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### RINGERS AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

An announcement in another column reminds members of the Central Council that notice of any motion to be brought before the next Council meeting must be received by the Secretary not later than April 26th. We hope however, that the intimation will not be looked upon by the Exercise as concerning merely the members of the Council. The Council is the representative body of the ringers of this country, and if the fullest use is to be made of it, then the ringers themselves should see that the Council is provided with a business agenda which will not only open up topics of interest to the Exercise, but lead to the improvement and advancement of ringing.

This is a view which we have often urged, but it is really extraordinary how little of the Council's business is initiated through the associations which send representatives to the meetings. Although the majority of ringers agree that the existence of a body like the Central Council is essential to the interests of ringing, they do very little of themselves to help to increase the Council's usefulness. It is true that any decision which the Council may arrive at cannot have legislative effect, and that in that respect its resolutions lack authority, but ringers must from time to time come across little points in the theory or practice of ringing which are of general interest, and which it would be of advantage to ventilate or upon which it is desirable to get uniformity of action.

The Central Council is the body for this purpose, and much fuller use should be made of it than is now the rule. It is true that the machinery which exists for bringing the ordinary ringer into touch with the Council is of a very uncertain kind; indeed the only occasion when the members of some associations are asked to take any interest in the Council is once in three years, when the representatives have to be elected. A tightening up of the links between the ringers and the Council is badly needed, and will have to come before the rank and file of the Exercise can be expected to take much serious interest in the Council's affairs. One step in the right direction has been the action of some associations in making it part of their rules that the Council's decisions shall be accepted as binding. But up to the present only a small minority of the affiliated bodies have gone to this length, which is the very least step that can be taken before the Council can be treated as in a real sense the governing authority on ringing matters. We should much like to see ringers as a whole taking a far deeper and livelier interest in the affairs of the Council, and we think they would begin to do this if the associations, as we have often suggested, would sometimes deal with general ringing topics and pass them on to the Council for discussion, and for action, if necessary.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Monday, January 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... .. 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 7
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 8
PERCY HARRISON ... .. 4	ALFRED MARTIN ... .. 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5	THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last farewell to an old comrade and friend, George Cleal, gentleman. The composition has inverted tittums and inverted home positions at alternate course-ends.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6019 CHANGES;**

GEORGE R. FARDON ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6
ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 8
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4	WILSON RUSHTON ... .. 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. R. FARDON.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;**

JOHN E. BIBBY ... Treble	SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. 5
HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 2	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 6
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 7
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
JOHN BURLS ... .. 2	CLR.-SGT. BENNETT ... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
CHARLES WINNER ... .. 4	FRANK BELSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

JACK JUDGE ... Treble	JACK HONEY ... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 6
MAURICE SMITH ... .. 3	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 7
LEONARD TUFFREY ... .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt.

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## BRIDGEND, GLAM.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HOPKIN JENKINS ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5
ALLEN C. JONES ... .. 2	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 6
RICHARD EVANS ... .. 3	DAVID R. JAMES ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY

This peal was specially rung as a compliment to Richard Evans on his 60th birthday. He has been a faithful ringer at the above church for over 38 years. John W. Jones hails from Newport, and Ernest Stitch from Aberavon, the rest are local.

## NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE NORTH MYMMS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE SPENCER, JUN. ... 5
JOHN DAY ... .. 2	FREDRICK NASH ... .. 6
CHARLES COLLINS ... .. 3	WILLIAM NASH ... .. 7
CHARLES NASH ... .. 4	WILLIAM TYLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. SOYANSTALL. Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. This is also the first peal rung by an entirely local band at this church.

## GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER HUGHES ... .. Treble	THOMAS ROGERS ... .. 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2	THOMAS GILMOOR ... .. 6
CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 3	JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... .. 7
JOHN COOKE ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 207). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the extent of the 5th and 6th each way in 5-6, and only one course without either the 5th or the 6th one way in 5-6. Mr. Hughes, the genial Ringing Master of Garston tower, has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY ... .. 5
GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. TOCKER ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	OWEN H. GILES ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. V. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the conductor's first peal. Also the 40th anniversary of the Guild's first peal in Hampshire.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING ... Treble	FREDERICK TERRY ... .. 5
PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 2	ROBERT BREIT-SMITH ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
EDMUND MOONTER ... .. 4	HARRY DURLING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung with clappers half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Dr. Wace, Dean of Canterbury, and a Vice-President of the Association.

## CORSTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS FLORENCE A. DAVEY Treble	MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2	THOMAS F. KING ... .. 6
THEODORE GRANT ... .. 3	ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 7
CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 4	*DUNCAN MATBEWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal, and members of the Corston band. Great praise must be accorded Miss Florence A. Davey for the excellent way she rang throughout the peal.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... Treble	HERBERT F. AUDSLEY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 4	HENRY SIMMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

## UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY CHANCE ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
*WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	*SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6
*JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 3	ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4	*CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell, and also the first peal in the method on the bells.

## SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... Treble	CHARLES CREASEY ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
TRAYTON BOOTH ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD ... .. 7
HARRY BAKER ... .. 4	*GEORGE KING ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\* First peal and first attempt. Also the first occasion on which a lady has rung in a peal at Salehurst. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were elected non-resident life members of the association. The composition is No. 11 in the C.C. Collection, and contains 250 calls.

## CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Treble	CHARLES CHILDS ... .. 5
MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
CHARLES BISH ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
JOHN P. PELLOE ... .. 4	THOMAS ATTWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT.

The ringer of the 4th is a son of the Rector, and was elected a member before starting. It was his first peal and first attempt.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*PERCY JERVIS ... .. Treble	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2	JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 6
†EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 3	†JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
†BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 4	JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Old Cambridge on the bells.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 2	CHARLES WEBB ... .. 6
THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 7
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

100th peal as conductor.

ORMESBY.  
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK COOK ... .. Treble	*ROBERT LAUGHTON ... .. 5
*CYRIL JOHN POLLARD ... .. 2	REV. A. SIMPSON ... .. 6
*FREDERICK WILLIAM COOK ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 7
HENRY TAYLOR ... .. 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6
REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
ERNEST WEATHERBY ... .. 4	RICHARD HAYES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal in the method on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEORGE WALKER ... .. Treble	*ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM MOORE ... .. 2	*HERBERT HUMPHREYS ... 6
*THOMAS H. PAYNE ... .. 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. 7
*FRANK W. PAYNE ... .. 4	*WALTER WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MOORE.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on eight bells to be rung by a Goscote Deanery band, and also the first by an entirely local band at Syston. All are regular Sunday Service ringers.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on New Year's Eve, December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. W. Warrilow 1, J. Warrilow 2, A. H. Taylor 3, G. Booth 4, W. G. Curtis 5, W. H. Jones 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, A. E. Garbett.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK CAVILL ... .. Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. 5
SYDNEY WYATT ... .. 2	FRANK MILLARD ... .. 6
ALFRED WYATT ... .. 3	PERCY MERSON ... .. 7
*WILLIAM H. TARR ... .. 4	JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal of Major.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KERBLE ... .. Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT ... .. 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

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

ERITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7
*ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of Major.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

C. STYLES ... .. Treble	S. MADDISON ... .. 5
J. T. BROWN ... .. 2	R. SMITH ... .. 6
*S. ANDREW ... .. 3	J. G. AMES ... .. 7
†G. SIMPSON ... .. 4	A. J. FARR ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by A. J. FARR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... .. Treble	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT ... .. 7
†HARRY HALL ... .. 4	JOHN HALL ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY

\* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' Arranged for Clr.-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M., home on leave. The thanks of the band are due to Messrs. Kerridge and H. Hall for kindly standing in at the last moment.

**LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN'S 100 PEALS.**

Minor in 7 methods, 4; Grandsire Triples, 5; St. Clement's Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Erin Triples, 1; Bob Major, 5; Little Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 33; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 16; Kent Treble Bob Major (including 7,104), 10; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 9; Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; total, 100. Rung in 18 towers.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
* WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 2	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 6
GEORGE WEST ... 3	WALTER C. HUNT ... 7
* FRANK BRADLEY ... 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Rung after meeting short for Caters. \* First peal in the method.

## FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

## ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

ALFRED EDWIN ELLIS ... Treble	THOMAS LEACH ... 4
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 2	EDWIN SIMS ... 5
PHILIP J. POCKETT ... 3	* CECIL RAYMOND HEWER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung. The ringers of the treble and tenor were proposed members of the above association previous to starting.

## MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY CHANCE ... Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4
WILLIAM NISLETT ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 11, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

ROWLAND LEWIS ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
CHARLES LAYTON ... 2	DAVID HORNE ... 5
GEOFFREY LEWIS ... 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY LEWIS.

This is the first peal on these bells for a number of years, owing to the war and the dilapidation of the tower.

## COBHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE F. ADLEY ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 4
† WILKINS MASLEY ... 2	* ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 5
GEORGE HIGGS ... 3	WILLIAM A. TILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. F. ADLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.

## WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN LUNN ... Treble	JOSEPH LANDON ... 4
WILLIAM TILLEY ... 2	* JOHN H. RODEN ... 5
* WILLIAM NEAL ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in 7 methods. Rung for the golden wedding of the parents of the treble ringer.

## WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN LARTER ... Treble	FREDERICK WADE ... 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2	GEORGE LEE ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged as a centenary peal for the 7,080 of Doubles rung in this tower on January 3rd, 1824.

## PRISTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Luke.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* ALEC MUNDAY ... Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4
GERALD F. GRIFFIN ... 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5
RONALD BECK ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by GERALD F. GRIFFIN.

\* First peal of Minor.

## KILNDOWN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 4
GEORGE WAGHORN ... 2	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... 5
FREDERICK FOREMAN ... 3	FRANK PATTENDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. E. Boorman to Miss N. Wickham. \* First peal.

## BARLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

WALTER F. SERMONS ... Treble	* ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4
ERNEST G. HIBBENS ... 2	ROBERT G. KING ... 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

\* First peal in seven methods, and elected a life member of the association at the time of the peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th hail from Cambridge, Shelford and Royston, respectively. The rest belong to the local band.

## SEALE, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-score each of Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

SPR. R. E. F. HAMMOND, R.E. Treble	MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 3
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2	*ERNEST V. BEAGLEY ... 4
C.-Q.-M.-S. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

First peal of Doubles by all. \* First peal with a bob bell. Rung after meeting one short for Minor, the treble being left out.

## WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,†

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES STREET ... Treble	*HENRY LUTHER... ... 4
GEORGE BRADIN ... 2	CHARLES GOLDRING... ... 5
*WILLIAM LANGRISH... ... 3	*ARTHUR SEARLE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GOLDRING.

\* First peal.

## UBLEY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEC MUNDAY ... Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4
GERALD GRIFFIN... ... 2	THOMAS GRIFFIN... ... 5
RONALD BECK ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by GERALD GRIFFIN.

The ringers wish to put on record their appreciation of the kindness and hospitality of Mr. W. F. Webb, of Ubley.

## CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. NESBITT ... Treble	E. GOULDSTONE ... 4
T. WYATT ... 2	*MRS. H. KNIGHT ... 5
L. MOOR ... 3	H. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

\* First peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 1-2	JOHN FOSTER ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

In Trinity College,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5-6
REV. E. B. JAMES (Caius) 3-4	E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At 65, Old Town, Clapham, S.W.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5026 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 7-8
WILLIAM PYE ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS... ... 9-10
JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires: A. W. Coles and C. W. R. Grimwood.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3-4	CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 9-10	

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey. Witness: George Wilson.

## LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Two Hours,

At the Vicarage,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 in C.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 3-4
C. W. WOOLLEY... ... 5-6	

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Nicholas Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 1-2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH.

Umpire: James Ford. First 'in hand' as conductor.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY).

On Monday, January 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 18 in G.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT... ... 1-2	†GEORGE W. STEERE... ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING... ... 3-4	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING. Umpire: JOHN FOSTER.

\* First peal of Stedman on handbells. † First peal in the method 'in hand' away from the 'tenors.'

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At 68, White Horse Hill,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in E flat.

FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE... 1-2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 7-8
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9-10	

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire: James Ford. Witness: Percy Brett Smith.

This peal has 7-8 in the titum position for 16 courses and at home for 11 courses. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Brett-Smith and Mr. W. Culley.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DIVISION.

A successful meeting of the Western Division was held at Tarring on Saturday last. Despite the rail strike, which no doubt kept some members away, the following towers were represented: Angmering, Hove, Brighton, Shoreham, Heene, Shipley, West Grinstead, and the local band. During the afternoon the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Carlisle and London Surprise Minor.

About 30 sat down to a substantial tea, provided by the Rector (the Rev. Charles Lee) in the Schoolroom. Afterwards the Rector, who presided, gave some interesting facts about the church and the bell foundry which existed in West Tarring some 300 years ago.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Horsham in March, if convenient.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for granting the use of the bells, and for providing the excellent tea; also to the ladies who had helped.

A short service was held in the church, and an address was given by the Rector, Major Hughes D'Aeth being at the organ.

The members then proceeded once more to the belfry.

Owing to the railway difficulties the meeting broke up earlier than usual, the members proceeding on their homeward journey at 7.30.

West Tarring, where the meeting was held, has a most interesting history. Thomas-a-Becket's palace is in the vicinity of the church, and there are some ancient fig gardens, some of the trees in which, are said to have been planted by the martyred Bishop. The church itself contains some remarkable mosaic work and other objects of interest.

### DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE BOLLAND.

Our many readers who are personally acquainted with Mr. George Bolland, of Tong (Yorks), will hear with regret of the death of his wife on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Bolland was the daughter of Mr. Edwd. Webster (a former ringer at Tong for 48 years), and was married to Mr. Bolland in 1875. After an active and strenuous career as a farmer's wife, Mrs. Bolland, with her husband, had retired to enjoy the eventide in more leisurely pursuits.

The funeral at Tong on December 29th was attended by many of Mr. Bolland's ringing friends, the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Seymour, M.A.), and the Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Yorks Association, officiating.

A short touch upon the handbells at the graveside was rung by Messrs. Cotterell, Jos. Thackray, P. J. Johnson and W. Barton.

### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Districts Association was held at Smethwick Old Church, on Saturday, January 19th. The proceedings opened with a service in church, at which there was a good attendance, and a splendid address was given by the Rev. F. J. Boston. Tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon G. Astbury), was served in the Parish Room.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rev. F. J. Boston (curate) presided, supported by Messrs. A. E. Parsons, W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master), G. N. Cockin, T. J. Salter and A. J. Skelding (branch secretary). Representatives were present from Kidderminster, Selly Oak, King's Norton, Northfield, Stourbridge, Old Hill, Rowley Regis, Wollaston, Wordsley, Oldswinford and Smethwick.

The Chairman welcomed the association, on behalf of Canon Astbury, who was too ill to be present.

The Rowley Regis ringers gave the association a cordial invitation to hold their next meeting at Rowley Regis.

Mr. T. J. Salter proposed that the next meeting be held at Upper Arley, and the Rowley Regis ringers were asked if their kind invitation would stand for the September meeting. To this they agreed, and the best thanks of the meeting were given to them.

Several new members were elected, including the chairman as an honorary member.—Mr. A. E. Parsons proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Astbury for providing the tea and for the use of the bells; to the chairman for his splendid address and for presiding at the meeting; to the organist and to the ladies who had waited upon the party.—Mr. Cartwright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and the Rev. F. J. Boston briefly replied.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung before the service, and after the meeting, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

### GRAMOPHONE RECORDS OF CHANGE RINGING.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Can you, or any of your readers, inform me if it is possible to obtain any good gramophone records of change ringing on tower bells? As a resident abroad, thousands of miles from the welcome sound of peal ringing, I should much like to possess such records, and shall, therefore, be very grateful for any information which will assist me towards doing so.—Yours, etc.,

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last farewell to an old comrade and friend, George Cleal, gentleman,' runs the footnote to a peal at St. Martin's, Leicester. Nothing more eloquently expressive has ever been added to a peal report.

Those who like fresh Severn salmon and green peas are requested to keep July 28th open, as on this evening the usual 'salmon and green pea' supper will take place at Lydney, with a charabanc drive through the Forest of Dean and a visit to several churches with rings of bells, on the day following. Those wishing to be present should advise Mr. J. W. Davies, 5, Railway Terrace, Lydney, or Mr. J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., at an early date.

Mr. Theodore E. Slater, who has an interesting collection of ringing matters, sends us the following extract of what he believes to be the first record of Double Norwich Major rung 'double-handed' on handbells: 'Yarmouth.—On Tuesday, Feb. 1st, 1848, a true and complete touch containing 1,680 changes of Double Norwich Court was rung upon handbells by the under-mentioned persons: Thomas Fox 1—2, Frederick Watering 3—4, James Brennan 5—6, Charles Payne 7—8. Conducted by Charles Payne.'

Mr. Slater adds that the next account that he has of the method being rung double-handed is on February 7th, 1885, when 336 of the method was rung by Zachariah Slater 1—2, Fred Paul Adams 3—4, Fredk. Pitstow (Salfron Walden) 5—6, Samuel Slater 7—8 and conductor, at John Slater's house, Glemsford. Mr. Slater believes the Cambridge University Guild were the next to ring the method double-handed. In 1879, with the help of the late Mr. Nathan Pitstow and Mr. Fred Pitstow, a 1,008 was rung at Glemsford, but six men took part in it.

On February 2nd, 1891, Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob was rung at Warnham, Sussex, in 5 hours 53 mins.

A peal of 10,032 Grandsire Major was rung at Walsall on Feb. 4th, 1861, in 6 hrs. 18 mins.

February 5th is the anniversary of two peals of over twelve thousand in length. In 1783, 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley in 7 hrs. 48 mins. In 1888, 12,401 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 7 hrs. 26 mins.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on February 6th, 1835, and Feb. 6th is also the anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise on handbells, which was rung at Romford in 1904—just twenty years ago.

Cambridge University Guild was founded forty-five years ago next Monday.

We have 'Princess Mary' Surprise Royal, and now we learn from the report of a date touch rung at Calverley on Sunday that there is a 'Prince Albert' Major!

Congratulations and good wishes will go out to the veteran London ringer, Mr. Joseph Waghorn, senr., who celebrated his 81st birthday on Saturday by taking part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Barking.

It should have been stated, in connection with the report of the Bristol United Guilds' dinner, that Mr. Charles Reed, I.S.M., and Mrs. William Sowden kindly gave their services as accompanists. The Guild was fortunate in having the assistance of these two accomplished musicians. Mr. Reed is conductor of the Cecilian Choral Society, while Mrs. Sowden has been a consistently kind friend to the Guild at their socials and dinners.

The cause of the postponement of the meeting of the Ilchester Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association was a sudden and distressing case of illness close to the church. The meeting is further postponed to February 23rd.

Reports of the successful Devon Guild meeting at Chudleigh and the Middlesex Association meeting at Southgate are unavoidably held over until next week.

## NEW PEAL AT TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE. DEDICATION OF RING OF EIGHT.

On Sunday morning, January 13th, the new peal of bells at Tettenhall, Staffs, were dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield. The bells have been recast, the tenor being 14½ cwt., and the whole peal of eight weighing 57 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. They have been hung in a new steel frame with the latest type of fittings by Messrs. Gillott and Johnston, of Croydon. They were rung at the dedication, and after the morning service by the local band, and visiting ringers from Wolverhampton, Birmingham, West Bromwich, Bradley, Coventry, etc., rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, etc. The 'go' and tone of the bells gave all the ringers the greatest satisfaction.

Tettenhall Church has now one of the nicest rings of eight, and the local ringers are to be congratulated on having such an octave, and should soon be ringing peals on them.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****A BRIDGE BETWEEN RINGERS AND BISHOP.**

A meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 19th. The towers represented were: Bootle, Walton, Grasseendale, Carston, Halewood, Farnworth, Woolton, Rainhill, Wigan, Halsall, Tuebrook and Liverpool, and visitors were present from Preston and Birkenhead. A short service was held, at which Canon Elsee and Archdeacon Howson read the lessons, and the Bishop gave a short address, on the subject of 'team work' among the members. The Bishop said he believed bells were first used not to call people to worship, but to frighten devils away. If that were true, it afforded an interesting and significant example of the way in which God would take something that man had provided from an unworthy or foolish motive, purify it of its superstition and fear, and hand it back to man to carry it on for worthier ends and in a nobler spirit. Bell ringing was, perhaps, the most perfect example of team work. Each ringer was required to sink himself into the corporate unity of the fellowship of which he formed a part, and to exercise humility and discipline as well as skill.

