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THE NEW GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

It is not often in these days that a new diocesan ringers' organisation is formed, but no association ever started under brighter auspices than seem to be attending the initiation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, which will begin its career on January 1st next, but which, in all except the formalities, was established on Saturday. In area the new diocese is comparatively small, for it covers only part of Surrey and a fringe of Hampshire parishes, so that it lends itself geographically to homogeneous organisation. For this reason the new Guild will have a decided advantage over the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, whose territory covered all Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, as well as a big portion of Surrey. The Guildford Diocese is a compact whole, and what the new Guild will lack in number of towers ought to be made up in interest and activity, and will be, if last Saturday's meeting is any criterion. The outstanding feature, apart from the enthusiasm displayed, was the fact that 42 out of the 56 towers were actually represented at the meeting. Some of these towers had never before shown any interest in a ringing Guild, others had never been connected with the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The new spirit which is evincing itself in Church life as a result of the division of the Diocese is obviously manifesting itself in a similar way in regard to ringing.

This new spirit emphasises the point that, although the ringers in the Guildford Diocese are parting from their old colleagues of the Winchester Diocesan Guild on the most friendly terms, the Guildford Guild is in no sense merely a portion of the old Guild under another name. It is an entirely new organisation. The scheme was launched without any definite knowledge as to how the Winchester Guild would receive it, and even in the face of opposition of a considerable section of the members of the old Guild in the area. The facts that the whole of the towers and ringers in the Guildford Diocese which were formerly associated with Winchester are joining the new Guild and that the Winchester Guild has willingly ceded the territory are a tribute to the tact with which the Organising Committee have handled their task. That the Committee have done some excellent and effective propaganda work is proved by last Saturday's gathering, at which nearly two hundred ringers, clergy and churchwardens were present. A gathering equally large, if not larger, is expected when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese formerly inaugurates the Guild on the last day of this year.

No ringing society can have started with brighter prospects, but those who are responsible for its well-being are

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under no illusions as to the task which lies before them if the ambitions and aspirations of the founders are to be achieved. It is one thing to create enthusiasm and interest; it is another thing to retain them. There is work for all to do; but the new Guild has this in its favour: it is making a clean-cut start; it has the opportunity of profiting by the mistakes of other associations; and it can make experiments without first having to break down old traditions. If the policy which it is hoped to adopt is to mature there is spade work to do, and plenty of it, but with the good will of the church authorities and the active participation of the rank and file success ought to be assured. The Guildford Diocesan Guild will, we are sure, come into being with the good wishes of all the older associations.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... Treble	HARRY R. ROPER ... 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 2	ALFRED G. RIVERS ... 8
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... 11
*ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 6	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Cinques as conductor. Specially arranged for the ringers of 3rd, 8th and 9th, who hail from Cambridge.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 20, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE WHITE ... Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 8
ALBERT W. COLES ... 3	FRANK W. BOXELL ... 9
GEORGE F. HINTON ... 4	CECIL A. SMITH ... 10
GEORGE R. PYE ... 5	EDWARD R. COLES ... 11
JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6	RALPH COLES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5013 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*HAROLD SKETCHLEY ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 6
GEORGE S. SPARROW ... 2	ROBERT A. STRONG ... 7
ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... 3	LEONARD PITSTOW ... 8
ERNEST A. PITSTOW ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... 9
*ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... 5	WALTER PARISH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of Mr. F. Pitstow's 76th birthday.

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On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. ALPHAGE.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

BRO. ERNEST T. ALLAWAY, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134	... Treble
BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134	... 2
WOR. BRO. HARRY ARGYLE, Abbey Lodge, 432...	... 3
WOR. BRO. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON, Birchfield Lodge, 4549	... 4
WOR. BRO. JOHN S. PRICHETT, Alma Mater Lodge, 1644	... 5
Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire	... 6
BRO. GEORGE WALKER, Forward Lodge, 1180	... 7
BRO. ALBERT J. HUGHES, Caradoc Lodge, 1674	... 8
BRO. BERT HORTON, St. Peter's Lodge, 481	... 9
BRO. THOMAS H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134	... Tenor
BRO. JOHN W. CHANDLER, Rokeby Lodge, 4118	... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS

* First peal on ten bells. Conductor's first peal of Treble Bob Royal. This is the first peal of Royal rung entirely by members of the Masonic Craft. After the peal, the ringers were kindly entertained to supper by the Forest of Arden and Solihull Lodges, and members of these lodges joined them at supper and extended a most hearty welcome.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES J. GARDINER	... Treble	ROBERT W. HYNER	... 6
HERBERT W. BISHOP	... 2	SIDNEY HILLIER	... 7
ALBERT W. BOND	... 3	ERNEST BISHOP	... 8
SIDNEY J. WILTSHIRE	... 4	WALTER TREDEMAN	... 9
WILLIAM BOLWELL	... 5	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER	... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNER.

* First peal of Caters.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes
At the Cathedral.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;
Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN THORPE	... Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON	... 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY	... 2	WILLIAM BARTON	... 7
MRS. JAMES COTTERELL	... 3	FRANCIS BARKER	... 8
JOHN HOLMAN	... 4	SIDNEY F. PALMER	... 9
JAMES COTTERELL	... 5	THOMAS B. KENDALL	... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Salmons, Miss Kendall, and J. Cotterell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS	... Treble	JOHN H. ROTHERY	... 5
JOHN HUTCHINSON	... 2	WILLIAM H. COOK	... 6
WILLIAM NORMAN	... 3	GEORGE W. TENBEY	... 7
ALFRED EILBECK	... 4	JAMES G. WHITMAN	... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. COOK.

* First peal. † First peal for the above association, and elected a member previous to starting. First peal in the method by all. First peal as conductor, and rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells, which were fully muffled. All the above are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Wednesday, November 16th, in 13 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. P. Roe 1, J. G. Nash 2, W. J. Ellis 3, H. W. H. Strickland 4, C. A. Botton 5, H. Ellis 6, M. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.

TRURO, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 33 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.	
W. EWART MINORS ...	... <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ...	... 5
HORACE BENNETTS ...	... 2	FREDERICK G. VILES ...	... 6
PHILIP J. HITCHENS ...	... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	... 7
WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD ...	... 4	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ...	... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. GULVAL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.				Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.	
*ALFRED TRIGGS	Treble	WILLIAM H. SOUTHEARD...	5		
WILLIAM WOOD... ..	2	CHARLES R. LILLEY	6		
JOHN WOOD... ..	3	PHILIP J. HITCHINS	7		
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS... ..	4	*JACK CORRELL	Tenor		

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung on the eve of the Feast of St. Gulval. Those who took part in the above two peals wish to thank Mr. Lilley, of Plymouth, for spending the week-end at Truro, in order to conduct the same. A peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted at Ladook on Sunday, November 13th, but this had to be terminated after 2 hrs. 40 mins. ringing, with about 300 changes to go, owing to a memorial service which commenced at 3 o'clock, a false start having reduced the time available.

