringers at the conclusion rang 224 Bob Major, the men at the ropes being the same as those who took part in the peal.

14,144 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.**REV. H. LAW JAMES' RECORD LENGTH.**

On May 11th, 1903, a new London Surprise Major record was set up, when the peal of 14,112 changes was rung at King's Norton. That peal was looked upon for a long time as the longest possible length obtainable in the method, but in 1918 the Rev. Law James constructed a peal one lead longer, and below is published for the first time the figures of his 14,144, which contains the extent with the tenors together:—

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254637	—	—				352764	O	—			
564723	—	I				532467	—	—	—		
635742	O	—				276354	—	—	—		
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574632	—	—	—			735624	—	—	—		
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473652	—	—	—			476253	—	—	—		
375642	—	—	—			473526	—	4th	—		
372465	—	4th	—			532746	—	—	—		
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276435	—	—	—								
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675243	—	4th	—								
254763	—	—	—								

752346	M	+	5ths	W	H
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643527	—	—	—		
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34562	—	—	—		
53462	—	—	—		
45362	—	—	—		
35264	—	—	—		
62453	—	—	—		
45623	—	—	—		
Repeat the last five courses three times.					

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

On Saturday, December 31st, members of the Skipton company visited Gargrave (accompanied by Miss C. A. Parkins, Peterborough, who was on a visit to Skipton), when an enjoyable two hours was spent in the belfry. A 700 of Grandsire Triples was rung by: J. Bazley 1, Miss C. A. Parkins 2, C. Langstroth 3, J. Langstroth 4, J. Garlick 5, Dr. H. Wales 6, J. McKell (conductor) 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

In a touch of 576 Kent Treble Bob the tenor was taken by Hy. Horner (Skipton). This was followed by odd lengths of Stedman Triples, etc., a 560 Double Norwich being lost when 'within sight of land.'

At the ending up of the old year 1921, and the entrance of the new, Mirfield Parish Church ringers rang a date touch, 1,922 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, beginning at 10.55 on December 31st, and finishing at 1.15 a.m. on January 1st, on their heavy eight bells, the tenor being 31 cwt. The ringers were: B. Robinson 1, P. Gott 2, T. Crawshaw 3, A. North (conductor) 4, W. Smith 5, J. P. Lapish 6, A. Robinson 7, J. E. Dawson 8.

At St. John's, Weston-super-Mare, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 minutes, on New Year's Eve: W. Craudon 1, C. Parker (conductor) 2, W. Tanner 3, E. Parker 4, W. Popham 5, L. Tanner 6, W. Pitman 7, J. Blackmore 8. First quarter on inside bells by ringers of the 5th and 6th, and first attempt as conductor.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUNNING BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Sunning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday week. A service was held in All Saints' Church, and was well attended. The Rev. B. Long (Rector) officiated, and an address was given by Canon Coleridge, from Eph. vi., 7, 'With good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not to men.' He said that the past year had seen a flood of difficulties all over the country and the world, which could not possibly have been foreseen, but they were beginning to pass away, and better days were emerging. While the nations looked forward with hope, they of the Guild did the same. There had been a rapid recovery from the days of warfare, when the belfries had been stripped of their best men, and when many a noble woman had come forward to take their place. Goodwill had been exemplified among ringers, the few exceptions only proving the rule. The true ringer should always be willing to impart to others what he knew himself.

Mr. A. Yould, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church House, when the chairman of the Branch, the Rev. K. H. Hart Davis, presided. Amongst those present were: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. Canon Coleridge (Rural Dean), the Revs. B. Long, J. W. Anderson, S. M. Winter, A. P. Carr, F. M. C. Hare, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Guild) and Mr. F. Dentry (secretary of the branch).

The annual business meeting followed. The balance sheet was submitted, showing a balance in hand of £11 8s. 5d., as against £10 10s. 10d. last year. During the past year the membership had increased from 153 to 156. The non-members had decreased by two to 24, due to changes of incumbents. Ringing members had increased by five. Two peals had been rung within the branch during the year, one at All Saints', Wokingham, and one at Sandhurst. Combined practices had been held in nearly every tower, and had been well attended. The committee for these practices deserved every thanks.

A resolution to this effect was passed.

An application from Waltham St. Lawrence tower, asking for admission to the branch, was accepted.—Mr. W. E. Mortimer is the foreman of this tower.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis was re-elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. F. Dentry secretary and treasurer. The belfry foremen were elected to form the committee, and Messrs. Moth, Wright, Rance and Brooks were chosen representatives of the branch on the Guild Committee.—Messrs. Moth, White (Hurst), Rance, Brooks and Grant were elected the committee for combined practices.

During the evening a number of toasts were honoured, including 'the Rural Dean,' 'the Organist' (Mr. A. Yould), and 'the Ladies,' who served the tea.

