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OXFORD GUILD DISSENSION.

It must be a matter of regret to the majority of the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to read that the twelve-bell band at High Wycombe have confirmed their previous decision to withdraw from the organisation. The action that has been taken may be only the result of 'domestic' differences, but the principle is one of much wider importance. When the Wycombe Company first resolved upon severing their connection with the Guild, as a protest against the action of the general meeting in persisting in holding the annual festival at Oxford, we urged that the step was undemocratic, and, instead of having the desired effect, merely prevented the Wycombe band from bringing about, by constitutional methods, the change they so much desire. The secretary explained in our columns the efforts that had been made, without result, to influence the Guild in the direction of moving the venue of the festival, and he added that, these measures having failed, something more drastic had become necessary.

Well, 'drastic' action has been taken, but is it likely to succeed in its object? We think not. We believe that a much more effective method would have been a resolution at the next annual meeting calling for a referendum on the subject. Such a motion, in view of the known feeling, could not well have been refused, and a vote of the members throughout the Guild would have settled definitely this vexed question. But the Wycombe belfry, by its withdrawal from the Guild, has put itself out of court, and this, we think, is a great pity, both from the Guild's and Wycombe's point of view. It is regrettable, too, because it removes the one live twelvebell company in the Guild, and also for the influence which the action may have on other companies in the same district.

We do not know what, if any, efforts have been made in the last few months to prevent the complete breach at Wycombe, but if, as seems to be the case from the letter of a correspondent in this issue, the whole district of East Berks and South Bucks, once the most active and probably the best organised branch of the Guild, has been neglected, the policy of 'drift' will soon lead to further dissatisfaction and dissensions. This is hardly characteristic of the Oxford Guild, and is perhaps indicative of the trouble that is under the surface in that part of the diocese. It cannot be too late, even yet, to save the situation in Buckinghamshire, but in this, as in other things, delays are dangerous. We still say we do not think the Wycombe branch exhausted every means of

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getting a full expression of feeling on the subject about which they feel aggrieved, but, unless there have been negotiations concerning which nothing has been made public, it can hardly be said that the Guild officials have handled the matter as one would have expected them todo. Moreover, the situation will not be improved by the lack of action by those responsible for the branch organisation, of which our correspondent complains. Perhaps the feeling which exists in the branch is not even now fully realised in other parts of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

	T CHC	4 24 CWL.
*WILLIAM WONNACOTT		le WILLIAM RUNDLE 6
		WARREN S. HORNBROOK 7
*THOMAS MYERS	3	WILLIAM RICHARDS S
*HAROLD ASHTON	4	ERNEST W. MARSH 9
*HARRY BURNER	5	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenos-
Composed by John Co	X.	Conducted by W. S. HORNBROOK.
. First need on too hel	le + 17	inct need on ten will hely hell. Direct

f First peal on ten with bob bell. First peal on ten as conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM. CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES; Tanor or cut

10101	
FREDERICK ROBSON Treble	
	"WILLIAM ELLERINGTON 7
	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON 8
Frederick P. Howgroft 4	*Thomas Lancaster 9
THOMAS METCALFE 5	· JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor
Composed by E. Morris (Conducted by Joseph E. Sykes

· First peal in the method. † First in any method, and first attempt for a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BATLEY, YORKS.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES: Tenor to cwt.

ENOCH WATSON		2	reble	GEORGE SCHOLEY	5
HARRY ROBINSON			2	WM. H. SENIOR	6
				Tom North	
WALTER IDLE		***	4	SAM GIESON	Tenor
Composed by the last	ER	pp 1	RABIN	son Conducted by S Gin	EON

First peal rung on the bells since they were retuned and made into the full actave by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It was also the first peal as conductor by Sam Gibson.

> KIDLINGTON, OXON. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.) On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ı		renor:	23g CW1.			
ı	·RALPH PAYNE	Treble	LEONARD TOFFREY		***	5
ı	FRANK R. COOMBES	2	FREDERICK WEBB			6
	JACK JUDGE		WALTER F. JUDGE			
i	"EDGAR BENNETT	4	CYRIL BENNETT	***	T	eno:

· First peal in the method. All are members of the local band.

THE RINGING WORLD. February 15th, 1924. BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE. ALDBOURNE, WILTS. THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. (NORTHERN BRANCH.) On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes, On Thursday, February 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL. A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES: A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES: Tenor 193 cwt. in E flat. GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5 ERNEST BISHOF 2 CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3 RICHARD T. HIBBERT... ... 7 CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3 CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... 4 JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor Conducted by C. F. WINNEY. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS. Arranged for Candlemas Day, that being the birthday of Mr. E. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal on a bob bell. Rung as a wedding compliment to two of the local ringers, Mr. R. Gordon, who was married to Miss G. Morgan, and Mr. E. Lloyd married to Bishop, all the band wishing him many more happy years and good peals. First peal on those beautiful bells since 1837. The band were entertained to tea by the Rev. and Mrs. P. Jasper, to whom all Miss L. G. Malpass. tender their sincere thanks. CORSTON, SOMERSET. LIVERPOOL. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Friday, February 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes On Monday, February 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, A FEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES; SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. MIDDLETON'S. Tenor of cwt. *WALTER FISHER Treble | GEORGE R. NEWTON 5 PERCIVAL W. CAVE 2 | CLAUDE S. BENWELL 6 Treble | CHARLES W. BELL 5 GEORGE TEMPLE PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 2 *Miss Norah G. Williams 2 Theodore Grant ... 3 WILLIAM A. CAVE 6 ARTHOR PRINCE 7 THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3 JAMES MARTIN 7 EDWARD CAUNCE... ... Tenor ARTHUR LANTOTT ... 4 THOMAS F. KING Tenor JOSEPH T. DYKE Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON. Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE. " First Surprise peal. † First peal of Surprise on working bell. · First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise Major ever rung in Liverpool. Rung as a welcome to Mr. P. W. Cave, late of Bristol. WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE. THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ROMFORD, ESSEX. On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes, THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. On Monday, February 4, 1924, in Three Hours, AT THE CEURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD, A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES; Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D. Tenor 151 cwt. ADGUSTIN V. GOOD Treble | HORACE H. SMITH 5 FREDERICK RAINBIRD... ... Treble | ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 5 ALFRED PYE 2 | ERNEST J. BULTER 6 CHARLES T. COLES 3 | HAROLD W. CLARK 7 *Albert Fleet 2 Arthur E. Sharman ... 6 *Cyril Herbert 3 "Ernest Herbert 7 *Douglas H. Harris ... 4 Edmund J. Hobbs Tenor ALFRED PYE 2 CHARLES T. COLES 3 GEORGE R. RYE 4 WILLIAM PYE Tenor Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. J. Horrs. Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by William Pye. First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. BREWOOD, STAFFORD. SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Tuesday, February 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes, DIOCESAN GUILD. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES, AT CHRIST CHURCH, THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 213 cwt. A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; ROBERT PICKERING Treble | A. G. HUNT 5 GEORGE WARNER 2 | HERBERT WAKELAM 6 Tenor 243 cwt. GEORGE WARNER ... 2 William Pickworth ... Treble Norman A. Tomlinson ... 5 George W. Fletcher ... 2 "Harry Miller 6 John Armstrong ... 3 John E. Miller 7 *Edmund G. Tomlinson ... 4 Sidney Wade Tenor JOHN PERRY 7 *ERIC SPEAKE Tenor FRED BIRKS 3 THOMAS PERRY 4 Conducted by JOHN PERRY. · First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples. Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by S. WADE. • First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor, and by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peploe) and J. E. Miller, captain of the ringers. BOLTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Tuesday, February 5, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute. DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS. AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES: On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, Tenor 173 cwt, in E.

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

First peal in the method by all the band. First in the method in the branch and on the bells. Rung for the wedding of W. Pennington's only daughter, which took place on the 2nd inst.