ESCRICK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. HELEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'.		Tenor 13 cwt. in F.
*CHARLES W. FOUNTAIN ...	Treble	ARTHUR WALKER ... 5
*HENRY A. IMESON ... 2		*SEDMAN H. STEEL ... 6
*ARTHUR H. HORNER... 3		HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
*JOHN K. DOUGLAS ... 4		EDWARD RICKITT ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method on the bells and first attempt.

WORKSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Priory Church of SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
*SYDNEY JORDON	Treble	JOHN T. BARTRAM	5
HARRY MORGAN... ..	2	ERNEST CLARKE	6
†HERBERT ROOKE	3	GEORGE HARDWICK	7
TOM CLARKE	4	EDWARD DALINGWATER ...	Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. DALINGWATER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes
At the Church of St. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER-WASHBROOK VARIATION.				Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.		
THOMAS ABBOTT	...	Treble		HARRY RICHARDSON	...	5
JOHN R. MAIN	...	2		GEORGE BASFORD	...	6
*GEORGE EITE	...	3		THOMAS R. HENSHER	...	7
JOHN KING	...	4		ARTHUR TOMPKINS	...	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.—On Tuesday, November 8th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Triples in 47 minutes: Jesse Beams 1, W. Massey 2, A. L. Brown 3, J. E. Beams 4, H. Barber 5, J. Beams (conductor) 6, C. E. Read 7, W. Poplett 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2nd and 5th.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. TURNER Treble	FREDERICK CRIPPS 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
JACK CRIPPS 3	KEITH HART 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	EDWARD C. MERRITT Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt, 1 qr. in E flat.

*STANLEY R. COCKELL Treble	ARTHUR J. WEST 5
WALTER S. BURBIDGE 2	HARRY MOCKRIDGE 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
ROBERT H. LEGGE 4	WILFRED G. WATERS Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band, and rung as a compliment to Mr. R. H. Legge on his completing 50 years' service as a ringer.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 17, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt, 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	JOHN W. FAITHFULL 5
*HARRY BADGER 2	WILLIAM T. TOCKER 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
CHARLES J. FRAY 4	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, BLOOMSBURY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM PYE 5
JOHN G. NASH 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of respect to the late William J. Kemp, for 18 years a member and 16 years assistant district honorary secretary to the above association.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR & GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.
5096 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

BERT LUCK Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 4	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This composition consists of 2,572 Bob Major and 2,524 Grandsire Triples, and is the first spliced peal of these two methods for the association. Birthday peal for Charles T. G. Sone, grandson of the ringer of the 2nd and son of the conductor.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On Wednesday, November 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Reed 1, A. L. Bennett 2, A. W. Hayward 3, D. F. Sheldon 4, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 5, G. S. Coles 6.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Six Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 10032 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RONALD G. BECK Treble	JESSE FRANCIS 5
WILLIAM LOUD 2	GILBERT H. HARDING 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung on the 86th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

ASH, NEAR CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

SAM E. TAYLOR Treble	FREDERICK R. WELLER 5
CHARLES W. BRETT 2	*FREDERICK FAIRBEARD 6
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 4	EDWIN G. BOESDEN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by EDWIN G. BOESDEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BEAMS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
MISS FRED A. ORR 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Miss P. E. Orr's 50th peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*LEONARD E. TOWERS Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	†JOHN THOMPSON 6
REV. R. P. FARROW 3	NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 7
†ALFRED BALLARD 4	†THOMAS W. BARWELL Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

A birthday compliment to E. Cutsforth. First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*FRANK CANTER Treble	*FRANK SIMMONDS 4
GEORGE ORCHARD 2	HARRY BARRETT 5
FRANK PONTING... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARRETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. SMITH Treble	H. SMITH 4
W. BLAND 2	R. SHIMMANS 5
W. WHITLOCK 3	J. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. SMITH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grandsire.

SAM MOORE Treble	RALPH HARRIS 4
WILLIAM BENNETT 2	EDWARD MOORE 5
CHARLES HOLFORD 3	FREDERICK ROLLS Tenor

Conducted by RALPH HARRIS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the fallen. First peal on the bells by the local band.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY WALLACE Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 4
SIDNEY CARTER 2	GEORGE H. CARTER 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

IXWORTH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

H. LOTT Treble	A. LANDYMORE 4
H. KING 2	W. DURRANT 5
J. STIFF... .. 3	H. W. FOULGER Tenor

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 240's of Pitman's, 8 of Morris', and 1 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY MALE Treble	*GEORGE J. PRICE 4
ALFRED GOODING 2	*JAMES RANDLE 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	†WILLIAM H. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With different callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES H. BRIGGS Treble	JOSEPH TAYLOR 4
CECIL E. CARR 2	*HENRY BIRD 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 3	GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by G. A. NEWTON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung half-muffled to commemorate the 9th anniversary of the Armistice of the Great War. First peal of Minor on the bells, the treble having been added a few weeks ago by J. Taylor and Co. It was the gift of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Poulter, to his church.

EAST CROMPTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6060 CHANGES;

Being 300 of Plain Bob, and 720 each of Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*C. THORPE Treble	*J. R. BUCKLEY 4
S. HEYWOOD 2	C. HOWARTH 5
*R. H. BYROM 3	J. BUTTERWORTH Tenor

Conducted by J. BUTTERWORTH.

* First peal. First peal in nine methods by all the band, and longest length. Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the opening of the bells, which took place in November, 1867. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at the above church. J. R. Buckley was proposed a member of the Lancashire Association.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 14, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LEONARD FERRAR Treble	ARTHUR HARMER... .. 4
THOMAS PRICE 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
EDWARD PREEDY 3	ALBERT ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

Arranged for the ringer of the treble, who hails from Ashbourne, Derbyshire, and who was made a life member of the association.

ALDERTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Grandsire, and two each of Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

PETER BANKS Treble	EDWARD COLE 4
ALFRED G. PULLEY 2	WALTER YEEND 5
FREDERICK G. NURDEN 3	GEORGE BANNER Tenor

Conducted by F. G. NURDEN.

First peal by ringers of treble and tenor, who belong to the local band. First peal in four methods for all.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CYRIL M. MITCHELL Treble	GEORGE MORRAD... .. 4
HARRY ARGENT 2	FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 5
JOHN BURLES 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th (aged 60), it being 40 years ago that he started ringing at the above church. All the band are from Milton-next-Gravesend. Quickest peal on the bells.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 18, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS SNELL Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	REGINALD F. BECK 5
HERBERT W. PEARCE 3	RONALD G. BECK Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANK CAVILL Treble	JAMES HUNT 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	HARRY POCOCK 5
WILLIAM UNDERHILL 3	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY POCOCK.

First peal as conductor.

KILLMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Killamarsh, Treble Bob, Annable's London, Norwich, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED PARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
*ALFRED PARR 2	W. H. TURTON 5
HARRY GREAVES 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

* First peal. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising Pitman's and Morris' arrangement and spliced and ordinary six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... Treble	*PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... 4
FRANK R. BOULSTRIDGE ... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
RONALD H. DOVE 3	†WILLIAM CURSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. COTTON.

* First inside. † First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

ALCONBURY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 11 lb.

GEORGE PRATT Treble	ERNEST H. MASTIN ... 4
KENNETH SEWARD 2	JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... 5
JOHN SMART 3	*JACK POTTLE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. NEWINGTON.

* First peal, and elected member of the association. First peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the tenor ringer, who is the local captain, for standing in at short notice after meeting short for Minor, and the Vicar for his hospitality after the peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor.

METHOD EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The confusion which at present exists is due to the fact that different people have different theories about what an extension ought to be, and when they use the word extension they attach to it some meaning which is not contained in the word itself, and expect everybody to accept what is really only their arbitrary selection of one system of extending methods to the exclusion of all other possible extensions.

The first thing to do is to lay aside all their theories and study the facts, and this is exactly the thing which most people who have looked into the matter have failed to do.

How have methods been extended in the past? That is the important question, and when that is answered, and not till then, will the majority of ringers be able to approach the question intelligently.

I propose to answer that question, and I begin with the 'Campanologia' by J. D. C. M. On page 22 we get the four and twenty doubles and singles which we call Bob Minimus. On page 24 we read, 'This peal on five bells is thirty . . .,' and then we are given what we call a plain course of Grandsire Doubles.

Now, this is obtained by adding an extra bell in the hunt to Bob Minimus. Shipway adopted this system of extension in his 'Campanologia,' and, speaking of Oxford Bob on page 49, 'On four and five bells it is the same as the Bob and Grandsire systems, and requires on odd numbers—the same as Grandsire ringing—a bell in the hunt along with the treble.' He gives us, page 50, Oxford Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques; on page 52, Reverse Triples, Caters and Cinques; on page 53 Double Triples and Caters. He treats Court Bob in the same way on pages 58, 59 and 60, London Court Bob on pages 63, 64, and 65, and Norwich Court Bob on pages 68, 70 and 71.

In each of these cases he gets Triples from Minor, Caters from Major, and Cinques from Royal by adding a bell in the hunt along with the treble in exactly the same way as J. D. C. M. showed us that Grandsire Doubles was obtained from Bob Minimus.

I conclude that the first system of extension we have found is to add a bell in the hunt along with the treble.

H. LAW JAMES.

INSUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE FOR FINAL DECISION.

Dear Sir,—Most ringers, I think, will agree with your leading article of this week. The question of the extension of methods is, at the moment, the most important of the outstanding problems of theoretic ringing, and it is most desirable that the Exercise should know all there is to be known about it. But there are one or two things I should like to point out. The matter is not nearly so easy as it looks. You could, no doubt, find without difficulty a number of men who could weigh the available evidence in the Superlative controversy and give a judgment approximately correct. But it is doubtful if any such judgment would do any good. It might even do harm. For what we want to do is not so much to settle these things by authority as to induce ringers to take an interest, so far as they are able, in these more abstruse branches of our science. We don't want to say to young intelligent ringers, 'It is no use your bothering yourself about Shipway's Superlative Royal; it has already been decided by authority that it is not Superlative at all.' We want them to understand exactly what idea a great master like Shipway had in his mind when he produced his Royal, and how it is really related to the Major. My experience is that the more you know about these things the less willing you will be to give dogmatic opinion as to whether Shipway was right or wrong. But, as you say, this is only part of the wider question of the general laws of extension of methods.

Now, I am quite sure that at present there is not sufficient knowledge of that question in the Exercise for any final decision to be given. If, as you suggest, a number of competent persons were to consider the matter and publish their opinions, it would be all to the good. But such opinions could not be final, nor could or should they be binding on anybody. Finality can only come when the whole question is thoroughly understood. Then it will settle itself without any final pronouncement. You point to the fact that 'we have settled rules for building methods.' Yes; but that question was not settled by the adoption of the method report by the Central Council. It was settled, so far as it has really been settled, by the spread of the knowledge and recognition of the mathematical laws on which methods are based. It was the controversies and the discussions which centred round the report and which grew out of the report which really did good. If the report had merely been issued by authority, I am quite sure it would have had no effect whatever. In the same way the present divergence of opinion about extension is not an evil. It is a sign of the interest that is being taken in the matter, and a necessary step in the process of arriving at the truth. Of course, when a man takes up the position that he alone has the truth and refuses to consider any other views, he is hopeless. No doubt there are such men, and there are certainly many others who are quite honestly trying to find the truth, but whose mental equipment is not suited for the investigation of such problems as this. That cannot be helped. It will right itself in time.

Finally, let me point out briefly what the problem really is. It is this: Ringing is based on an exact mathematical science. It is controlled by exact mathematical laws. It is these laws which settle what is and what is not an extension, and if you want to understand what

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SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On November 14th, at the Church of St. Denys, 742 Grandsire Triples: Flt. Sgt. F. A. Holden (conductor) 1. C. Virden 2. A. Blackburn 3. H. S. Hinkins 4. H. Mussen 5. D. Haystaff 6. J. Watton 7. R. Waddingham 8. Longest touch inside by the ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th.

THE CHARM OF SANDAL.**HAPPY RELATIONS UNBROKEN FOR 100 YEARS.**

A meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Sandal on Saturday, November 12th, when members were present from Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Wath, Crofton, Felkirk, Shelley, Armley and Barnsley. The bells were ringing early in the afternoon. About thirty sat down to tea in the Church Room, and, needless to say, brightness reigned over this happy gathering.

The Vicar (Rev. A. A. Parry) presided, and, before the business meeting which followed tea, gave a hearty welcome to the association to his tower, and, further, in praise of his own ringers, declared that they by their 'service before self' had gained his profound respect.

The Vicar then took the chair for the business meeting. As the year is drawing to its close, new members were not elected, and the usual routine was mostly deferred to the annual meeting in January. Horbury was selected for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, December 10th.

In a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, to the churchwardens for use of the bells, to the ladies for tea, and to the ringers for other arrangements made, Mr. R. Thickills (Horbury) declared that Sandal had given a warm welcome to ringers that extended far away into the past.—Mr. L. Wilkinson (Hoylandswaine) said that there was such a charm in the bells, the prettiness of the place and the goodness of its people, that was irresistible to-day.—The Vicar, in replying, stated that the people were enamoured of the bells. The ringers and the Church had always been united in harmony.

Mr. W. Reynier, a local ringer with over 50 years' ringing attachment to the tower and over 70 years with the Church, said it was just over one hundred years since the bells were placed in the tower, and never had there been a break in the happy relations between Sandal ringers and its clergy.—The vote was carried with acclamation. Further ringing followed to complete the meeting.