'I do not suppose,' continued Dr. David, 'there is anything we want more in the world to-day than good team work. All our troubles are due in the long run to some failure of men to work together. Somewhere in the chain is someone who asserts himself, who holds out for some treatment which he thinks he ought to get, and if he does not get it he does not care what happens to the work. That is the cause of our failure in industry and politics and in many other secular occupations. It is one of the hopes of the new age—a hope which is not yet extinguished—that little by little men will feel the folly of this failure. After all, success in this matter is in our power. We can steadily set our faces towards co-operation as the great method of public and social life, instead of competition.'

Fellowship, he added, was needed also in the Church. He had a great hope that slowly they might be working their way towards a state of things in which each group that went to make up the variety of the Church—using the word in its widest sense—would think not merely of its own rights and privileges, but of the piece of work it was given to do in the great work which God shared among all groups and individuals within His Church. He believed that, with the exception of some parts of America, it was in England alone that bells were rung round in full swing and regular changes. Was it too fanciful to hope from that that one of the things which England would teach the world was the great duty of team work, of labour in fellowship, and of co-operation instead of self-assertive competition?

At the business meeting, held in the Institute, Canon Elsee presided, supported by the Bishop and Archdeacon Howson. The chairman explained the chief business of the meeting was to appoint someone in church work to be a bridge between the ringers and Bishop. After some discussion, it was resolved that Archdeacon Howson be elected deacon.

It was also decided that the Bishop's attention be drawn to the fact that the bells of St. Peter's Church were now lying in the porch of St. Michael's, and asking his lordship to endeavour to induce the authorities to get them put in the tower for ringing.

The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Twelve, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

**RADCLIFFE'S RECAST BELLS.**

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Radcliffe on Saturday, January 19th, at the invitation of the local company. Visitors were present from Hyde, Glossop, and the other neighbouring branches. The bells, recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are fitted with ball bearings, and are hung in a massive iron frame. The tone of them is everything that could be desired, and the smoothness of running reflects great credit on the founders, everyone being highly pleased with them. Touches were rung in various methods till five o'clock, when ringers and friends, to the number of seventy-four, partook of tea, kindly provided by the local ringers, and served up in capital style by their wives and friends.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. H. Makin (churchwarden), and supported by Mr. J. Anderton (churchwarden).—The Chairman, in a witty speech, gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. Having heard numerous opinions about the bells, he had no hesitation in saying that for their weight (tenor 15 cwt. in T) Radcliffe had one of the finest peals in the county, and he congratulated Mr. Pryce Taylor, who was present, on the manner in which their firm had carried out the contract.

A vote of sympathy with the widow and family of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook was passed, by the members standing in silence.

Pendlebury was selected for the next place of meeting on Saturday, Feb. 16th.—Mr. J. Howarth, of Worsley; Mr. Pryce Taylor, Mr. H. Makin and Mr. J. Anderton were elected to the association.

Votes of thanks to the church officials, to the local band for providing the tea, and to the ladies for waiting on the tables, were carried unanimously, and the tower was again visited.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL QUARTERLY MEETING AT CHILVERS COTON.**

After a lapse of nearly eight years, a quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Jan. 19th, and proved eminently successful. Nearly 40 members were present from Allesley, Bulkington, Coventry, Exhall, Higham, Nuncaton, Rugby, Stoke, together with the local band, who are now making rapid strides, especially the Vicar's daughter (Miss Gladys Dodds), to whom nothing came amiss, whether it was Grandsire Triples or London Surprise Major. This young lady has made wonderful progress during the past few months. Ringing started shortly after 3 p.m. on these splendid bells, which were kept going at intervals until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild's special service was held, the Vicar (Canon M. A. Dodds) officiating, and also giving an interesting and inspiring address. A very pleasing feature of the service, and one not always met with on these occasions, was that the Vicar's son, Mr. Norman Dodds, presided at the organ and efficiently accompanied the hymns and the chant to the special psalm, the Vicar being in the unique position of having a son that can play the organ and a daughter who can ring the bells.

After the service, the company adjourned to the Schoolroom, where they were entertained to tea by the Coton friends, the arrangements being in the capable hands of Mrs. E. Moreton, with the assistance of several ladies, including Mrs. F. Ashmore, Mrs. J. Morton and Miss Hill.

The business meeting followed, and in the unavoidable absence of the president, Canon Dodds occupied the chair, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts).—Mr. F. E. Pervin moved: 'That in view of the financial year ending on December 31st instead of June 30th, as previously, it is desirable to alter the date of the annual meeting from July to April.'—Mr. F. Perrons seconded, and after some discussion, the motion was declared carried unanimously.

Southam was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, in April, and there being no other nomination, Southam was selected.

It was pointed out that the usual date would fall on the Saturday before Easter: it was, therefore, decided to hold the meeting on the following Saturday, viz., April 26th.

Two new non-resident and five ordinary ringing members were duly elected.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for officiating at the service and giving the address, was moved by Mr. H. Argyle, senr., in an interesting speech, and the motion was also extended to include the organist. The vote, which was seconded by Mr. H. O. White, was carried with acclamation.

The Ringing Master moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Coton friends for their generosity in providing tea, especially to Mrs. E. Moreton and the ladies who had given their assistance at the tables.—Canon Dodds seconded, and needless to say, this was also carried unanimously.

Before closing the meeting, Mr. E. Stone mentioned that the Bulkington bells were now undergoing restoration, and he was pleased to hear that an effort was being made to complete the octave. He thought the members present might like to contribute something towards that object.—The hon. secretary and Mr. F. J. Hinde, a Bulkington ringer, having spoken, it was suggested a collection be taken in the room, and this resulted in the sum of £2 being contributed.

After some admirable handbell ringing, the historic old tower, mentioned in some of George Eliot's works, was again visited, and ringing continued until 8 p.m., during which time the methods successfully brought round included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Duffield, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

**DEATH OF A STOKE-ON-TRENT RINGER.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Grice, which occurred suddenly, from heart disease, on Wednesday, January 16th, at his home, Garner Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. The deceased, who was 69 years of age, had resided in the Potteries for many years, and had been one of the Stoke Parish Church ringers for about 10 years, having previously been a ringer at Long Eaton (Derbyshire). The Rector of Stoke conducted the funeral at Harts Hill Cemetery, on Monday, January 21st. There were a number of ringers present, and the following rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave: E. Landon (Stoke) 1—2, S. Churton (Stoke) 3—4, C. Morley (Newcastle-under-Lyme) 5—6, C. H. Page (Stoke) 7—8. Later the bells at Stoke Parish Church were rung half-muffled.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

A successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Elstow on Saturday last, when members were present from Bedford, Kempston, Biddenham, Clapham, Thurlough, Roxton, Sandy, Turvey, and the local company. Tea was served at the Red Lion Inn, after which the business meeting was held. Mr. W. Stapleton being in the chair.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Milton Ernest was chosen for the next meeting.—The arrangements were successfully carried out by Miss E. Steel.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****BELL RESTORATION FUND GRANTS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association took place on Saturday, January 12th, at Ilkeston, when quite a large number of ringers gathered together from both sides of the Trent. Derby, Notts, Darley, Mansfield, Burton, Loughborough, and Leicester were all represented, as were many districts in the surrounding neighbourhood. The bells of the Parish Church, a merry ring of eight, with a tenor of 18 cwt., were kept going to most of the principal methods from Grandsire to London, and many learners had their opportunity for a fresh experience. Tea was provided in the Parish Room, when 50 showed their appreciation of the good things provided.