LONDON.—On January 28th, at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins., with 7 and 8 covering: R. E. G. Geare 2, W. H. Howe 3, G. Cowley 4, F. H. Putland (conductor) 5, W. Glover 6, G. Clifford 7, H. Francis 8.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10% cwt. Bertie O. Soden Treble | Arteur Manning 5
THOMAS LAW 6

MATTEIAS HOBBS 2
FRANK ROLLINGS... ... 3 THOMAS LAW SAMUEL BURDITT ROBERT G. BLACK ... 4 HARRY BAXTER Tenor

Composed by John E. Burton, Conducted by Harry Banter. The first peal rung for the Guild. First peal of Major on the bells, and first in the method by all except treble and second ringers. First attempt on eight as conductor. Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles, which occurred on the previous Sunday.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (PRESTON & WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

			TYZ CIVE.	
FRED RIGBY	7	reble	Јони Воотн	5
" JAMES W. GROUNDS			*ERNEST BIRCHALL	6
*HARRY FRANCE			WILLIAM SHARPLIES	
WILLIAM LANCASTER	24.5	4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHOR KNIGHTS (360). Conducted by W. SHARPLES. * First peal in method. First peal of Oxford Major as conductor. First peal in method on the bells.

> COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF	THURST	ANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor	13	cwt.
BERNARD W. WITCHELL	Treble	HARRY ARGYLE	***		5
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS		WILLIAM T. COX			
FREDERICK W. CLAYTON	3	THOMAS W. CHAPI	MAN	•••	_7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON	4	WILLIAM J. SIMMO	ONDS]	Геног
Conducted	by Bern	ARD W. WITCHELL.			

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. Ringer of treble hails from Erdington, 2nd and 6th Stoke-in-Coventry, 4th, 5th and 7th Nuneaton, 3rd and tenor belong to the local company.

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

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute, A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

Tenor 141 CAI.								
*HERBERT E. ROBBINS	Treble	JESSE J. Moss						
WILLIAM LAMBERT		*CHARLES MASON						
BERNARD DITCHER		*JOHN H. BROTHWELL						
JOHN HOLMAN	4	JOHN FLINZ	Tenor					
Composed by ARTHUR	CRAVEN.	Conducted by John	FLINT.					

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal of New Cambridge. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Runney, of New Mills, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who were married at Buxton on February 5th.

CRANBROOK, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN. A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr: 4 lb.

ARCHIBALD C. KAY Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5					
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	ERNEST W. POWELL 6					
REGINALD C. LAMBERT 3	HENRY C. CASTLE 7					
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor					
	Conducted by HARRY PARKES,					
First pool in the method as cond	noton					

BRIDGEND, GLAM. LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD, A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Tenor 16 cwt

ALLEN C. JONES	7	reble	CHARLES H. PERRY		244	5
JOHN W. JONES		2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	400	+4-	6
RICHARD EVANS		3		***	***	7
ERNEST STITCH		4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER			
Composed by I Harr			Conducted L. C.	TT	The second	

Conducted by C. H. PERRY. First peat in the method by all the band (except the ringer of the d) in the county, and the association. J. W. Jones and C. Greedy 2nd) in the county, and the association. J. W. Jones and C. Greedy hail from Newport; F. Chamberlain and S. R. Barker from Cardill: E. Stitch from Aberavon; the rest are local men.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE. THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Six Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BGB MAJOR, 10,400 CHANGES; Tenor 17 cwt.

l	ROBERT SPERRING	***	7	reble	JAMES SWINDLEY		***	5
ĺ	George R. Jones	114		2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.			6
i	ALBERT J. HUGHES				JAMES H. RIDING			
	EDWARD V. RODENH	URSI		4	ARTHOR E. PEGLAR	***	7	enor

Composed by Joseph W. Parker. Conducted by R. Sperring. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of Bangor, President of the Association, and Mr. A. E. Peglar. First peal in method on the bells. Longest length by the association, and in Wales. The band wish to thank the Rector for granting permission at short notice, and Mr. Evans for having everything ready.

> LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes, AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; T ---- 61 ----

ı		T CHOT O	2 CWL	
l	ERNEST MORRIS	Treble	*A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT	5
l	George S. Morris	2	DetSergt. H. G. Jenney	б
	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	JAMES F. CLARRE	7
	HARRY BROUGHTON	111 4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7	Cnor
1	Composed by A. C. WRI	GHT.	Conducted by HAROLD J. Po	OLE.

100th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Richard Burton, an employee of Messrs. Taylor and Co., who died the previous day, following a distressing accident in the church at Whalley, Lancs.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES; Tanor 18 curt

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ERNEST J. TRIMMER		T	reble	HAROLD	W. CLARK	200	***	5
CHARLES T. COLES					W. Coles			
George R. Pye					CHARGE			
WILLIAM PYE		***	4	REUBEN	SANDERS	***	T	enor
Composed by C. Mir.	DLR	TON.		Conducted	by CHARL	ES T	Cor	PS

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TWENTY	-PART,	Tenc	r 20	cwt.
CHARLES TRIBE	Treble	JAMES POWELL		5
Mrs. H. Baker	2	HARRY BAKER		6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	3	GEORGE BILLENNESS	S	7
FREDERICK G. BURDEN	4	ALFRED BLACKMAN	***	Tenor

Conducted by George Billenness.

This is the first occasion a lady rung a peal at Benenden. QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5046 CHANGES!

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 14 cwt.		
	JOHN SADDINGTON	Treble	EDWARD WHITEHEAD.	5
	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	2	WILLIAM THORLEY .	6
	GEORGE FREEBREY	3	EDWARD READER	7
ı	HARRY WHITTLE	4	CECIL CLARKE	Tenor
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for a pegl.

Conducted by E. READER. The ringer of treble, 4th, 6th and 7th hail from Loughborough; 2nd and 5th from Leicester; 3rd from Derby. The tenor man is local, and was elected a member previous to starting. It was his first attempt

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON CONSETT. THE DURHAM & NEWGASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes, (BOLTON BRANCH.) On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH, AT THE PARISH CHURCH, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; T. DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 172 cwt. ALBERT M. HALL Treble | WILLIAM H. BARBER ..: 5 Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp. 2 ROBERT SKELTON 6 RICHARD OLIVER *Frank Reynolds Treble | † John Yates *WILLIAM GOULD ... 2 GEORGE POWNALL 6
*ERNEST LEATHERBARROW... 3 *JAMES ORME 7
*WILLIAM HAMPSON 4 JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Temor *ALFRED S. HILLIER 3 "GEORGE H. WILKINSON ... 7 †FREDERICK SHERATON ... 4 "T. BRUCE HARGREAVES ... Tenor Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER. · First peal. † First peal in the method. Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. • First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Also first peal of Major as conductor. All the ringers belong to the local company. FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Saturday, February 9, 1921, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE. MONMOUTH, MONMOUTHSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES; EDWARD JENKINS... Treble | GEORGE H. RANDLES 5
WILLIAM BIEBY 2 | FRANCIS BIEBY 6 On Sunday, February 10, 1924, in Three Hours, AT THE PARISH CHURCH, HENRY W. WILDE 3 CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4 CECIL RADDON Tenor A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 CWt. Conducted by E. JENKINS. Composed by J. W. PARKER. LEONARD NELMES Treble | WILLIAM BISHOP 5 LEISTON, SUFFOLK. WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 2 ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 6
ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 3 WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
FRANK VOYCE ... 4 GEORGE WILKS Tenor THE SUFFOLK GUILD. (ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.) On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute, Conducted by W. Poston. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, SIX BELL PEALS. A PEAL OF CUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES; BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. Tenor 201 cwt. in E. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. GEORGE BAILEY Treble | JAMES G. RUMSEY 5 (SOUTHERN BRANCE.) EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 2 CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 6 *Leonard P. Bailey 3 George Wilson James M. Bailey 4 Ernest S. Bailey On Tuesday, February 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes, ... Tenor AT THE PARISE CHURCH. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY. Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES: " First peal in the method. G. Wilson has now rung every bell in Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and four of Plain Bob. the tower to a peal, each called differently. Tenor 61 cwt. WARNHAM, SUSSEX FRANK SMITH Treble THOMAS HARRIS 4
FRANCIS MILES 2
FREDRICK HARRIS 5
JAMES ATTWOOD 3
OLIVER ATTWOOD... ... Tenor THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE CHORCH OF ST. MARGARET, A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Conducted by O. ATTWOOD. First peal. First peal in two methods by all the band except the Tenor 143 cwt. conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. WALTER CHARMAN Treble | "JACK BRANCH 5
JOHN AKEHURST 2 | PETER CHARMAN 6 JOHN AKEHDRST... ... 2 PETER CHARMAN ... 6