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extension is you must understand these laws. Obviously it is not a thing that anybody can settle, nor anyone who has not given it much time and study. It might, perhaps, be possible to draw up a set of rule of thumb directions which the ordinary ringer could understand, though he did not understand the reasons for them. But I doubt if even that is possible. It would be possible for simply constructed methods, where such directions are not needed. It would almost certainly fail where it was most needed. However, no harm would be done if someone tried it.—Yours sincerely,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE LATE MR. W. WOODING STARMER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There has recently appeared in your 'Belfry Gossip' the statement that Mr. W. W. Starmar was the chief witness for the recasting of the Coventry bells, whilst in another column the services of the deceased were referred to in eulogistic terms as regards the Ringing Exercise. The report was that of the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and the speaker was a distinguished prelate. There has also appeared a long obituary notice in the 'Times' newspaper.

I observe that these statements partly conflict, and that they are partly erroneous. I would therefore ask you to allow me either to modify or restrict them, as may be deemed fair.

Mr. Starmar, who was a member of the Royal College of Music, was an organist and composer of some note; and, as a carillonneur and examiner at Mechlin, he was an authority upon carillons. As the latter generally exemplify 'Simpson' tuning, he was naturally a follower of the late Canon of that name. As far as we ringers are concerned, there he stops, for though, as a boy, he appears to have learnt to handle a bell, he had but an indifferent love for ringing as we know it. For instance, it will be remembered that at Coventry, when asked if he had ever rung a peal, he replied, 'No, and added the significant remark, 'I am glad to say.'

Mr. Starmar enjoyed what is called 'a good Press.' He was frequently referred to as doctor and professor, and it is remarkable that in the obituary notice which appeared in the 'Times' he is stated to have been Professor of Campanology at Birmingham University, when no such chair exists. Those who, like myself, attended the Coventry bells' hearing will remember the great play that was made with 'Dr. this and Professor the other,' little knowing at the time the actual facts. From a recent letter in the 'Times,' I see that there never has been a professorship of campanology at Birmingham, and it is fair to assume that the other title is equally apocryphal.

If Mr. Starmar's efforts helped to introduce the carillon into England or America, we are both interested and gratified. Beyond this, however, I cannot see that we have much cause to congratulate ourselves upon the deceased gentleman's connection with the Ringing Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

HASTINGS.—At St. Clement's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Parkin 1, A. Easton 2, S. Driver 3, C. Payne (first quarter) 4, T. Baker 5, G. Martin (first quarter) 6, J. Downing (conductor) 7, G. Piper 8. First quarter in the method on the bells. Rung with 4-6-8 covering.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Some gay young sparks from Wilts and Somerset spent 6 hours and 20 minutes ringing Bob Major at Bradford-on-Avon last Saturday, at the end of which time they brought round a peal, 10,032 changes in length.

We mentioned in this column last week how, quite early in the history of peal ringing, long lengths were rung, and on November 27th, 1729, a peal of 6,204 Grandsire Cinques was achieved at St. Michael's, Cornhill, by the London Scholars.

William Doubleday Crofts, solicitor, of Nottingham, one of the ablest ringers and conductors of his day, died on November 29th, 1809, and was buried at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on December 2nd, when 'a mourning peal' of 1,494 Grandsire Caters was rung.

Two well-known Lancashire ringers—Messrs. Titus Barlow and T. B. Worsley—last Saturday rang their 150th peal together.

The conductor of the peal of Oxford Bob Major at Tring withdraws the claim to this being the first peal in the method. In addition to the peal mentioned last week as having been rung at Pulford on October 20th, 1909, a peal in the same method was rung by the Kent County Association at Sittingbourne on May 7th, 1909.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester Cathedral (the report of which was published in our issue of November 4th) was C. Ferguson Howitt.

It must be almost a record to be a member of one band for over 70 years. This was the long space of time during which Mr. H. Porter, who has recently passed away, was associated with the tower at Easton-in-Gordano, Somerset. He was made a member at the age of 13 years, having been taught to ring some time previous to this by his father.

'GREAT PETER' OF YORK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the excellent report of the dedication in your issue of the 4th instant, I read that Great Peter's note is 'now said to be the deepest note of any church bell in Christendom.'

I should like to point out that this statement requires some qualification. It is certainly the deepest note of any bell in the British Isles and Belgium—an E flat of a lower pitch than the only other bell of that note in those countries, 'Great Paul' of London. But there are several larger bells in Russia, and one or two in French churches.

It is probable that the recast peal of 12 (to which a half-tone has been added) may be the deepest-toned ringing peal anywhere, for its B flat tenor is of a lower pitch than those of St. Paul's, and, I think, of Exeter.

I alluded at York to the critical condition of the late Mr. W. W. Starmer. He is a great loss to campanology. 'Oh! how he loved his bells!' his widow wrote to me a few days ago; and she added that she and her children placed on his coffin a large bell of flowers.—Yours faithfully,

H. E. NOLLOTH.

Oxford,

November 14th, 1927.

'CLAPPERLESS' PEAL TO COUNT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is with interest that I write you regarding the recent peal of Treble Bob Royal rung at Canterbury Cathedral, which has raised some doubt owing to the clapper of the 8th falling out near the end of the peal.

At the committee meeting of the Kent County Association held at Tonbridge on November 12th last, it was decided, without opposition, to record the same as a peal.

It would appear now that we may publish any peal that meets with the same calamity, but I really think the committee should not contravene the existing rule of the Central Council.

T. E. SONE.

Warrington Bungalow,
Paddock Wood.

AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS' SILENCE.

The bells at the ancient church of Stowey, Somerset, a nice ring of five, cast in 1730 by Bilbie, of Chew Stoke, have been lying idle for twenty-six years, it being thought the frame was unsafe. At the request of the new parish warden, Mr. W. T. Young, an inspection was made by two ringers from local towers, with a view to ringing for the harvest festival. It was found that with a few minor repairs everything would at least be safe for a trial 'spin.' This proving successful, the parishioners were once again rung to church by ringers from Chewton Mendip, Clutton, and Stanton Drew. Permission was given for a peal attempt to be made, and this was successful, as recorded elsewhere. A very promising young band has now been formed, and they are being taught by ringers from Clutton and Stanton Drew.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the fifteenth of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

We now trace the courses, as they are introduced by the calls, throughout the peal, placing under its respective heading that portion of the course which is rung. Below is given an example of six courses, tabulated as shown above. The dash in a calling position denotes the omission of a call there, and necessitates the continuance of the previous course-head, in the column that applies to the position of the omitted call. The first course, pricked out in full by the lead-heads, is given merely to emphasise those portions of the courses which are rung.

Composition.	Positions of	H-M	M-W	W-H
M W H	Leads rung ...	(1, 2, 3).	(4).	(5, 6, 7).
M — H		23456	43652	43652
— W H		64352	64352	56342
M W —		35642	65243	46253
M W H		46253	26354	52364
— W —		35264	35264	63254
M — —		63254	23456	23456

LEAD-HEADS.