Previously to this, the committee had sat and transacted their business, chief of which was a grant to the bell restoration fund of Thurlaston, and a decision to substitute a dinner for a tea at the annual meeting, the details to be left to the Nottingham branch of the Association.

In the matter of future grants to bell funds, it was arranged that applications should be referred to the local branch concerned for their opinions thereon before the general committee make their decision.

The general meeting followed the tea, which was attended by the Rev. P. A. Sharpe (curate) and the churchwardens (Messrs. Cox and Simpson). In the absence of the President (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.), the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Mansfield, who is a ringing member, was voted to the chair.—The election of new members showed an addition of 28, viz., 4 honorary, 2 life, and 22 ringing members.

Messrs. W. Wallace and C. Draper were unanimously elected auditors for the accounts, which, the hon. treasurer hinted, were again in a flourishing condition.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local society for their catering was carried with acclamation, and replied to by the Rev. P. A. Sharpe, who eulogised the association as a splendid piece of church work. This view was endorsed by the churchwardens, who said that they were pleased to be present at such a gathering.—On the vote of thanks being passed to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, the Chairman expressed the wish of all present that the president would soon recover from his indisposition and be back among them again in his accustomed place.

The bells of the tower were again called into requisition after the meeting, and it was agreed that the Ilkeston meeting was an unqualified success, and that thanks were due to Messrs. Gobeys and company for the fact.

The annual meeting will take place at Nottingham on Easter Monday.

W. W.

**LEICESTER DISTRICT MEETING.**

The Leicester district of the Midland Counties Association held their annual meeting on Saturday, January 19th, at St. Saviour's Church, and good use was made of the bells during the afternoon. At the business meeting, Mr. J. Harris was elected to the chair.—The Chairman briefly outlined the career of the late vice-president, Mr. G. Cleal, and the meeting stood in silence as a last token of respect.—Two members were re-elected, and the general officers were nominated for re-election: Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P., president; Mr. W. Willson, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. C. Wright, hon. secretary.

Mr. J. A. Harris was elected local vice-president.—Mr. H. E. Norman said that owing to private business ties he would prefer not to stand for re-election. Mr. R. F. Elkington, George Street, Anstey, was, therefore, elected local hon. secretary.—Mr. J. E. Clarke and Mr. W. H. Clarke were elected on the local committee.

Mr. W. H. Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Norman for his services during the four years he had acted as hon. secretary, and this was carried.

A resolution was passed, suggesting that the dates of general meetings be fixed at the annual meeting at Easter, to enable local committees to fix their quarterly meetings previous to those dates, so that any local business could be more quickly dealt with by the general committee.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, and mine host for the use of the clubroom, concluded the business.

The 170 years' old cup handbells were then brought into use, and during the evening W. P. Whitehead ('Titch,' of Holt's Original fame), tapped a course of Major.

**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June 10th (Whit Tuesday) next, at Westminster. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 26th.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, together with the names and addresses of representatives, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****CATHEDRAL BELLS RINGING AGAIN.**

The annual meeting of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, January 19th. The members attended evensong in the Cathedral, and then made their way to the recently restored refectory for tea, where they were met by the Lord Bishop (who presided over the tea-table), the Dean, and the Precentor. After an excellent repast had been partaken of, his lordship said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild members to the ancient Cathedral, and wished them every success in their excellent work as church officers. It afforded him much pleasure to hear the Cathedral bells rung again as they were intended to be rung (loud applause).

The business meeting was held in the parlour, when the chair was taken by the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett (Dean of Chester and chairman of the branch), supported by Mr. H. A. Heywood.

The arrangement of meetings for this year was announced, and a lengthy discussion on finance took place.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Cathedral authorities for their very kind and hospitable reception.

The eight bells (tenor 33 cwt.) were rung before service, and again in the evening, some fifty ringers being present. The occasion was somewhat unique, as, until a few weeks ago, this deep-toned ring have not been 'pealed' for some four years, owing to a large crack having appeared in one of the tower buttresses. However, this has now been repaired, and the bells will in future be rung as heretofore.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Frampton on Saturday, January 19th, and was well attended, considering the unfavourable condition of the weather earlier in the day. Ringers were present from Benington, Boston, Butterwick, Freiston, Kirton, Stickney, Wrangle, and the local tower of Frampton. Visitors were present from Spalding, Surfleet, and Pinchbeck, in the Elloe Deaneries Branch. A short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. McClelland), was held. At the conclusion of the service, a peal board was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar. Tea was partaken of at the Church House, to which about 30 sat down.

The business meeting followed, the President (the Rev. J. R. Trotter) occupying the chair.—The president (the Rev. J. R. Trotter), vice-presidents, and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. Phillips) were all unanimously re-elected. To the list of vice-presidents was added the name of the Rector of Stickney.

Stickney was unanimously selected as the place for the Spring meeting, which it was decided to hold in May owing to Easter falling late this year, and in order not to be too near the annual meeting of the Guild at Lincoln on Lincoln Fair Saturday.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, and various five and six-bell methods were rung.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association was held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, Mr. H. Mance (the Master) presiding. The balance sheet was passed, and Mr. H. Mance was unanimously re-elected Master of the district for the ensuing year.—It was regretted that Mr. F. W. Goodfellow was desirous of relinquishing his position as honorary secretary. He was, however, asked to reconsider his resignation, but as he could not see his way to alter his decision, there was no alternative but to elect a successor.—Mr. Essery proposed Mr. Mitchell for the vacant position, which was seconded by Mr. W. Taffender, and carried.—Messrs. Wood and Essery were again re-elected honorary treasurer and steward respectively. — The usual hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, who had carried out their duties so effectively during the past year, and this vote of appreciation was duly acknowledged by those concerned.

The members also desire to tender their most sincere and grateful thanks to the clergy for their assistance in placing the tower and meeting-room at their disposal.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Wood Green on Saturday week, when upwards of 40 members and friends attended. The bells were set going at 3 o'clock, and during the afternoon and evening touches in the standard methods were successfully rung. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Stokes), who also gave a helpful address. A good tea was provided in the Institute by members of the local band and their wives.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, and the use of the bells, etc., and to the ladies who helped at the tables.—The Vicar suitably responded.