"WESLEY PETTIFER ... 3 JOHN COOK 7

JAMES BURDFIELD ... 4 WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH. (HALESWORTH SOCIETY.) In Wednesday, February 6, 1924, an Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, Conducted by W. STANFORD. Composed by H. Dains. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, " First peal in the method, and first attempt. A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury and April Day, and two 720's of Grandsire Doubles. (BOLTON BRANCH.) Tenor 14½ cwt. in F. LIONEL HAMMOND Treble | FREDERICK PECK 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2
FRANK FORD... ... 3 | JEPHTHAH JOLLY Tenor On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH, A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; GEORGE PINCOTT Treble | ERNEST CUTSFORTH Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT. AMES BOLTON 4 WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... T *ARTHUR HBYWOOD ... 2 PETER CROOK ... 6 · First peal. *FRED F. RIGEY 3 BUCKNALL, STAFFS.
STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. *JAMES BOLTON ... Conducted by PETER CROOK. On Friday, February 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes, · First peal in the method. AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GUISELEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCE OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HRYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
	CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5	
	FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	FREDBRICK W. DIXON 6	
	WILLIAM E. ASH 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7	
	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 4	HENRY SMITH Tenos	
	Conducted by FRE	DERICK W. DIXON.	

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Simpson, daughter of Mr. Ernest Simpson.

LONDON .- At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on January 31st. 720 Bob Minor: F. Ladyman I, G. Margetts 2, Mrs. E. M. Atkins 3, A. Gardiner 4, F. Saxby 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6, W. Ball 7, H. Jones 8. First 720 of Minor by all except ringers of 3rd and 6th, and first

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent

Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

ALICE WHEELDON 2 WILLIAM FRADLEY 5
"NIGEL BIRCH 3 CHARLES PRESTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. PRESTON.

... ... Treble | ALICE PRESTON 4

"HARRY BILLINGS

* First peal.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GLOUGESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES *THOMAS WITTS Treble | Tom Price 4

BASIL LATHAM 2
ALBERT WRIGHT ... 3 LESLIE BARRY Joseph HAWKES Tenor Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal by the tenor ringer since 1889. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes, IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor size 16 in A.

James M. Bailey 1-2 | Ernest S. Bailey 5-6 Charles F. Bailey 3-4 | Edgar H. Bailey 7-8 Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by C. F. BAILBY.

> GUILDFORD, SURREY. THE SURREY ASSOCIATION. (THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL. A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Size 18 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2 | GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6 ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4 | JOHN FOSTER 7-8 Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

. First peal of Stedman.

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

On Thursday, February 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY, A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat. FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2 | THOMAS RUSSAM 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4 | *HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER... ... 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Conducted by G. F. SWANN. · First peal on handbells. † 251st peal.

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in I wo Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD, A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C. *HARRY O. WHITE ... I-2 | FRANK E. PERVIN ... s-6 FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4 | HOBERT SUMMERS 7-8

JOHN TAYLOR 9-10

Composed by James E. Groves. Conducted by Frank W. Perrens. First peal of Caters, and first peal in the method 'in hand.'

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A good meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Pirbright en Saturday last, when, despite a damp day, members and friends were present from Bagshot, Camberley, Chertsey, Godalming, Worplesdon, and the local band. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and at the service the Rev. G. R. M. Eliwood (of Chertsey) assisted the Wigner the Rev. A Notld the Vicar, the Rev. A. Neild.

Tea was served at the Parish Hall, followed by the business meet-Tea was served at the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. One new member was elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for giving such an excellent address, and for presiding at the tea and meeting.—The Rev. A. Neild, in replying, said he hoped the next meeting at Pirbright would not be far off.—The tower was again visited, and various methods arms. visited, and various methods rung.

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It is interesting to note that in Pirbright Churchyard the great explorer, Sir Henry M. Stanley, is buried, and a huge and rugged piece of rock marks his resting-place.

A LETTER FROM OVERSEAS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Once again I have to thank you for the regular sending of 'The Ringing World,' which always comes, even when other mult of The Ringing World, which always comes, even when other mangests delayed. This must be a special dispensation of Providence for the beneut of 'exiled' ringers who have voluntarily severed themselves from the art they love so well. A great deal of Christmas mail was delayed this season at New York, and came in about Jan. 8th and 9th, but 'The Ringing World' came in as usual; indeed the providence that they are three delayed. rarely varies more than two or three days.

I have just been reading with astonishment the account of the peal in 35 spliced methods at Norbury, and cannot help regarding this as an extraordinary performance. Difficult methods require a lot of concentration to ring them successfully, but in the case of this latest record, one would think that some new mental attitude, akin to extend a large transport of the successfully in the case of the latest record, one would have the some new mental attitude, akin to extend a large transport of the successfully in the recognition of the successful that the successf reme alertues combined with concentration, is required, as a new method comes up so quickly that the ordinary dour effort of mental control over the sight and hearing that ringers possess would con-

stantly change to a new phase.

Since I left England there has been a distinct rise in the standard of methods rung. What was confined to isolated spots seems to be pretty general all over the country. One can only hope that the standard of striking is also being maintained; it could scarcely be raised, anyway, in a great many places, although I have been in towers where they did not pay the attention to striking that should have been paid to it.

But the old school of ringers in the Norwich Association, such as rang the septuagenarian peal at Pulham, although few tried to get above Treble Bob, could ring what they knew until even the tenor on the slow scemed a virtue, so regular did they strike the bells.

John Brady, the old blind ringer at Debenham, who died in 1917, told me that when the 16,608 was rung there in 1892, he never missed

a change of it, and the striking was so regular that after some hours the actual notes of the bells seem to fade in his brain, and became almost like a succession of dull knocks. He claimed that only the utmost unfailing spacing of the knocks could produce this, and remarked that it could be done on a piano if persisted in, the bell at the handstroke lead being the last to retain its note, on account of the open lead,

One can only hope that, even if the above effect is not exactly desirable, the efforts being made to ring more and more complicated methods, will yet leave time for the study of the true beauty of bells regular striking. Notes without rhythm do not constitute music.

It seems hopeless to try to raise an interest for beils here. It seems hopeless to try to raise an interest for hells here. St. James' Cathedral were considering a war memorial, either of hells or in stene, and decided on the stone one. The organist, Dr. Ham, told me he used to be a secretary for a society of ringers somewhere in the West of England. He tried to get interest going for hells, but failed. They have nine large hells in the tower, eight of them fixed 'dead,' the tenor lung 'balanced,' on the clumsiest set of fittings I ever saw. She might be two tons in weight, the keynote is C. Not had tone, cast in New York in 1865. Mr. C. F. White, who used to hang bells for Messrs. Warner, tells me that it is lucky the tenor is balanced, for they toll her by slowly rolling her upside down, and she stands on two iron brackets which wobble, even with this smooth movement. The brackets just stand on two beams, being about 6 feet movement. The brackets just stand on two beams, being about 6 feet high, so you can guess the result if this bell was hung at shoulder level. The wheel reminds me of one of those old water mill wheels in England, and is immense. It is made of planks.

One would think that a glance in this tower would convince the

authorities that improvements could easily be made, but they are not

Mr. C. F. White, who has a set of 25 handbells, is keeping in touch with a few friends who live near enough to him to meet once a week.

They practise tunes mainly, not much change ringing, I believe. For myself, I live too far away to go very often.

Wishing 'The Ringing World ' every success, and the fraternity a happy New Year, I am, yours faithfully,

47. Innes Avenue, Toronto.

BISHOP DEDICATES PEAL BOARD.