In responding to 'The Guild,' the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis spoke upon the Guild finances. With a balance brought forward from last year of 4 guineas, the year had been a difficult one. After a grant from the reserve fund of £57 11s. 9d., a balance in hand of £47 19s. 9d. was left. The reserve fund balance was £1 2s. 9d., while War Stock still held (after selling £55) was £60, so the funds in hand amounted to £109 2s. 6d. The printing of the annual report still proved very expensive.

The War Memorial Fund of the Guild had £1 16s. 4d. in hand, after subscriptions of £70 16s. 5d., with 8s. interest had come in. The Guild Festival was to be held this year again at Oxford.

Mr. Hibbert, the Guild secretary, also responded to the toast, and referred to the photos of the Guild Memorial at Oxford.

East Isley bells had been augmented, and now numbered eight instead of five.

Two new and powerful branches had been formed to rival the Sunning Deanery. A branch like that was worth belonging to, and if backed up with goodwill they could not go far wrong.

The chairman was heartily thanked for presiding, and this closed the meeting.

The local towers were opened for ringing during the day.

YOUTHFUL RINGERS AT OLD WINDSOR.

Thanks to the energy and perseverance of Mr. W. Welling (conductor) and Mr. J. Gutteridge (steeplo keeper), the Parish Church possesses a band of boy ringers which is probably unique in the country. Their names are F. Tindall, W. Tindall, E. Neighbour, F. Middleton, A. Cross, R. Franklin, R. Wood and E. Gosling. The average age of the band is 15½ years, and all are members of the local Scout Troop (7th Windsor). On Christmas Day they took the principal part in the ringing, and now take their share in the Sunday Service ringing. Mr. Welling has also taught them handbell ringing, in which they can now give a very good account of themselves.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—Bushey Society.—On Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: J. J. Allen 1, P. Parslow 2, W. C. L. Prior 3, F. A. Smith 4, W. G. Whitehead 5, W. Seeley 6, M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. I. Oakley 8. Rung as a farewell to W. Prior, who is leaving for Christchurch, Hants, his brother ringers wishing him every success. First quarter of Stedman Triples by P. Parslow. This quarter-peal is from the Rev. H. Law James's 7-Part (adapted by G. R. Fardon), and published in 'The Ringing World' on July 15th, 1921. Also recently, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, by: W. Hodgetts 1—2, F. W. Brinklow 3—4, H. Eden 5—6, M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor, first quarter on handbells) 7—8.

READING.—On Sunday, January 22nd, at St. Giles' Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: J. H. Barnes, junr., 1, L. T. Osborne 2, H. Egby 3, R. Bishop 4, A. W. Osborne 5, H. Osborne 6, R. N. Runham (conductor) 7, J. H. Barnes, senr., 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, H. Wincoate 2, C. Brown 3, E. W. Coulson 4, S. D. Breeze 5, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 6, Robt. Fardon 7, E. Easton 8.—For evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Robt. Fardon 1, Miss Irene Hastie 2, S. D. Breeze 3, R. H. Boddington 4, Robt. Holloway 5, H. Wincoate 6, W. Lawrence (conductor) 7, A. E. Smith 8.

SKIRBECK, BOSTON.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, January 22nd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: F. Staffurth 1, A. H. Palmer (conductor) 2, F. Darby (first of Treble Bob) 3, W. E. Clarke 4, H. Palmer 5, A. Swain 6.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On January 15th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Pool 1, E. Smith 2, C. Pearce 3, E. W. S. Quintin 4, E. W. Atkins (London) 5, E. Crocker 6, H. W. Curtis (longest touch as conductor) 7, E. Challis 8, followed by Stedman Doubles.

BRENTWOOD.—On Sunday, January 15th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. D. Baker 1, G. R. Pye (conductor) 2, H. F. Dawkins 3, E. J. Butler 4, W. Leggett 5, A. Tarbut, junr., 6, Wesley Watson 7, A. Rainbird 8.

TWO QUARTER PEALS.