Handbells were brought into use, when several courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles were brought round.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Tipton on May 3rd.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual general meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 12th. Proceedings commenced with a service in All Saints' Church, with a sermon by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. There was a large attendance at the church. The Rector (the Rev. B. Long) officiated, and Mr. R. Benning was at the organ.

The service concluded, a move was made to the Church House for tea. The hall was well filled, and the arrangements were most capably managed by Mrs. F. Pigott, Mrs. Chapman, Miss Swainson, Mrs. Long, and a large number of lady helpers. Supt. Goddard, Mr. J. C. Hammond, and the Rev. B. M. Niblett assisted at the tables. The clergy present were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (chairman, Sonning branch), Canon G. E. Coleridge (Rural Dean), Canon R. P. Newhouse, the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, the Rev. B. Long, the Rev. B. M. Niblett; also there were present Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild sec.), Mr. F. Dentry (hon. secretary and treasurer, Sonning Deanery branch), and some 80 or 90 members of the Guild from all parts of the Deanery.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis in the chair.

The Rural Dean paid a graceful tribute of thanks to Mrs. Pigott and the ladies who had so kindly and efficiently undertaken the tea and the waiting at the tables. On his call, three hearty cheers were given to the ladies, Mrs. Pigott briefly responding.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. Dentry) presented the balance sheet. He said £15 ls. 4d. was the balance in hand, some £2 more than that of last year.—The balance sheet was adopted, with expressions of satisfaction.

The Hon. Secretary, before presenting his report, said he had received letters of apology for absence from the Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley (Hurst), the Rev. J. A. Anderson (Arborfield); also a very nice letter from their late and respected hon. secretary, the Rev. E. E. Broome, who wished to be kindly remembered to all (applause).—Mr. Dentry, on behalf of the Sonning Branch, heartily welcomed the new Guild treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), present that night for the first time (applause).

The Guild all knew of his valuable work, and he was one of their trustees, and he thanked the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, their late Guild treasurer, who now found it advisable to retire after so many years, first as Guild secretary, then as Guild treasurer, knowing that his counsel and experience would be still at their service (applause).

The secretary's report related that good work had been done in the towers. If they kept the members interested, the peal list would grow bigger. Membership in 1923 stood at 173, a decrease of nine on the previous year; hon. members stood at about the same, and they welcomed the Rev. A. G. Parham (Easthampstead) as a new hon. member. The late Mr. W. Howard Palmer's decease removed a liberal subscriber to their funds. Ringing members showed a larger decrease than did the hon. members. But one peal appeared to have been rung during the year—at St. Paul's, Wokingham, in the early part of the year. The combined practices had shown great variation in attendances. The report concluded with a reference to the new Guild rules, and with thanks to the foremen of towers and the combined practice committee; the tea committee; and to the Rev. B. Long for his ready help and counsel in helping on the work of the Guild.—The report was adopted.

The election of officers followed, and the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis said the time had come for him to resign his position as their chairman. He was now simply a trustee, and he felt they should have a chairman who had been for years connected with the Guild, and who lived in their close neighbourhood, and who was a peal ringer. He proceeded to propose that the Rural Dean (Canon Coleridge) be their chairman.—Mr. Moth seconded, and the nomination was carried unanimously, the Rural Dean then, amidst applause, taking the chairman's seat, and saying he would do his best to help the Deanery Branch in every way.

The retiring chairman was heartily thanked for his kind services for so many years.—Mr. Hart Davis expressed his thanks, and wished the new chairman many years in the chair.

Mr. F. Dentry was cordially thanked for his services, and was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, on the proposition of Mr. Paice, seconded by Mr. Wright.

The foremen of towers were again re-elected to form the committee of the branch.—Messrs. J. Moth, G. J. Wright, J. Rance and W. J. Brooks, were re-elected as the branch representatives to the Guild General Committee. Messrs. J. Moth, J. White, W. J. Brooks, V. Darvill, J. Rance, W. J. Paice and J. Wadhams, were elected as committee for combined practices.

A discussion took place as to combined practices, some members urging that 6 o'clock to 9 p.m. was too late; others that many members could not leave their work for a 3 till 6 p.m. practice. Misses Walker and V. Robinson, Messrs. Moth, Paice, Rance, and others, took part in the debate, and the question was left for the committee concerned to arrange matters in the best advantage.

The Master of the Guild, in a brief address, referred to the new Guild rules, which were intended to make the younger and keener members feel more at home in the Guild.—The Master also referred to the heavy cost of printing the annual Guild report, and discussion ensued as to whether it were not better to charge for the report rather than make a present of it to each tower. Another way would be to print the peal list separately and charge for it.

Mr. Wright, Guild treasurer, expressed his pleasure at being present at that fine meeting, and spoke upon Guild finance. The Guild held nothing in hand but its war-time investments. He urged the endeavour to increase the number of honorary members.

Mr. Hibbert also spoke as to the heavy cost of printing the Guild report. One suggestion was that the band which rang a peal should pay a 'booking' fee.—Eventually a proposition by Mr. Moth, 'That the report, after this year, contain the peals and be sold at a price to the members of the Guild,' was carried nem. con. as a recommendation to the Guild Committee.—The Chairman made a strong appeal to members to take 'The Ringing World' as an incentive to further endeavour and by way of keeping in touch with the wider sphere of ringing matters.—Mr. Dentry, referring to the retirement of the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis from their chairmanship, suggested some permanent title of honour he accorded him, such as 'President' or Master of the Branch. Their new chairman, Canon Coleridge, was the Prime Minister of the ringing world, being President of the Central Council—the Ringers' Parliament.

Both in his sermon and in his address at the general meeting, the Master made feeling allusion to the recent decease of one of the older ringers, connected at one time with their Deanery, Mr. James Washbrook.

### BARNSELEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 12th, the following towers being represented: Badsoworth, Barnsley, Darfield, Ecclesfield, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Ilkley, Sandal, Pontefract, Wortley and Wath. The bells were ringing early in the afternoon in various methods, and a short service was held, followed by a brief address. As the Rector was not able to be present at this service the senior curate (the Rev. W. B. Chapman) officiated. At tea, in the Parish Room, about 36 ringers were present, and, in addition, several visitors, amongst the company being the Rev. J. R. King (Vicar of Hoylandswaine), the Rev. Woolley (curate of Wombourne), both ringers and members, Mr. Sutherland (churchwarden of St. Mary's), Mrs. Sunderland, and others.

After tea, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of the president (Mr. W. Reynier), seconded by Mr. W. Lewis, to the clergy and churchwardens, for the use of the bells and parish room, for the service, etc., and to Mrs. Hone, and the local ringers, for their assistance.—This was replied to by the Rev. F. E. Hone (Rector) and Mr. Sunderland (churchwarden), in very happy terms of appreciation and welcome, both speakers expressing good wishes for the prosperity of the association.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. Reynier being in the chair. Several new members were elected. As the accounts for the past year were not quite complete they were referred to the next meeting.