On Sunday, January 13th, Bishop Shaw visited Monks Rishorough, and, at a special service in the Parish Church, dedicated a peal tablet. recording the first peal rung on the fine old six bells in St. Dunstan's tower, viz., 5,040 changes of Bob Minor on June 2nd. 1923.

The tablet, a very neat one of English oak, with gold lettering, was the gift of a well known church lady, Miss Dore, formerly principal of the Abbey Schools, High Wycombe, and who, with the Bishop, was mainly the means of High Wycombe having its peal augmented to twelve.

The Bishop gave an address after the dedication, explaining the reason such tablets were placed in the helfries, as the result of the ringers' keepness in church work, and, therefore, giving their hest in service to God.

Both before and after the coremony, the hells were rung in Bob Doubles by the local band, assisted by J. W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, who conducted; also G. Seymour, of Bledlow.

BRISTOL RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. R. J. Drow, a valued and earnest worker at Christ Church with St. Ewen's, Bristol, celebrated his silver wedding on January 22nd. For something approaching 20 years he has been in charge of the tower, which contains a peal of ten bells (tenor 20 cwt.), on which peals from Grandsire to London Surprise have been rung. In the belifry is a board recording a long peal of Grandsire Caters rung many years ago. In this tower, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the young bund, with a few leading lights of other days, met to ring a touch (630 changes) of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event. The following took part: R. Gilbert 1, F. G. May 2, D. Barnard 3, F. J. Jewell 4, J. Davis 5, J. Richmond 6, G. T. Daltry (conductor) 7, W. Noble 8. Other ringing followed, giving the younger ringers a chance on the ten bells.

A very cordial invitation was extended to those who took part in the ringing to Mr. and Mrs. Drew's residence in Queen Square, where provision had been made to entertain the party, numbering about twenty, who sat down to an enjoyable collation.—Mr. Drew afterwards said how very pleased he was to have a few of his old friends with him that evening, together with the young men who were doing their best to carry on the ringing at Christ Church. He added that with all the failures and successes he had experienced he had no regrets in regard to his married life. His wife and himself had pulled together, and that day found them with their four children happy in the knowledge that things might have been a good deal worse for thom.—Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Drew on having reached their silver wedding day, and it was hoped that the next 25 years (if they were spared) would be as happy as those they had already experienced. Very hearty thanks were also offered to Mr. and Mrs. Drew for so kindly entertaining the party, Mr. J. Davis voicing the feelings of the ringers to the donor of the feast. He dwelt upon the fact that very cordial relations existed between Mr. Drew and himself and other workers of Christ Church, of which

Mr. Drew was one of the most prominent.

The rest of the evening was spent in talking over old times, songs by members of the party, and selections by Miss Drew on the piano, while the host brought down the house very appropriately by singing his favourite, 'My Old Dutch.' The happy gathering broke up at midnight.

Many useful articles of silver have been presented to Mr. and Mrs. Drew by friends, who valued their work and friendship.

PATTISHALL'S VETERAN SEXTON.

At Pattishall Church, Northants, on Feb. 2nd, an attempt for a peal of Bob Minor was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to the sexton (Mr. T. Birch), but unfortunately came to grief, after two hours' good striking, owing to the treble casting the rope. The following members of the Towcester and District Association took part: G. Mansfield 1, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 2, J. W. Haynes 3, A. Booth 4, A. Mansfield 5, J. M. Gray 6. Several attempts recently made for a peal on these bells have come to grief owing to the bad going of the tenor. An oiling apparatus has now been fixed, and seems to be successful, for at the end of the two hours' ringing there were 'no complaints.'

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Mr. Birch has been a ringer for about 62 years, and is also the oldest member of the Towcester Association. After the ringing, the band and several friends were very kindly entertained by Mr. G. E. Groom to an excellent meat tea at the 'Malt Shovel.'—Mr. Groom, in proposing the health of Mr. Birch, said, on behalf of the churchwardens, how proud they felt in having such an efficient sexton as Mr. Birch, for although he had attained his 78th birthday he was always punctual at the belfry for all services, and when there was no ringing he would do his bit by chiming four bells without any assistance. He hoped the time would soon come when a band of ringers would be formed in Pattishall, and get the lovely peal of bells going much oftener.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Groom for the excellent tea he had provided. Several courses of various Minor methods were rung on the handbells, and brought a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The Midland district of the Ladies' Guild held their quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Harbourne, on Saturday, January 19th. The attendance was not so good as usual, owing to the weather, and threatened railway strike, but members were present from Smethwick, Solihull, Evesham and Netherton. The ladies had some good practice with the local ringers and the gentlemen visitors.—There was no service owing to the Vicar (Canon Pettit) being away.

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The local ringers entertained the visitors to tea. Mrs. H. Grovenor and other ladies had everything ready, and a most enjoyable time was spent. After tea the business meeting was held, at which Miss M. E. Tomlinson, of Kent, was elected member of the Guild, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. H. Grovenor and his fellow ringers for their kindness.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

From time to time the footnote to a peal reveals the return to the ranks of peal ringers of someone whose name has been absent for a long period. We wonder whether there has been a longer lapse of between two peals by one man than in the case of Mr. Joseph Hawkes, who on Saturday rang a peal at Chalford, Gloucester, his last peal previously having been rung in 1889—thirty-five years ago!

The longest peal in Wales was rung on Saturday, when 10,400 Kent Trable Bob Major was successfully brought round in 6 hrs. 5 mins., at Rhyl, by the North Wales Association. It had been intended to attempt the peal at Buckley, but serious illness near the church prevented this, and the Rector of Rhyl very kindly, at short notice, permitted the attempt to be made at his church.

In our leading article last week we mentioned the names of some of the men who have rendered so much faithful service in the cause of change ringing in Devon. There is another who should have been included, and that is Mr. W. H. Marsh, who has for many years carried on invaluable spadework in the Plymouth district.

Last year the Lancashire Association had a total of 1,410 members, made up of 83 honorary life members, 18 honorary, 196 non-resident, and 1,113 performing members. Fifty-one members rang their first peal, and 165 their first in a fresh method.

On Shrove Tuesday, 1826, which was February 7th, an unusual performance was accomplished at Bingley, Yorks. 'Three touches of twelve twelve-scores each, without a breakdown or a false change,' making a total of 8,640 changes, was rung in 36 methods. For those days this was a remarkable achievement.

The last survivor of the band was James Lilley, who lived until 1879, having been a ringer at Bingley for 17 years, and afterwards at Shipley for over 40 years.

To-day is the 99th anniversary of a peal of 9,999 Grandsire Major rung at Oldham on February 15th, 1825.

A peal of 14,224 Bob Major was rung in 8 hours 45 mins. at Aston on February 16th, 1789, by St. Martin's Youths. Probably they thought at the time that it was the longest length in the method, and did not know of the 15,120 rung at Westham in 1737, or the 14,480 at Oldham in 1784. Presumably, however, they were not long in hearing of these greater lengths, for they secured the Bob Major laurels by ringing 15,369 in the year 1793. And that is still, we believe, the longest length in the method.

The twelve bells of Christ Church, Spitalfields, were destroyed by fire ou February 17th, 1836. This provides one of the few cases in which a peal of 12, once installed, has been reduced in number. Spitalfields has had only eight bells ever since.

February 18th is the anniversary of a peal of 10,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Shoreditch by the College Youths in the year

It was on February 18th, 1822, that the Huddersfield company rang the first peal of 'New' Cambridge Surprise Major.

The Oxford University Guild was founded on February 20th, 1872. On February 21st, 1874, 8,864 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The first peal of Surprise Major in Liverpool was rung last week, Cambridge being the method. It was a matter of regret to the company that Messrs. Gilmour and Wilkinson, who were in previous attempts, were, for unavoidable reasons, unable to take part.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Craven's letter, we do not want to know We desire an answer to the that a triple snap is a Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Craven's letter, no about his No. 1 and No. 2 methods. We desire an answer to the two questions asked. If we are to believe that a triple snap is a whole turn, and that the back work of Edinburgh is Bristol, then London Surprise is only Bob Major, hunt and dodge.—Yours truly, C. F. BAILEY.