Nos. of leads rung
from course headed:

	2345678		
	5738264	...	1, 2, 3 from 23456
	8674523		
'M' —	6423857	...	4 from 43652
	3547682		
	7852364	...	5, 6, 7 also
	2684735		from 43652
'H' —	6435278	...	1, 2, 3, etc.
	etc.		from 64352

The peal starts from 23456 course-head, which, transposed by 'M' (43652), gives 43652 for the M-W column; omit call at 'W,' still 43652 for the W-H. Transpose 43652 by 'H' formula (42356) gives 64352 for the H-M; omit call at 'M,' still 64352 for the M-W. Transpose 64352 by the 'W' formula (52436), gives 56342 for the W-H. Transpose 56342 by the 'H' formula, gives 35642 for the H-M, etc.

We now have, in tabulated form, all of the course-heads introduced into the peal, showing which leads of the courses will be rung, and before we apply our false course-heads, we must see that none of the proper course-heads repeats itself in the SAME COLUMN. Notice that 23456 appears in each of the three columns; leads Nos. 1, 2 and 3 from 23456 are rung in the first course, and leads Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 from 23456 are rung in the last course. The 23456 under the line in the H-M column is, of course, the beginning of the peal over again. The introduction of a bob at the last 'H' would alter this to 42356, and we could then repeat the whole twice, making eighteen courses of it; but apart from this particular 23456 no course-head appears twice in the same column, and therefore each portion is true TO ITSELF.

Reference to our table of false course-heads will show that we have none for leads Nos. 1, 4 and 7, two for lead No. 2, one each for Nos. 3 and 5, and two for lead No. 6. Therefore, for the H-M column we must apply those false heads which refer to leads Nos. 2 and 3 (lead No. 1 having none); for the M-W we have none at all; and for the W-H we must apply those that refer to leads Nos. 5 and 6 (lead No. 7 having none).

Then, for the 'H-M' column apply the false course-heads 32465 and 43265 (the third one being a duplicate); for the 'W-H' apply 43265 and 32465 (the third one being a duplicate). We can ignore the numerals against the false course-heads here, because they happen to refer to the same leads as those in the blocks to which the false course-heads will be applied, and we are not able to cut out any particular lead of the blocks under consideration ('H-M,' 'M-W,' etc.).

We prepare two columns for the 'H-M'—one for the false course-head 32465, and one for 43265; also two columns for the 'W-H' similarly. We then transpose all of the course-heads in the 'H-M' peal-course column by our false course-head 32465, placing the results in its column; the same peal-course heads are transposed by the other false course-head which applies (43265), and the results placed in its column. The false heads in these two columns must not appear in the 'H-M' peal-course column.

Treat the 'W-H' in exactly the same way; and, if there is no corresponding row in the peal-course column, the peal is true. If any of the false heads appear in the peal-course column to which they refer, then the peal is false. The false heads, produced upon the above lines, are given below:—

Positions	...	...	...	H-M.	W-H.
Leads rung	...	...	...	(1, 2, 3).	(5, 6, 7).
Heads false against	23456	...	...	32465 43265	32465 43265
Transpositions of peal-course				32465 43265	34625 63425
heads	...	...	...	46325 34625	65324 36524
				53624 65324	64235 26435
				64235 26435	25346 32546
				53246 25346	36245 23645
				36245 23645	32465 43265

A course-head showing in the 'H-M' false columns may not appear in the 'H-M' peal-course column, because it is false against the leads of that column (Nos. 1, 2 and 3). But this does not debar it from appearing in the other peal-course columns, 'M-W' (lead No. 4) or 'W-H' (leads 5, 6 and 7), because it is not false against THOSE LEADS. This is shown in our table of false course-heads, wherein the numerals against the false course-heads, (II.) and (III.), refer only to columns (or leads) Nos. 2 and 3. Vice versa with the false heads under the 'W-H.' Our table shows that numerals (V.) and (VI.) refer only to columns (or leads) 5 and 6. If the numerals had NOT been particular to their own columns, as shown above, a different case would arise.

In our column No. 3 we have a false course-lead 32465(II.), signifying that lead NUMBER TWO of course headed 32465 will be false against lead NUMBER THREE of course headed 23456.

Then, if one of our calling positions in the peal happened to isolate leads No. 3 (in the same way as the 'M-W' isolates leads No. 4), we should have to transpose all the peal-course heads in that column by our false head 32465(II.), in the usual way, but with this difference: The false heads obtained by this transposition would not apply to THAT column, and may appear there, but they may not appear in the peal-course column which covers lead NUMBER TWO. Because lead No. 2 of the false heads—(II.)—will be false against leads No. 3 in the peal-course heads.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Tuesday of last week Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins was elected Master for the ensuing year. Mr. A. A. Hughes was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Messrs. C. F. Winney and Walter Prime trustees. Mr. James Bullock was appointed senior steward, and Mr. Wilson Rushton junior steward. Mr. W. T. Cockerill was again re-elected hon. secretary.

RING OF TEN AT HASLEMERE.

USEFUL ADDITION TO SURREY BELLS.

One of the lightest rings of ten bells in the country was completed on Wednesday of last week, when two treble bells, added to the peal of eight at St. Bartholomew's Church, Haslemere, Surrey, were dedicated. They are the gift of an anonymous donor, and have been cast and hung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The older octave, with a tenor of 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F, came from the same foundry three or four years ago, and are a magnificent ring for their weight. There was some curiosity as to whether the smaller trebles would be a good match for such excellent bells, but they are a perfect 'splice,' and make up a delightful ring of ten. The bells are all hung on ball bearings, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. have completed the work with their accustomed skill.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. la F. McNally), who offered the dedicatory prayers. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council) and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) also took part in the service, and Canon Coleridge preached an appropriate sermon from the words, 'Sing we merrily unto God our strength.' Among the visiting ringers was Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild).

At the dedication a few rounds were rung by J. H. B. Hesse, R. Overy, F. Bowden, Miss Collard, B. Elliott, H. Mullah, H. Furlonger, J. McDermott, F. White and W. Eldridge. After the service, the first touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by Canon Coleridge 1, R. Overy 2, F. Bowden 3, G. Steere 4, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 5, W. Melville 6, G. Williams 7, J. McDermott 8, F. White 9, W. Eldridge 10. A touch of Stedman Caters was then brought round by J. H. B. Hesse 1, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 2, Miss I. Hastie 3, F. Bayley 4, R. Overy 5, W. Melville 6, G. Williams 7, Canon Coleridge 8, A. Dean 9, W. Eldridge 10. Three leads of Treble Ten and more Grandsire Caters followed.

A HALF PEAL.