A letter was read from Darfield Bell Restoration Committee asking for assistance for this object, as the bells needed urgent attention. This letter was sympathetically received, but it was thought by the majority that the object would be best served by direct application to each tower.

The officials for the ensuing year were next elected. Mr. W. Reynier, retiring president, was unanimously elected vice-president; Mr. Thickett (Horbury) was elected president; the treasurer (Mr. A. Panther) and the secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, were re-elected.

Mr. Thickett proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman, which was carried with acclamation. Sandal is the tower for the next meeting in February.

### SILVER WEDDING PEAL AND PRESENTATION.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Shipley, Yorks, was rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. Thos. B. Kendall and Mrs. Kendall, who were married at Ecclesfield Church on December 26th, 1898. The ringers and a few other friends were entertained to tea at the Co-operative Cafe at Shipley by Mr. and Mrs. Kendall after the peal. After tea, Mr. McKell was asked to present to Mr. Kendall a travelling bag, and to Mrs. Kendall a shopping satchel and rose bowl on behalf of the churchwardens at Shipley, the ringers of the district, and a few friends. This Mr. McKell did in a short and happy speech, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Kendall good health on the remainder of life's journey, and expressing a hope that they would reach their golden wedding.—Mr. Kendall briefly responded, thanking all for their good wishes and kindness. A pleasant afternoon and evening were spent.

### THE LATE MR. JAMES L. WELLS, BIRMINGHAM.

As briefly reported in a previous issue, the death occurred at his residence, Saltley, Birmingham, of Mr. James L. Wells, a prominent member of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and one of the Sunday Service ringers at St. Martin's Church. Jim, as he was affectionately called, was born in Swindon 45 years ago, and on leaving school was apprenticed to coach body building, a trade he followed to the last. He was well known as an exceptionally fine workman.

It was at Swindon that he started change ringing, and he rang several peals with the Salisbury Guild, one of which at Chippenham, Wilts, he conducted. Later he went to reside in Loughborough, and rang peals with the Midlands Counties Association. In 1907 he migrated to Birmingham, and became a regular attendant at St. Martin's Guild meetings, serving as an officer of the Guild, with which he rang most of his peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells. As a ringer he was second to none in handling a light or heavy bell, and was a sure and safe man in a peal whatever the method. He sustained a heavy blow when his wife died from consumption, in 1914, leaving him with two young children. But his love of home served him well, for although he later fell a victim to the dread disease himself, he was able to give his children a good education, and to provide means for their future with his relatives at Swindon. Mr. Wells was buried by the side of his wife at Loughborough. Members of All Saints' company of ringers acted as bearers, and representatives of Swindon, Loughborough and Birmingham ringing companies were present. A muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to his memory at Birmingham, after the funeral, and there was also muffled ringing at Loughborough in the evening. Mr. Wells was a member of the following societies: Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Midlands Counties Association; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Warwickshire Guild, and Staffordshire Archdeaconry Societies, and he rang about 60 peals, comprising Grandsire Triples and Caters. Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques. Treble Bob Royal and Maximus. Bob Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Handsworth Royal, Erin Cinques, Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus. May he rest in peace. A. W.

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Stokesay on Saturday, January 19th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and later the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Winter), who had kindly made arrangements with the organist (Miss La Touche) to make the service as musical as possible, much to the enjoyment of the thirty members present. The Vicar's address was very appropriate and intently followed.

Tea was partaken of in the Old Schoolroom at Stokesay.—The Vicar presided, and before the business meeting read an interesting account of the bells of Moscow.

The report and balance sheet, duly audited by Mr. A. Chester, were read, and unanimously approved.

The Secretary then reviewed the progress made during the year 1923. He stated that five towers had joined the Guild, viz., Bitterley, Bromfield, Church Stretton, Tenbury and Wistanstow; that the hon. members had increased from 10 to 25; ringing members from 11 to 38; and probationers from 1 to 18. Five meetings had been held within 13 months. Each had been very successful, and this happy state of affairs was largely due to the whole-hearted support of the clergy, and to their encouragement and help in every possible way. A special programme had been prepared in September in regard to quarterly meetings and combined practices for the year 1924, and a copy handed to each tower secretary to be hung in the respective belfries for the members' guidance. It was noticed that ringing in the district had improved during the past year, and peals of Grandsire Doubles had been rung on three occasions, five Bromfield and six Stokesay members having obtained their first success in this respect. More pleasing still was the fact that methods other than Grandsire were now being attempted, and some good touches of Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Two probationers from Stokesay were duly elected, and on the proposition of Mr. Bott, seconded by Mr. Boughey, the following officers were re-elected: District Ringing Master (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson), Assistant Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Nash); and district hon. secretary (Mr. P. Lane).

The members were pleased to see several visitors from other towers, who are always welcome at these meetings.

A vote of sympathy was passed (with the members standing) to the Diocesan Master (Mr. J. G. Buchanan) on the sad loss of his wife who had recently passed away.

The District Ringing Master thanked the Vicar for his cordial welcome, the organist for the delightful music, and the local ringers for having all in readiness.

The handbells were brought into use during the evening, and a good course of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following Bromfield ringers: M. W. Bott 1—2, A. R. Harrison 3—4, P. Lane 5—6, Geo. Randle 7—8, J. Hardwick 9—10.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, January 27th, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, 560 Double Norwich Major: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, H. Jennings (Ryde, I.O.W.) 4, W. Tate 5, E. J. Harding, junr., 6, R. J. Stone 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8.—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples: Cpl. W. E. Snell 1, E. A. Cluett 2, C. Groves 3, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 4, T. R. Taylor 5, E. J. Harding, junr., 6, R. J. Stone 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. Arranged for treble ringer, who is attached to H.M.S. Resolution.—For evensong, 224 Cambridge Surprise Major.

**WORCESTER.**—On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Woodyatt 1, W. Page 2, S. Holt 3, W. C. Jones 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lewis 6. First 720 of Surprise as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Waugh), who took his last services on this day.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, January 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. S. Bacon 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Crowder 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, J. Dafters 6, E. R. Crowder 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

**BRENTWOOD.**—On Sunday, January 27th, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. G. Ringe 1, H. Turner 2, E. D. Baker 3, A. Rainbird 4, R. Ong (first quarter) 5, W. Loggett 6, G. Miles (conductor) 7, S. Carroll 8.