A UNIQUE SERVICE.

A Change Ringers Association once enjoyed a unique church service. Such a one the ancient chancel had doubtless never echoed, nor had it seen its stalls so filled. The time was strictly limited,

One voice impelled us to our knees, clanging the little iron gates behind us, leading us without an instant's pause for 30 minutes, then behind us, leading us without an instant's pause for 30 minutes, then playing us out with an original carol, based on the inscriptions of the priest's own parish bells. Hymns and collects clearly and swiftly followed each other. The address began with the prologue to Longfellow's Golden Legend, taking us to the spire of Strasburg Cathedral, in a night of storm, and Lucifer with the powers of the air trying to tear down the cross. The sounding bells, with angels in legions, repel the Outcast of Heaven and all his efforts. Lucifer cries 'Baffled, baffled, leave this labour unto Time, the great Destroyer.' Alas! Satan has found already a destroyer: he has banned the word Alas! Satan has found already a destroyer; he has banned the word God from the schools of France, and in fearful climax Mescow reechoes the edicts of Paris.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. CHARLES JACKSON.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday, January 26th, at Hull, the headquarters for the day being the fine old Church of the Holy Trinity. By an unfortunate coincidence, the national railway strike precluded many intending visitors from attending the meeting, the result being a very disappointing attendance numerically, but the proceedings were marked by an enthusiasm, which one would naturally expect, in a district that was for so long the scene of the labours of one to whom the association owed much in its early days, the late Mr. Charles Jackson.

The audit was held in the choir school immediately beside the church in the early afternoon, while enthusiaste in the neighbouring tower made liberal use of the splendid peal of ten bells, to the consternation of the stallholders in the adjoining market square. Divine service was held in Holy Trinity Church at 4 p.m., when an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. A. E. Smallwood, M.A., Vicar of All Saints',

Immediately prior to the service, an interesting ceremony took place in the tower of Holy Trinity, when the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), at the invitation of Mr. Mayfield, the senior churchwarden, unveiled a memorial board, placed there by the many friends of the late Mr. Charles Jackson. After the introductory prayers and prayers of dedication, the President paid an earnest tribute to the labours, on behalf of the Yorkshire Association, of the late Mr. Jackson, who was for many years a steward and trustee of the associa-tion, and who was largely responsible for the rapid spread of change ringing in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The association was under a great debt of gratitude to such men, and the speaker urged his hearers to emulate the example set them by Mr. Jackson, who during his lifetime was a most able and zealous ringer, and also a regular attendant and member at the church where he rang.

Speaking from the text, 'Come unto Me, and I will give you rest,'

the preacher pointed out that ringers were engaged in work that gave a constant invitation to men to associate themselves with the work of our Saviour, for the uplifting of all mankind. Never was the need greater than it was to-day, to urge mankind to turn their minds from the sordid things of this world, and to devote their attention to spiritual and uplifting influences. Bells asked all mankind to be at peace with God, and God wanted to come to men in the Blessed Sacrament. In conclusion, the congregation were urged to do their best as ringers, and aspire to be at their lest spiritually, in order to serve as an example to their brothers, who may be less familiar with the offices of the church.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

Tes was served in the adjoining choir school, when some 45 members took advantage of the hospitality of their Hull friends. At the business meeting, which followed in the same building, the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall; occupied the chair, and was supported by the principal officers of the association. Letters of apology were received from the Rev. E. Drage and from Mr. G. B. Bolland.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall was unanimously re-clected as president of

the association for the ensuing three years.

The adoption of the balance sheet was moved, in an interesting speech, by Mr. E. S. Field, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dale, while the report of the committee was adopted, on the motion of Mr. A. Sellars, and seconded by Mr. W. Johnson.

The President gave notice of motion, on behalf of the general committee, to delete Rule 8 and to alter Rule 2 to read: 'The subscription for each ringing member shall be 2/6 for the first year, and 2/for each subsequent year, this subscription entitling such members to a free copy of the annual report for the current year. All life mem-bers who were members prior to and including 1885, shall be entitled

Notice was also given to alter Rule 3 by the addition of the following clause: 'The committee shall also have power to appoint an hon, secretary for peals who shall have a seat on the committee, and retire annually.'

A vote of thanks to the various clergy and wardens for kindly granting the use of their bells for the day, and to the authorities of Holy Trinity for the arrangements for the annual service, was responded to by Mr. Mayfield, the senior warden of Holy Trinity Church, who assured the association of a hearty welcome when they decide to visit Hull again.

A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements, and to the ladies who waited at the tea tables, was responded to by

Mr. J. Howell.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to Mr. G. B. Bolland in his bereavement by the death of Mrs. Bolland. Great regret was expressed at Mr. Bolland being unable to be present owing to illness, and it is hoped that he may soon be restored to health

Train time brought a most enjoyable meeting to an end, leaving with the visitors memories of a most hearty welcome, and a desire to visit such pleasant quarters again at the earliest opportunity.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN A BELFRY.

BELL HANGER'S FALL AT WHALLEY.

While engaged in taking down the bells at the old Church at Whalley (Lanes), on Thursday of last week, Richard Burton, employed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, fell through the trap-door to the church floor, some 20 feet below. He sustained a fractured skull, and died on the following morning in Blackburn In-The deceased, who was 40 years of age, lived at 8, Warner Lane, Church Gate, Loughborough, and was unmarried.

The sad story of the accident was told at an inquest held by the Blackburn Coroner on Friday last, when evidence of identification was given by the deceased's sister, who said her brother went to work at

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Thomas Dexter, said he and the deceased went to Whalley to take down the bells at the old parish church. To facilitate working they opened a trap-door in the ringing-room. They went in and out several times. When they descended from the belfry to the ringing-room to complete their work it was dark. They carried lighted candles.

When witness was reaching for his coat he heard a scratching noise, and looking round can his commanion discaparing through the

and, looking round, saw his companion disappearing through the trap-door. He fell 20 to 25 feet to the floor of the church.

Other evidence showed that the deceased sustained a fracture of the base of the skull. He was removed to Blackburn Infirmity, but died

next morning.

Answering the Coroner, Mr. Dexter said there was a distance of 3½ feet between the wall and the edge of the trap-door. Deceased apparently forgot the door was open.

The Coroner, recording a verdict of 'Accidental death,' said it was

sad, unfortunate affair.

The bells were to go to Loughhorough for restoration. Burton had been emplayed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the past 20 years, and this is the first fatal accident in the history of the firm.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION PROPOSED RING OF TEN FOR DARTFORD

A quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Dartford on Saturday, February 9th, when about 50 ringers attended. The bells were available from 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise during the afternoon and evening.

The Association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Savill), who gave a very interesting and helpful address. One of the ringers, Mr. W. E. Pitman (Canterbury), presided at the organ. The members adjourned to the Church Rooms, and an excellent

tea. kindly supplied by the Rev. Canon Savill, was partaken of by about 40 members. Several ladies of the parish kindly superintended this function, at which the Vicar presided. After tea five members rang a course of Bob Royal on handbells.

The business meeting was then held, the Vicar presiding, supported by the district representatives (Messre. W. J. Jeffries and I. Emery), and the district secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge).—Six new members were elected, and Beckenham was chosen as the place for the next

Mention of the serious illness of the wife of an old ringer (Mr. J. Law), of Lewisham, aroused expression of sympathy from the meeting, and on the proposition of the District Secretary, a collection was made, which resulted in the sum of £1 17s, being placed at the dis-

posal of Mr. Law in his trouble.

Some discussion took place on the prospects of augmenting the ring of eight bolls to one of ten, the intention to try to accomplish this being announced by the secretary of the local hand (Mr. J. Wheedon).