At Radyr, Glamorganshire, on Saturday, November 19th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) in 1 hr. 33 mins., at the Parish Church: S. Dawe 1, J. W. Jones 2, W. Heath 3, J. Davies 4, J. Phillips 5, E. Coorbes 6, G. Large (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. An attempt was made for Groves' transposition of Parker's 12-part, to give Mr. G. Large his first peal as conductor, but just before half-way the Vicar put in an appearance, requesting the bells to be stopped, in consequence of a case of illness near the church, hence the reason for bringing the bells home at half-way.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. PUTTING THE NEW ORGANISATION ON ITS FEET. AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

A happy augury of the future success of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild was forthcoming in the general meeting held at Guildford on Saturday, when nearly 200 prospective members were present from no fewer than 42 towers in the diocese. When it is remembered that there are only 56 towers with rings of bells in the area, and that in a few cases there are no bands of ringers, the response to the invitation to the meeting was truly magnificent. The towers represented were Albury, Aldershot, Ash, Bagshot, Banstead, Capel, Chertsey, Cobham, Cranleigh, Dunsfold, Egham, Epsom (St. Martin's), Esher, Ewell, Farnham, Farnham, Frensham, Godalming, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Hersham, Horsell, Leatherhead, Newdigate, Oatlands, Ockham, Ockley, Ottershaw, Pirbright, Puttenham, Seale, Shalford, Shere, Thames Ditton, Walton, West Clendon, Witley, Woking, Wokingham, Worplesdon and Yorktown.

The ringers first attended the service held at St. Nicolas' Church, in connection with the final meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and afterwards sat down to tea in St. Saviour's Church Hall. It was here, also, that the business meeting was held, and the necessarily long agenda took about two hours to dispose of, it being desired to get rid of all contentious business so that at the inaugural meeting on December 31st the formal resolutions can be carried without discussion. Mr. Walter Harrison, churchwarden of St. Nicolas' Church, and a warm supporter of the old Winchester Guild, was voted to the chair, and among those present were Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Canon Kirwan (Rector of Holy Trinity, Guildford), Canon Irwin (Bishop's chaplain), Revs. Sir John Herschel (West Clendon), G. M. Wheeler (St. Nicolas', Guildford), H. Hamilton Jackson (Shalford), J. M. la F. McNally (Haslemere), C. F. Carver (Capel), J. W. Ward (Newdigate), P. Cunningham (Cranleigh), H. C. Martin (Ockley), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (Woking), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere). Among the visitors were the churchwardens of a number of churches, and Mr. C. E. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), etc.

The Organising Committee, in a report read by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary pro tem.), referred to the approval which the new Guild had received from the Lord Bishop of the diocese, who has promised to become president, and to the friendly spirit with which the Winchester Diocesan Guild had met the new Guild. In the diocese, the report continued, there are 56 towers containing rings of five bells and upwards, viz., five bells 2, six bells 25, eight bells 25, ten bells 4. The committee had devoted their attention during the year to preparing the ground, and, in addition to circularising the clergy, Parochial Church Councils and ringers at the churches with rings of bells, held a successful propaganda meeting at Capel in September, and preliminary district meetings in October at Guildford, Leatherhead, Chertsey and Farnham respectively to discuss rules and promote the organisation of the Guild. Each meeting was well attended, and a great deal of interest shown in the steps which it is proposed to take. The total attendance at these district meetings was 170, and 32 towers in the diocese were represented. The most gratifying feature was the interest displayed by ringers belonging to towers which had not previously, or had not for a considerable time, been attached to the Winchester Guild. The committee welcomed this indication that the new Guild will have the support of nearly all the towers in the diocese.

THE SEVERANCE FROM WINCHESTER.

Canon Kirwan proposed: 'That this meeting approves of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers, to come into being on January 1st, 1928, that the Lord Bishop of the diocese be ex-officio president, and that those persons who signify in writing by December 31st next their intention of becoming members of the Guild be enrolled (subject to the approval of the executive committee) as "Foundation Members," and be so distinguished in the records of the Guild.' He supposed most of them in that room would feel something of the wrench which followed the separation from the mother diocese, but he was quite sure of this, there was no department of Church life where the need for the division was so palpable as in this matter of bellringing. They all knew how impossible it was for those living in East Surrey, and for some of those in West Surrey, to get to Winchester, and they had now come to the position, he thought, when the bellringers, with the rest of the Church workers, in the new diocese of Guildford, must 'paddle their own canoe,' or, in other words, run their own show. He was perfectly certain the result would be, in a degree there had never been before, a healthy rivalry between the different towers, and a great manifestation of that friendly spirit without which they could do nothing at all. The Guild would have the very best wishes of all churchmen for a future of prosperity and splendid usefulness in the diocese (applause).

Mr. J. J. Jones, one of the oldest members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and formerly for many years hon. secretary of the Guildford District, seconded the motion. He spoke of the relations which had existed between the old Guild and the Bishops of Winchester, and humorously remarked that the ignorance of many Bishops with regard to bellringing was amazing (laughter). They could not expect them to know much about Double Norwich or Minor methods, but one did think they ought to know how many bells they had in their cathedral. He had had to enlighten more than one Bishop of Winchester on that point. Mr. Jones referred to the interest which the late Bishop Kyle

took in bells as a result of a visit of the Winchester Guild to Farnham Castle, and said as the outcome of this, when he became Dean of Westminster, he was instrumental in getting the old five bells augmented to the splendid ring of eight which was now at the Abbey. In parting with the old Winchester Guild, he added, they tendered it a loving farewell (hear, hear). They were fully convinced that the new Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers would afford to larger numbers the opportunity for more work, more zeal, and more enthusiasm for the glory of God, the good of His Church, and the safety, honour and welfare of bells and bellringing (applause).

The motion, on being put, was carried with applause.

The meeting next considered the draft rules drawn up by the Organising Committee. The rule that caused most controversy was the first, relating to the name, 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers.'—Admiral Walker moved the omission of the word 'Church.' He argued that, with the use of the word Diocesan, it was tautology, and its omission would make the title more euphonious.—The Bishop of Guildford, in a letter to the hon. secretary, which was read, expressed the opinion that it would be better to retain the word 'Church.'—The amendment was defeated, and the title, as recommended, will stand.

One or two amendments in regard to detail were made, but the draft went through virtually unscathed.

OFFICERS SELECTED.

The following general officers were selected, their election to take place at the inaugural meeting: Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; hon. auditor, Mr. C. N. Burdock.

Under the rules, the Guild is to be affiliated to the Central Council, and the following were nominated for the two places to which the Guild will be entitled: Messrs. R. Whittington, A. H. Pulling, W. Shepherd, C. Hazelden, F. G. Woodiss, F. Nye, A. Harman, S. Pelter and W. Denyer.

The Bishop having intimated that he would be quite ready to accept a member nominated by the Guild to serve on the Diocesan Advisory Committee in regard to all matters in connection with bells and ringing, Major J. H. B. Hesse was selected for nomination.

The division of the diocesan area into four districts for administrative purposes was agreed to, and the towers allocated to each, it being the recommendation of the committee that the arrangement should be tried for a year.

Various recommendations of the committee were agreed to, including the admission during 1928 of members of the Winchester Guild residing on December 31st, 1927, in the dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth, as compounding members on payment of one shilling, and the admission of compounding members of the Winchester Guild on similar terms.