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23465879 1—3—4

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BRISTOL UNITED GUILD' FIRST ANNUAL DINNER, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Feb. 18th, at 6.30 p.m.—Ringing from 3 p.m. Announcement later. Tickets 6/., to be had from Bristol Branch and tower officials, or from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards' Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting on Jan. 28th at St. Chad's. Ringing. Service 5.30 p.m. Address by the President, the Archdeacon of Salop. Tea, 6.20 p.m., 1s. 6d., if ordered before 24th inst. from Rev. F. Tennison, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage. Meeting after tea.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Western Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Worcester, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Service at 4.30 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available before the meeting. St. Helen's afterwards. Tea will be provided.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Lewisham, High Road, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea to follow in St. John's Hall, 1s. per head. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2 to 3.30 p.m. Then assemble in Broad Street Schools for handbell ringing, tea and meeting. Free tea at 4.30 p.m. Service in church at 5.30 p.m. Bells available again from 6 to 9 p.m. 1922 subscriptions now due.—A. Davies, 29, Hampton Street, Netherton, Dudley.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at the Church of St. James, Whitfield (Glossop). Tower open 3.30. Business meeting 7.—Chas. Bower, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Derby on Jan. 28th. The bells of St. Alkmund's will be available from 3 till 8 p.m. Meeting to take place at 6 p.m.—A. Braines, 94, Chester Green Road, Derby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business meeting at the Church House at 5.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton, near Bristol.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Stetchworth, about three miles from Newmarket, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tea and meeting at the White Horse, Stetchworth, at 5 o'clock. Three five-bell towers will be available for ringing: Woodditton 3 to 4.30, Stetchworth and Dullingham after tea.—A. E. Austin, Dis. Sec., 4, Hille View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Jan. 28th. St. Nicholas (6 bells) 3 to 4.30 p.m. All Saints (8) 3 to 5 p.m. Cathedral (10) 7.30 to 9 p.m. Meet west door 7.15. Service All Saints' 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.45, Spread Eagle Hotel.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, the 28th inst. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Church. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church House at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Rd. N.7.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting of the Association will be held at Pickering on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 11 a.m. Divine Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. E. Drage, M.A., Vicar of Pickering. The Annual Reports will be on sale at this meeting.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham district.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. Ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m.—Meeting 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford district.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells open at 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m., at Mrs. Barrett's, Church Street. Service at 6 p.m. Those intending to be present will greatly oblige by notifying me.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

SUFFOLK DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for the whole Diocese will be held in St. Mary-le-Tower Church House, on Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 3.30 p.m., when the Bishop has promised to preside. Bells available from 2 p.m., at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's, and St. Matthew's. All Suffolk ringers are invited to this meeting (the first general one) so that any opinion may be expressed before the organisation is finally settled.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Feb. 4th, 1922. The bells at Christ Church (6) and the Parish Church (8) will be open for ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 at the Parish Church. Tea at 5.45, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present at tea are specially asked to notify Mr. J. A. Lambert, 6, Pincott Road, Merton, S.W. 19, not later than Wednesday, 1st Feb. Subscriptions for 1922 are now due.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Warminster, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The closing date for the payment of the 1s. 8d. subscription is Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Feb. 2nd and 16th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 7th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 9th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Club Room at 5 o'clock. Buses leave Chelmsford Station 2.15 and 3.20 p.m., returning from Great Waltham 7.15 and 9.18 p.m. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring same let me know by Jan. 31st.—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Next meeting at Brading, St. Mary's (8), Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells ready 2.30. Service, 4. Tea and business meeting, 4.30. Kindly inform undersigned by 31st inst. how many require tea.—W. Upton, Hon. Dist. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service, 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (5) available at 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Great Chart on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. All members requiring tea must notify the Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Feb. 7th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A Combined Practice will be held at Binfield on Saturday, Feb. 4th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White, Hon. Sec., Combined Practice Committee.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 4th Feb., at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton. Bells available 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SHEFFIELD AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Rotherham on Saturday, 4th Feb. Tea will be provided at a nominal charge in the Parish Church Hall for all those who notify Mr. S. Briggs, 9, Mansfield Road, Rotherham. The bells (10) of the Parish Church, and at St. Stephen's (8), will

be available before and after tea.—Sam Thomas, Hon. Sec., 164, Greystones Road, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The usual Monthly meeting will be held on Feb. 4th at St. Chad's, Far Headingley. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Tower.—M. Moorhouse, Hon. Sec., 10, Mitford Road, Armley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea at St. Mary's School Room, Hosier Street, at 5 p.m. at 1/- each to all who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 1st; others 2/6. Business meeting to follow. Ringing will be resumed after the meeting at St. Mary's, St. Giles' and St. Laurence's.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available: Bishopsgate and St. Andrew, Holborn, 2.45—4.0 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 2.30; Service, 4.30; Tea in Parish House, Clare Market, 5.30; business meeting, 6.30. Members requiring tea must advise by Feb. 4th.—A. D. Barker, Farnburn Avenue, near Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A District meeting will be held at Herne St. nr. Herne Bay, on Saturday, Feb. 11th, bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea can be arranged at 1/6 per head for all those who let me know not later than Feb. 4th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be forwarded as soon as possible, or can be paid at this meeting.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 11th (by permission of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton and Churchwardens), who will entertain our members to tea. Visitors, other than members, will be asked to pay 1/3. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 6th, and oblige, for welcome awaits them.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice:—St. Martin's, second Monday in the month, at 7.30 p.m.; Shoreditch, 3rd Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. Services, 2nd and 4th Sundays, 5 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

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