The District Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, presiding at the meeting, and for his generosity in providing the tea; to the ladies who helped; and to the organist.—The Vicar suitably responded, and this concluded the meeting, the members returning to the tower for further ringing.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

A successful meeting of Tyneside District was held at Whitley Bay on February 2nd, members attending from Darlington. Gosforth. Gateshead and Newcastle. After tea, served in the Parish Hall, the Vice-President (Mr. J. E. R. Keene) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the hall, and voiced the regret of himself and fellow-ringers at the departure of the Vicar from the parish, which takes place at the end of the month.

The motion having been carried with acclamation, the Vicar (the

Rev. F. L. Cattel, B.D.) said no thanks were due to him, but rather to the ringers themselves who had conferred an honour on the parish by coming to ring the bells. He touched on the good feeling existing between himself and the local ringers, and expressed the hope that

he would hear a peal some Saturday afternoon before he left.

To over, the ringers returned to the tower, when touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob. Cambridge and London Surprise Major were brought round. Altogether nearly 4,600 changes were rung.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD'S BELLS.

DEDICATION OF A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RING.

A ring of five bells in the beautiful old Church of St. James, in the little Northamptonshire village of Grafton Underwood, were dedicated on Feb. 5th by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Norman Lang). The robed clurgy in attendance were the Rector (the Rev. C. E. Hopkins), the Rev. A. H. D. McCheane (Minor Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral), who intoned the service, the Rev. R. C. Thursfield (President of the Kettering branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), and the Rev. F. H. Glaister. Immediately following the dedication a well-struck 120 of Graudsire Doubles was rung by M. Hobbs 1, G. Black 2, R. G. Black 5, C. W. Bird 4, C. Moore 5.

The Bishop preached an eloquent and very instructive sermon, relating to the history and uses of bells in the church from the earliest

Mention was made of a bell at Cold Ashby, Northampton-

shire, bearing the date 1317.

After service more ringing was heard, and for the evening service 360 Grandsire and 240 Bob Doubles, and 120 of Stedman Doubles by F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Guild) 1, M. Hobbs 2, C. W. Bird 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, R. G. Black 5.

The Rev. R. C. Thursfield preached an excellent sermon, and in conclusion brought to the notice of the Rector and ringers of Grafton Underwood the good that might be done if they would associate themselves to the Kettering branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who would do all they could to encourage and assist the local band to become efficient in change ringing.

The bells were an old peal of four, cast by Bagley in 1682, of which

the tenor and treble have been recast, and the second and third quarter turned. A new treble has been added, and a frame provided for a sixth bell to be added at some future date. The whole peal has been

relung in an iron frame.

The weight of bells is: Treble 3 cwt.; 2nd 3 cwt. 3 qr.; 3rd, 4 cwt.; 4th, 4 cwt. 3 qr.; tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. They are a bright musical peal. and run on ball bearings. The work was very satisfactorily carried

out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The total estimated cost is £325, and the people of Grafton Underwood are to be congratulated on the fact that practically the whole of the money has already been raised in the village. It shows the on-

thusiasm they have put into the work.

It is to be hoped that the ringers will show the same amount of enthusiasm so that very soon they will have a band who will be able to ring regularly for services and for practice.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A very successful and enjoyable general meeting was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday. The bells were kept going in various methods up to six o'clock, after which followed a sumptuous tea provided by the Vicar.

The meeting was held in the Church Room, the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) presiding. The balance sheet showed the very satisfactory

balance of £26 17s., an increase of £4 12s. 6d. over 1922

During the year sixteen peals were rung, and 13 new members

During the year sixteen pears were ring, and 15 new members joined the society.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, J. D. Matthews; hon. secretary, J. W. Cornford; treasurer, B. Foskett; senior steward, C. Matthews; junior steward, T. Bevan; trustees, A. Hardy and F. Smith; Central Council representatives, Messrs. J. D. Matthews, J. Parker, F. Smith and J. W. Cornford.

The meeting closed with a hearty rote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality.

THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,-In view of the forthcoming Empire Exhibition at Wemb-Dear Sir,—In view of the forthcoming empire exhibition at the ley, it is to be hoped that our bell founders will not be behindhand in exhibiting specimens of their art; if not by a complete ring, perhaps by a single bell, if only in miniature. There will be present many thousands of visitors from countries where bell ringing, as we know it, has never been heard of, and an exhibit would interest our Coloniel friends in English bell ringing, which might in time bear fruit by increasing rings of bells in the Colonies. It is to be hoped that the various London Societies will draw up a list of practice nights at the principal towers in and around the city, so that visiting ringers from the provinces may avail themselves of what may be to many, a once in a lifetime chance, a pull in our great capital.-Yours faithfully, E. JENKINS.

DEATH OF A NEWHEY RINGER.

In memory of Mr. Tom Smith, a ringer at St. Thomas's Church, Newbey, Lancashire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled for evening service on Sunday, Feb. 3rd L. Fielding 1, R. Thompson 2, J. Wood 3, J. Fitton (first quarter-peal) 4, J. Meadowcroft (conductor) 5, A. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 6, C. A. Smith 7, S. S. Fitton 8. Mr. Tom Smith died on January 29th, and was buried at St. James's Church, Milnrow, on Saturday, February 2nd.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD:

'o the Editor.

Sir,-Many members of the East Berks and South Bucks branch are asking what is happoning to this once lively and energetic section of the Guild? For the last twelve months it seems to have gone to sleep or died. One doesn't seem to be able to get into touch with the secretary by letter. The committee has usually met before Christmas; up till now no meeting. Many towers were passive resisters in 1922; many others will follow suit if something is not done at once. Yours faithfully,

A SUPPORTER OF THE GUILD.

LONG ASHTON RINGER'S DEATH

The death has occurred of Mr. Harry Bridle, of Yanleigh Lane, Long Ashton, Bristol. The deceased had resided in Long Ashton for many years, and the knowledge that he had passed away, after a short illness, was a shock to many who knew him. He interested bimself in the village life, being a member of the Village Club Committee, and was at one time on the committee of the Horticultural For nine years he had been a sidesman at the church, while

Society. For nine years he had been a sidesman at the church, while for 30 years he had been a ringer.

There was a large attendence at the funeral, at which the Vicar officiated, and the choir attended. Wreaths were sent by the Vicar and churchwardens, the ringers, village club, and cricket club.

The deceased had rung six peals for the Bath and Wells, and two or three for the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

After the funeral, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, the following taking part: Mrs. E. Wilkins, the Rev. R. H. Whitford, Messrs. Abraham, Cave, Green, Leaker (Bristol), King (Bath), in addition to the local men, six of whom also acted as bearers.

SUCCESS AT CONSETT.

Messrs. A. M. Hall, A. S. Hillier, and W. H. Barlier, again visited Consett on February 9th, and came away fully pleased with the progress made by the ringers at Consett Church. There was no mistaking the determination of the local men, who had been making every effort to master the method of Grandsire Triples since the previous visit of the Newcastle Guild.

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The peal rung on the 9th February at the second attempt, was accomplished, with few blemishes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. The help of Mr. Fred Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, was much appreciated. Although this was his first peal in the method, he is an experienced change ringer in other methods.

We are glad to hear of the praiseworthy efforts being made by the We are glad to hear of the praiseworthy efforts being made by the Rev. A. W. Lister, vice-president of the Western District, who is arranging a peal at St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill, shortly. He is rallying round him a very willing band of ringers, and, not being afraid to do his bit, we trust his efforts will meet with every success.

The indefatigable Mr. W. W. Sinclair, Ringing Master of St. Aidan's, Blackhill, whose opinions on ringing peals are greatly appreciated, was a listener at the Consett peal, and the company were glad to get his recent approach of their offsetts.

Prior to the peal, the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. D. Fedden) gladly welcomed the band, and thanked the Newcastle Guild for their kindness in making the second journey to help his ringers to become masters in the art of change ringing.

The local band very kindly entertained the party to a good tea, which was greatly relished. Eventually the company broke up at 8.30, after a most enjoyable and successful day's outing.

MR. J. HOLMAN'S 200 PEALS.