On the question of the admission of life members of the Winchester Guild without further payment, a letter, containing reasoned arguments in favour of this step, was read from the Rev. N. C. Woods, hon. treasurer of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—In the course of discussion it was pointed out that the concession to ordinary members of the Winchester Guild was entered into because it was to be reciprocal, but that, as the Guild was an entirely new organisation and not merely a part of the old Winchester Guild under a new name, there was no obligation on the part of the Guild to take over the life members free of charge.

The life members of the Winchester Guild present expressed the opinion that they were not entitled to free life membership of the Guildford Guild, and the meeting resolved not to entertain the suggestion.

Other minor recommendations of the committee were agreed to, and it having been decided, in approving of the rules, that there should be both an annual festival and an annual business meeting, it was decided that the first annual meeting should be held at Guildford in 1929, before April 30th, and the first festival on the last Saturday in June, 1928. Three places, viz., Epsom, Haslemere and Farnham, were proposed for the festival, and, on being put to the vote, Epsom was decided upon.

THE FUTURE.

On the subject of the future conduct of the Guild, the Hon. Secretary said the committee, in addition to having dealt with the formation of the Guild, had considered something of what the future policy of the Guild ought to be, and they laid emphasis, in the first place, on devoting attention to the organisation at every church of a Sunday service band (applause). Then, having organised the band, they should do their best to give, wherever needed, instruction in change ringing. It was also hoped that in each of the four districts there would be at least six meetings a year, which would provide them with a meeting somewhere in the diocese once a fortnight. A co-ordinated effort would be made to avoid the clashing of meetings, and it was hoped there would be joint district meetings as a regular feature of the programme, so that the members would have the opportunity of fraternising more often than at just the annual meeting. It was felt that this would lead to an extension of the spirit of brotherhood which it should be one of the great desires of the Guild to foster. The committee had received an extremely valuable proposal from Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, for a scheme of combined practices, and it was hoped that it would be possible to work this out in each district. The

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

In spite of the inclement weather, the South-Western Division annual meeting at Hornchurch was fairly well attended on Saturday last, over 40 members representing the following towers being present: Leytonstone, Woodford, Waustead, Romford, Loughton, Prittlewell, Hornchurch, Brentwood, Streatham, Shenfield, Westminster, and West Tilbury.

A start was made at 3 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire, followed by touches in various methods till 4.30 p.m., when those present attended the association service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. E. Strong, who gave a hearty welcome to the members to Hornchurch, remarking that it was the first meeting to be held there since his appointment as Vicar, and trusting the association would pay him another visit in the near future.

After tea, the business meeting was held, at which the Vicar of Hornchurch was elected an hon. member, and four new ringing members were also elected. Messrs. A. Prior and E. J. Butler were unanimously re-elected Master and hon. secretary respectively, and acknowledged their election.

Prittlewell, Woodford and West Ham were proposed for the next meeting, and on being put to the vote West Ham was selected by 13 votes to 3 and 10 respectively for the other towers. A question was raised as to whether it would be possible to give preference to a particular method or methods to be practised at future meetings, but after a long discussion it was ultimately decided that no alteration be made from the usual procedure now observed at the meetings, i.e., that the methods rung be left to the discretion of those present, under the supervision of the Master.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of tower and bells and for his able address, to the organist for accompanying the hymns, and to the steeplekeeper, Mr. Dale, for having everything in readiness. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Vicar from the meeting, Mr. Dale suitably replied, and mentioned that Hornchurch tower was open every Tuesday evening for practice from 7.30 to 9 p.m., and a hearty welcome would be given to ringers who could see their way to attend, especially to practise Double Norwich.

The bells were kept going till 9 p.m., and touches in practically all standard methods from Grandsire to Bristol Surprise were rung.

The collection in aid of the association bell restoration fund amounted to 12s. 7½d. The next meeting will be held at West Ham early in the New Year.

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Hon. Secretary also referred to the desirability of ringers being represented on Parochial Church Councils, not only because of the duties which they rendered, but also because of the valuable church property which was in their care, and the desirability of having on the Councils, just as the Guild would have on the Diocesan Advisory Committee, a representative who could give practical advice when matters affecting the bells and belfry had to be considered. In conclusion, he appealed for the whole-hearted support of bands and individual ringers, pointing out how ineffective would be the best efforts of the officers without the backing and interest of the rank and file.

Canon Coleridge, called upon by the chairman for 'a few words of wisdom,' said he could hardly tell them how delighted he was to be there that evening. He hoped to be there again on December 31st (applause). He had been filled with profound delight at many things. First of all at the fellowship and friendship displayed all through the meeting, which had been carried through in a magnificent way, and, he trusted, to the satisfaction of everyone. He could say a good deal about a great many things that had been said that night which pointed to an era of very great prosperity before this Guildford Diocesan Guild. He was sure it would be a great success and a great pattern and example to many other Guilds much older than themselves. There was one rule that he would like to mention, and that was about their representatives on the Central Council. He hoped their numbers would increase, and that they would be entitled shortly to three representatives instead of two. He was delighted to see nine nominations for two places. Whoever was elected, the Central Council would be delighted to welcome, but he would tell them this quite plainly, that it would be very little use sending representatives unless the Guild supplied them with matters for discussion. It was a very common thing for people to say, 'Oh, the Central Council does nothing.' It was for the ringing organisations to supply the Council with resolutions and motions. Would they, then, bear this in mind: if they wanted anything discussed and any ruling given by the Central Council they should let their representatives know, so that they might put it on the agenda, and have a full discussion in the Council. It had been known in past years that the secretary had had to make an agenda paper simply out of his own head, because the different Guilds and associations had not sent up matters for discussion. He thought from the fertile brains in that new Guild they could provide the Council with many matters to discuss. Canon Coleridge concluded: 'God bless you all in your work, and may this new Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers flourish and prosper, and be a great shining light in the ringing Exercise as a whole' (applause).

The meeting, which throughout been full of interest and enthusiasm, terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman, moved by Canon Kirwan.

PASSING COMMENTS ON CURRENT TOPICS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You will be delighted to hear that I have been translated to the 'Sea of Aarhus.' I say advisedly the 'sea,' because 'Gasvaerket' lies sandwiched in between Aarhus and the battleground (?) of Jutland. If Aarhus sideslips—well, exit Vikong Joseph den eigen (in brown tights and swash bucklings complete). But I trust it won't come to that, because I am a member of a select little coterie which meets in the Tabernacle (no, Sir, NOT Spurgeon's), which lies in the neighbourhood of Turn-again Lane, E.C. The said coterie is yeleft, 'The Fourteen Thieves.' Qualification for membership? Yes, Sir, to qualify you must have been expelled from Frothblowers and the Coffee Pot Counter Meeting set. Now, I don't want to put the members of my hereinafteraforesaid coterie to the expense of black ties, as they can't afford even a stamp just at present! So perhaps Aarhus won't slip. Should it do so, I have the consolation of knowing that l'ilie 'Renious did dub me a Knight Fluke of ye Ancient Anchorites, and that should ensure me a welcome from Father Neptune and his wheelks. Oh, succulent courtesans!