**GREAT CHART, KENT.**—On Sunday morning, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 46 mins., being 1,260 changes: W. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, J. Skinner 3, F. Hodges 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, D. Skinner (first quarter-peal) 6.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Sunday evening, January 27th, when a new vestry built as a memorial to the late Rector (the Rev. R. A. Kennaway) was dedicated. 720 Rob Minor was rung: W. Wilkinson (Great Addington) 1, J. W. Sharp (Towcester) 2, J. W. Haynes (Pattishall) 3, G. F. Lucas 4, A. Booth 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. Ringers of 4, 5 and 6 belong to Green's Norton.—After service, 360 Double Court: J. W. Haynes 1, G. F. Lucas 2, A. Booth 3, G. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

**CALVERLEY.**—For evening service, on Sunday, January 27th, a date touch of 1,924 changes of Prince Albert Major, in 1 hour and 5 mins.: Samuel Wheatley 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, W. Scrimshaw 4, Percy Wheatley 5, Wilfred Wheatley 6, E. Hudson 7, W. Lee 8.

**HOOLE.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 880 Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: T. Davenport 1, D. Moore 2, J. Benyon (conductor) 3, T. Leach 4, J. Benyon, junr., 5. Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Marrs.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—For Sunday evening service, on January 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 43 mins.: E. Weatherly 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, H. Hutton 4, R. Philpott 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringer of 4th and the conductor.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Edwards 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. C. Cuss 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. H. Hayward 8.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, 629 Grandsire Caters: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. King 3, H. Lewis 4, W. G. Cook 5, W. H. Hayward 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, S. R. Hicks 8, H. C. Bond 9, R. W. Watts 10.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Nere (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, H. Want (conductor) 3, R. Edwards 4, H. Baker 5, C. Tribe 6, W. Rutton 7, W. Bishop 8.

**BATH.**—On Sunday, Jan. 20th, at St. Michael's Church, Twerton, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: A. Hudd 1, G. Temple 2, Miss Norah G. Williams 3, R. Cousins 4, H. W. Brown 5, T. F. King 6, A. Prince (conductor) 7, B. C. Wright 8.

**BROMSGROVE.**—On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. J. Martin 1, H. F. Martin 2, J. Eades 3, T. Albott 4, Rev. R. Wilkinson (of Mansfield) 5, A. Moore 6, J. Mason (conductor) 7, A. Hingley 8.

**ACTON.**—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, January 13th three quarter-peals as a welcome to Miss Hawksworth, of Bradfield: Mr. Sparrow, of Suffolk; Mr. Moorhouse, of Leeds; also as a birthday compliment to Miss Moss, of Uxbridge, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) Kent Treble Rob Major: E. Lankester 1, Miss Moss 2, S. D. Breeze 3, A. Fulwell 4, H. Wincote 5, \*W. Sparrow 6, J. W. Fruin 7, R. Fardon (conductor) 8.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. W. Coulson 1, \*W. Sparrow 2, Miss Moss 3, S. D. Breeze 4, R. Fardon (conductor) 5, R. Holloway 6, J. W. Fruin 7, E. Easton 8.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Hawksworth 1, W. Sparrow 2, S. D. Breeze 3, R. Fardon 4, R. Holloway (conductor) 5, C. Edwards 6, J. Moorhouse 7, E. Easton 8. \* First in these methods.

## NOTICES.

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The first monthly meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells at the Parish Church and the peal of 10 at the Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock. The business meeting will be held at the Foundry at 5.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, when all ringers will be welcome. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.; meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, at Bridgnorth. Bells of St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6) available from 2 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea (6d. each) at Jones' Restaurant 4.45 prompt, followed by business meeting. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting?—W. Hayward, Dist. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth, Salop.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Tyneside District.—A meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, February 2nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m.—J. E. Gofton, Dis. Sec., 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, Feb. 3rd, 10 a.m.; Monday, 4th and 18th; Bishopsgate, 11th; all at 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 5th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 7th and 21st; \*St. Mary-

le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 12th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th; and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church on Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all who advise me of attending not later than Feb. 6th. The meeting will be held after tea.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MYTHOLMROYD PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.**—On February 9th, the bells recently recast and augmented to 8 (tenor 14 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co., will be open to all ringers from 1.30 p.m. All are welcome. Will those requiring tea at a nominal charge notify before Thursday, February 7th?—A. Bottomley, 1, Albert Street, Mytholmroyd.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Horse Hotel. Will members intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 6th?—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service with address by the Vicar (Canon Savill), at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Hall, Lowfield Street. The Vicar is kindly providing tea, for those who send their names to me by Tuesday, February 5th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (provided by Canon Corfield) at St. Mary's Church Room, and meeting following. Will all those coming to tea let me know by the previous Tuesday? Wilton bells available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. only.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moor-side, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meet-

ing. — E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells: St. Nicholas (6) 2.30 to 4.30, All Saints' (8) 2.30 to 4.45, Cathedral (10) 7 to 9 p.m. Service, All Saints' 4.45. Tea, Spread Eagle Hotel, 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Feb. 5th.—C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome. — William Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wimborne Branch. — The quarterly meeting is to be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5. Address by Vicar (Rev. C. Stewart Miller). Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30. Bells of St. James', Poole, also available from 2 p.m.—C. A. Phillips.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by ticket, at 5.30 p.m. at Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting of the above association will be held at Hanley on Saturday, Feb. 9th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. and tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Prescot on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Tea 6d. each. Members intending being present please write to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is to be held at Sandal Magna Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready early. Tea moderate charge. Apply very early, W. Robinson, Back Bowman Street, Agbrigg Road, Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells open afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by February 12th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Northern district will be held on Saturday, February 16th, at Halstead. The bells of St. Andrew's will be available at 3 p.m. Further particulars later.—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by permission of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton (Vicar) and churchwardens, who will entertain members to tea free, visitors 1s. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 13th? —W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. T. K. Sopwith). Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Ringing from 6.30 till 8.30. The bells unfortunately are not available in the afternoon, but it is hoped to obtain another tower in the vicinity, of which notice will be given next week. — C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 16th. St. Mary's tower open from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Giles, 4 p.m. until the service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Members of Guild 1s. and non-members 2s. 6d., to all who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 13th. Entertainment free.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.** — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Martock is postponed to Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, E. A. Young, Wood, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION** (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—By kind permission of the Hon. Chaplain, a memorial tablet will be erected in St. Clement Danes for the members who fell in the Great War. Donations, which will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World,' may be sent to the Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

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**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, February 9th. Service at St. Cuthbert's Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at Wickenden's, High Street, to follow. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) available from 2 p.m.; Cathedral (10) after meeting. Ringers requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, February 6th.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec., 7, Mills Street, Wells.

**A FUNERAL TOUCH.**

At Beddington, Surrey, on Wednesday, January 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, after the funeral of Miss Collyer-Bristow, who had been a very good supporter of the ringers, and other bodies of the church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with half-muffled clappers, was rung in 53 mins.: F. J. Trappitt 1, A. Arnold 2, F. E. Darby 3, T. Talbot 4, A. J. Trappitt 5, D. Cooper 6, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 7, J. E. Cooper 8.

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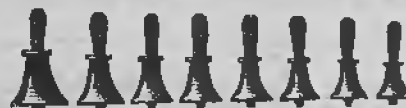
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