Bob Major 7, Maximus 1; Grandsire Triples (including one on handbells) 13, Major I, Caters 3; Forward Major 1; Kent Treble Bub Minor 1, Major 26, Roval 11, Maximus 6; Oxford Treble Bub Major 1, Royal 2; Stedman Triples 16, Caters 21, Cinques 18; Double Norwich C.B. Major 14. Caters 2: Rutland Surprise Major 1: Norfolk Surprise Major 5: Yorkshire Surprise Major 5. Roval 1: New Cambridge Surprise Major 3: Cambridge Surprise Major 2. Roval 1: Superlative Surprise Major 21: Bristol Surprise Major 3: London Surprise Major 14: total 200. Rung in 21 counties in England, Scotland and Wales, and in 66 different towers.

MR. A. C. WRIGHT'S 100 PEALS.

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Grandsire Doubles, rung 1 (conducted 1); Bob Minor, 1, —; Grandsire Triples, 7 (3); *St. Clement's Triples, 1 (1); Oxford Bob Triples, 2 (2); *St. Simon's Triples, 1 (1); Stedman Triples, 8, —; *Double Grandsire Triples, 1 (1); Bob Major, 9 (7); *Little Bob Major, 2 (2); Kent Treble Bob Major, 5 (2); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1, —; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 12 (5); Duffield Major, 1, —; Superlative Surprise Major, 19 (8); Norfolk Surprise Major, 2 (1); Cambridge Surprise Major, 5 —; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 2 (1); Cambridge Surprise Major, 4 —; Stedman Caters, 1, —; *Little Bob Royal, 1, —; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1, —; *Yorkshire Surprise Royal, 1, —; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 8, —; total, 100 (conducted 35). * First by all the band, and for the Association.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Dursley on Saturday, January 26th. The attendance was not up to the average, owing no doubt to the very inclement weather. It was not possible to use Dursley bells, owing to a case of illness close to the church, but the bells of Upper Cam were at the disposal of the members.

Mr. Albert Burcombe (chairman) presided at the business meeting. The report, presented by Mr. W. A. Lewis (hon. secretary), showed that during the year eleven meetings had been held, with an average attendance of lifteen. Five new members had been elected. In dealing with the balance sheet, the Secretary stated that many members had not paid their subscriptions. Had all subscriptions been paid, the financial position would have compared favourably with last year. At present they had a balance of £3 7s. 6d.

Mr. Burcombe was re-elected chairman.—In returning thanks, he

said he would continue to do his best for the branch. He urged members to attend the meetings, the main object of which was to encourage change ringing in local towers. It was very disappointing when meetings were held at various towers to find local ringers con-

spicuous by their absence.

Mr. W. Dyer was elected vice-chairman, and Mr. H. W. Fussell as

representative on the Management Committee,

The Hon. Secretary asked to be relieved of the secretarial duties. He had not, he pointed out, lost interest in the work, but he thought a change would be beneficial all round. As no volunteer for the vacancy was forthcoming, it was decided that Mr. Lewis should continue until the next meeting, at which it was hoped there would be a larger attendance. Two new members were elected from Wotton-under-Edge, viz.,

Messrs. L. Hopkins and R. Bond.

It was agreed that the next two meetings should be held at Stone

(February) and Coaley (March).

Hearty thanks were extended to the Rector (the Rev. Dr. C. C. Mills) for his kindness in providing (ea, the members expressing sympathy with him in his indisposition.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Western District of the Hertford County Association was held at King's Langley on Feb. 12th, ringers attending from Hemel Hempstead, Berkhampstead, Tring, ringers attending from Hemel Hempstead, Berkhampstead, Tring, Bushey, Pinner, Ealing, Watford, Oxhey, St. Albans, and the local tower. The bells were utilised afternoon and evening for Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative, several of the local band ringing their first course and touch of Stedman. Service was held at 4.45 p.m., when a very appropriate address was given by the Vicar, who took the text, 'Let your light so shine before men,' etc., and transposed it into 'Let your bells so sound before men,' etc., and transposed it into 'Let your bells so sound before men,' etc.

Tea followed in the Church Room, kindly provided by the Vicar and the local ringers. With unanimous approval, the Vicar was asked to preside at the business meeting which followed, and at which four new members were elected, one cach from Hemel Hemp-

stead, Watford, King's Langley and S. Ealing.

Northchurch was chosen for the next place of meeting, on April 12th, but an extra meeting was fixed for Great Gaddesdon (a 5-bell

tower) on March 15th.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donors of the tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells, to which the Vicar suitably responded. The ladies also received grateful thanks for their attendance on the 'mere men' at tea.

After courses of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Bob

Major on the handbells, the company adjourned to the tower for

further ringing.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS OF CHANGE RINGING. To the Editor.

Sir, — For the benefit of Mr. J. M. Poyntz, of Hotel Royal. Bangkok, Siam, I should like to say that we here at Anston had three leads of changes on tower hells recorded, also the falling of the bells over 20 years ago. I cannot state at the moment if the records are still in existence, as it is years since I heard them.— Yours truly, HY. STENTON.

South Anston, Sheffield.

MR. WILLIAM E BASON'S 100 PEALS.

Minor in 1 method, rung 9 (conducted 5); in 2 methods, 2 (2); in 3 methods, 1 (1); in 7 methods, 1. Triples: Plain Bob, 1 (1); Grandsire, 4 (4); Stedman, 3. Major: Plain Bob, 12 (8), on handbells, 3 (2); Little Bob, 1 (1); Double Oxford Bob, 1. Deuble Norwich, 22 (including 7,136); Oxford Treble Bob, 10 (2); Kent Treble Bob, 13 (1); Superlative Surprise, 3. Caters: Stedman (3). Royal: Plain Bob. 1, on handbells, 4 (3); Little Bob. on handbells, 1 (1); Oxford Treble Bob, 1: Kent. Treble Bob, 3 (1); Double Nerwich, 1: total, on tower bells, 92, conducted 26; on handbells, 8, conducted 6. Rung in 30 towers in Norfolk and Suffolk.

5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

A TWO-PART PEAL BY HENRY W. WILDE.

This is believed to be the first 5,040 in the method, in two equal parts, having the tenors together throughout.

First rung at Duffield on December 1st, 1923. Conducted by H.

DOUBLES.

To the Editor-

Dear Sir,-In answer to 'Doubles Ringer's' letter which appeared in the issue of December 28th last, five more six-scores of Caters can be obtained by making the Single thus :-

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	Bob 42135
14523	41253
15432	14235
51423	12453
15243	21543
51234	25134
15324	52314
Single 51342	53241
53142	Bob 35421
	34512
35412	43521
53421	45312
54312	Five times repeated, a single
45321	being called at the half-way
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which you give. Rose Cottage,	hunting throughout.
	TOTAL A MANAGEMEN

Milton, Northampton.

JOHN A. TOWNSEND.

DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD AT MELTON.

An interesting event took place at Melton Mowbray on a recent Saturday. Two years ago a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung on the bells to commemorate a royal visit to Melton in connection with the opening of the War Memorial Hospital. A board giving full details of the event has been placed in the belfry by the generosity of Mrs. Blakeney, wife of the Rector. In the absence of the Rector, through illness, the dedicatory prayers were said by the curate, who afterwards, at the request of Mrs. Blakeney, unveiled The latter is a magnificent piece of work, and is quite worthy of the place it occupies in Leicestershire's finest church. behalf of the ringers, Mr. R. H. Bartram heartily thanked the donor for her beautiful gift: Mr. F. H. Dexter seconding. A peal of Stedinau Caters then followed, a special feature of which was the reappearance of Mr. J. Oldham as a peal ringer after twelve months'

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRAMLEY, SURREY. — On Saturday, January 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C.-Q.-M.-S. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor), 1. Miss Nora Shorter (first 720 in the method) 2, Miss Bortha Mills 3, Miss Addie Fisher 4, Miss Kathleen Avenell 5, Miss Hilda F. Mills 6. Also 480 of Plain Bob and 240 of Canterbury Pleasure by same band.

EASTBOURNE. — On Thursday, January 31st, at St. Saviour's Church, for the dedication festival, 1,498 Double Norwich Major by members of St. Saviour's Guild: W. D. Smith 1, A. K. Gower 2, G. H. Howse 3. A. C. Pankhurst 4, J. Sharp 5, G. W. Stokes 6, B. Hobbs 7, E. Gower (conductor) 8.

BISHOP'S HULL, TAUNTON. — On Monday, Dec. 31st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes), 10 different callings: R. Greed 1. H. Pocock 2. W. Underhill 3, E. Elson 4, P. Merson (conductor) 5, F. Cavill 6. Longest length in the method by all except 5th and 6th.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WELLS. — On Sunday, Feb. 10th, in 45 mins., at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (composed by the late A. P. Wakley): W. E. Stiles 1, W. G. Mills 2, W. Farley (conductor) 3, F. Loxton 4, A. E. Mills 5, E. Lush 6, J. T. Dyke 7, H. G. Farley 8.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins.: F. Adams I, J. Wilfred Sharp (Towcester), conductor, 2, J. W. Haynes (Pattishall) 3, G. Howard 4, J. M. tiray (Green's Norton) 5. The ringer of the treble and fourth belong to the least hand, and great great great is due to G. Howard for the able to the local band, and great credit is due to G. Howard for the able manner in which he rang his bell, this being his first quarter and first

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, Feb. 10th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Bryon 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J.

Loyde 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX .- On Sunday evening, Feb. 10th, a quarterpeal of Grandsire Triples: E. Waller 1, R. Dale 2, S. Knight (Hoddesdon, Herts) 3, W. Short 4, P. H. Doick 5, J. Whitehead 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, E. Sturt 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Wilmot 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Rivers 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Crook (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints', on Sunday, Feb. 10th, eleven courses of Stedman Caters, for evening service: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Cutmor 3, L. Page 4, G. C. Iles 5, H. Folkard 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Dean 8, J. A. Trollope 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Cocks (Ruskinton, Sleaford, Lincolnshire), first quarter-peal, 1, W. Franks (conductor) 2, Lester Franks (longest length with a bob beil) 3, R. Curtis 4, W. Eldridge 5, P. Carter 6, J. Sinden 7, G. Prodger 8. Composed by H. Franks, London.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: W. G. Jackson 1, G. Fenn (conductor) 2, R. Fenn 3, E. Andrews 4, A. Neale 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, E. G. Cottes (first in the method) 7, A. C. Hardy 8.

DEPTEORD KENT—At the Clurch of St. John the Evengelish

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, February 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Dafters (first quarter inside) 2, J. Crowder 3, E. J. Pannett 4, H. James 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. J. Jefferies (conductor) 7, J. Dafters 8. This was also rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Pannett.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: P. W. Norton 1, H. Kilby 2, C. Ebberson 3, E. Laukester 4, B. Foskill 5, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 6, R. Kilby

7. G. M. Kilby 8.

EDGBASTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 38 mins.: A. Morgan 1, H. Withers 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott 4, R. Russell 5, H. Parkes 6. Each member of

the five working bells participated in calling this.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for Matins, 720 Double Court: W. Wise 1, A Booth 2, J. W. Sharp 3, G. Mansfield 4, A. Mansfield 5, J. M. Grav (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by 1st and 2nd, and first 720 in the method as conductor.

BATLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a date touch of 1,924 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins.: E. Watson I, H. Robinson 2, J. W. Dews 3, W. Idle 4, G. Scholey 5, W. F. Senior 6, T. North 7, S. Gibson (composer and conductor) 8.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS .- On Sunday, January 27th, on the occasion of the dedication of the tower screen, for morning and evening services, two 720's Plain Bob: E. Priestley 1, J. H. Clayton 2, R. Thompson 3, Miss V. Birkett 4, Miss E. Webster 5, J. Wallhead (conductor) 6. First attempt for a 720.

NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. -The Annual meeting will be held at Stockport St. George on Saturday, Feb. 23rd .- Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD .- Southern District .- A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.-Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 36th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 23rd. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30, and Bishop Ryder's (a new ring of 8 by Taylor) from 3 to 4.15.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

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.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road,

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-DON 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. —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.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION .- The next meeting of the Northern District will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Feb. 16th. The bells of St. Andrew's will be available at 3 p.m., when all ringers are cordially invited. Service in the Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea at the White Hart.-W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec, High Street, Braintree. HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.-Northern

District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at the White Lion, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. All are welcome. - F. R. Bacon,

Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

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.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. -The Secretary wishes to give notice that the quarterly meeting for Feb. 16th, at Saltburn, has been unavoidably postponed to Saturday, March 1st. Further particulars will be given later .- A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade. District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.— A meeting will be held at Upholland on Feb. 16th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.— J. Halsall.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 16th. The bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec.,

22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

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. Entertainment free.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells ready 7.30. Meeting 7. Subscriptions now due. Reports ready. — J. Hall, Branch Secretary, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Carhampton on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Dunster bells will be available.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec. LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for

February: St. Clement Danes, Monday, Feb. 18th, at 7.30 p.m.—1. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford

Street, Essex Road, N.I.

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 8t. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on Feb. 21st; and "St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Coekerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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. St. Bride's, Fleet Street, open for ringing from 4 to 5.15 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — F. Cotton, Local Hon.

Sec., Hinckley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Feb. 19th. All ringers and friends welcome. — Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Feb. 23rd. Bells ready during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church. Tea in Hunsdon House at 1s. per head. All members and friends will be made welcome. Kindly notify, if possible, intention of attending.—W.

H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A meeting will be held at Alvaston on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon.

Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before Feb. 20th. — Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Annual subscriptions now due.—L. Turner, 7, High Street,

Kempston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Notting-ham District. — The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at Old Basford. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. J. Hooton, 2, Bailey Street, Old Basford, Nottingham, by Thursday, Feb. 21st. — F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.— The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Feb. 23rd. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland

Gate, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood (5) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Service at 4.30, conducted by Rev. C. E. Hopkins (Rector). Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 19th.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. — G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place,

Christchurch.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the new year will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea will be provided at Station Hotel, 5 p.m., for all those who notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, not later than the 19th inst. Note: This is important.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Will all those requiring tea notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th?-T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NOR-WICH.-Aylsham and Norwich Districts.-A meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested .- Wm.

B. Duncan and G. H. Cross, Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. -- Bolton Branch. -The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIA-TION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, March 1st. Service at 4 p.m. prompt. Business meeting afterwards. bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous. -R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Western Division. -The annual meeting will be held at Denholme on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available for ringing after 2.30. Tenor 15 cwt. Tea will be provided in the School, at a charge of is. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. V. Bairstow, 9, Jane Street, Denholme, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. For further particulars see circular. — F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION .- The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Winlaton on Saturday, March 1st. Committee meeting at 4, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Crown and Cannon Hotel. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.— The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, March 1st. Evensong at All Saints' at 5 p.m. Tea, in the All Saints' Church House, at 5.30, at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Notification to be made to Mr. A. Walker, 7, Southfield Avenue, Pontefract, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. For further particulars see circular. - A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham

Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Northern Division. -A quarterly meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Mr. G. R. Kemball's, 15, Milton Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Mr. G. R. Peck, Eden Corner, Saltburn, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 27th? A business meeting will follow immediately after tea in the same

room.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec. KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting following. Will all members wishing to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th 3-S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

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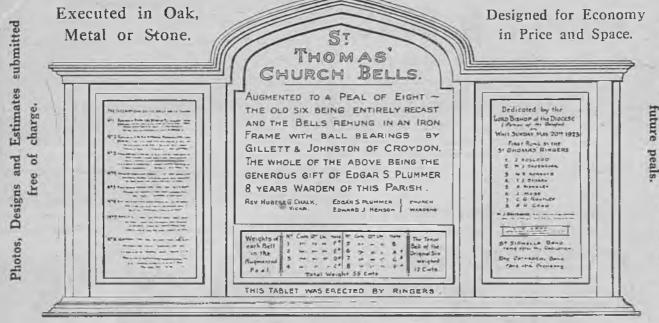
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