I note your leader on the rise and fall in peal question. I think, Sir, that stage fright has a lot to do with good men not practising this beautiful (when well done) method of producing bell music. I have known really good method men refuse to stand in a 'lower,' even when the other seven were expert lowerers. I always found a good way to teach novices was to make one of them follow me up and down, and then two of them do it alone until perfect. Then get two to follow me up and down till perfect, and so on, but never attempt to rise or fall six with all novices to start with.

I note that the old East Derbyshire Association have rung a peal in honour of the hallowing of the new diocese. I hope that this is a sign of a future step in the right direction. The O.E.D. is a good old society, and should they see fit to change their title to that of Derby Diocesan Guild, they would be within their rights, and a diocesan title is more fitting to church workers.

As to whether the aforesaid church workers should always attend services for which they ring is a matter of opinion. First we hear one cry, then another. Not long since we could not get men enough to man the ropes. Now we can't get 'em to service. I suppose we must all have a grumble of some sort. I would beg to suggest that if the ringers and parsons vie with one another to see who could make their end of the church most interesting, we might have less complaints from both parties. A parson is only human, and all parsons are not born pewfillers. I have heard truly magnificent Stedman Cinques rung to call the faithful to hear rapid utterances, badly delivered, and a service certainly not 'Simpson's' intoned. On the other hand, I have heard Deans, whom one could listen to for hours, welcomed to their preaching by rotten Grandsire Triples, with no pretence at striking, and rung by men who had been Grandsire ringers for years. People will neither come to ring nor stay to service, unless the whole ensemble is of the highest standard. Duty alone will neither fill pulpit, belfry nor the pews in these days.

The parson and the ringers should command the respect of their audiences by their abilities, high characters, and the great worth of what they offer their hearers every Sunday. The fact that the one wears a 'halo' of broadcloth and the others are his bellpullers is not sufficient to place them above criticism. 'By your good works shall ye be known' should be their slogan. There are such men, for I know some, but alas! they are too few.

May I, Sir, in passing, offer my congratulations to my very good friends at Wath? That was a grand performance of theirs. But then, they are real six-bell ringers. It has been said—yes, and has been published in your journal—that 'Wath' was an awkward topographical place name. Perhaps this peal will prove that Wath is neither topographically awkward nor campanologically backward.

Ye men of Wath, please tell me,

Why is Wath an awkward place name?

It's the Queen of Yorkshire villages I've been told.

Is it true they grease Wath bells with Burton?

Is 'Burton' topographically 'best' when 'old'?

Yours sincerely,

JOE E. SYKES.

The Gasvaerk,
Aarhus, Jutland,
Denmark.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A successful meeting was held at Ashby Parish Church on Saturday, November 12th, when nearly thirty ringers were present from about ten towers, including St. Margaret's and the cathedral, Leicester.

The bells were well utilised between the hours of three and eight, the methods being chiefly Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major being also brought round in the evening.

By the kind hospitality of the Vicar, a splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room, after which the usual business was transacted. This was followed by handbell selections, and further ringing in the tower.

The next meeting (the annual district meeting) will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on January 15th, 1928.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**WINDING UP THE GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

The last meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday prior to the general meeting of the new Guildford Diocesan Guild. Mr. W. R. Melville, chairman of the district, presided, and pointed out that they had now come to the parting of the ways. The Guildford District had always endeavoured to do its best in the interest of the Guild and of ringing, and the officers were thankful for the support they had received. There had been much to encourage them, and while they had some disappointments, they had spent some very happy times.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. Raddon) presented the balance sheet, which showed that £13 16s. was received from ringing members' subscriptions, £3 5s. from hon. members, and 3s. 6d. from one compound member. The year began with a balance in hand of £3 8s. 8d., and, after paying the expenses amounting to £10 13s. 9d., including £1 10s. for instruction to a band, there remained a balance to date of £9 19s. 5d., from which certain small expenses would have to be paid in connection with that day's meeting. At the close of the year there were 144 ringing members, 16 probationers, and 2 unattached members in the district.—The balance sheet was adopted.

Mr. C. Hazelden presented his report as District Ringing Master. He said the work of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in that area had, in that its last year, been somewhat clouded and overshadowed by the preparations for the advent of the new Guild. The six-bell combined practices were held at the beginning of the year, and were well attended until they were interrupted by the number of organisation meetings held in connection with the new diocesan Guild. An attempt made in the spring to attract members to combined practices at ten-bell towers was a complete failure, and was therefore given up. A total of 14 peals have been rung in the district, as against 18 for the previous year. This reduction is a continuation of the progressive decline of interest in peal ringing which set in about four years ago. In conclusion, the report said that while perhaps casting lingering, wistful glances on their past connection with the old See and city of Winchester, might they not hold out glad hands of welcome to the new See, the new city and the new Guild?

The report was accepted, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the officers of the district and the representatives of the district on the Central Committee for their ungrudging services to the interests of the Guild. This was ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Mr. E. Raddon was appointed to represent the district at the meeting of the Winchester Guild Committee, when the affairs of the Guild as at present constituted are wound up.

A service afterwards held at St. Nicolas' Church was largely attended. The Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler) officiated, and, in the absence of the Archdeacon of Surrey, the address was given by Canon Irwin (Bishop's chaplain).

NORFOLK GUILD.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Kenninghall on Saturday, November 12th. The ring of eight bells of St. Mary's Church were, by the kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. G. Wyche), at the disposal of the members throughout the afternoon and evening.

Mr. G. P. Burton was voted to the chair, and was supported by the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) and representatives from Norwich, North Lopham, New Buckenham and Banham.

The Secretary moved the ratification of the belfry elections (prior to peals) of Mr. Arthur S. Roberts, of Truro, Mr. John C. Dicken, of Great Yarmouth, and Mr. Ernest J. Trimmer, of Bermondsey. This was agreed to.

On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. G. H. Claxton, Messrs. Thomas Baker, Eric George Bennett, Frank Stanley Clarke, Raymond Grant, Charles Frederick Keeble, and George Land, all of North Lopham, were elected members of the Guild.

It was agreed to transfer Banham and New Buckenham from Wymondham District to the Diss District, with North Lopham also to come into the latter district.

This concluded a small but very useful meeting, which was enjoyed by those present. During the afternoon and evening some good touches in the standard methods were rung.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.**

The autumn meeting was held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, November 6th, when a fair number of members put in an appearance for a little ringing during the afternoon. A service was held in the Parish Church. The Rev. J. D. Payne, R.D., preached. Tea was next served in the Town Hall, and a short business meeting was presided over by the chairman of the board (the Rev. E. G. Freeman).

A resolution was put forward supporting a proposition of the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin) with regard to a diploma to encourage ringers ringing their first peals.

Kingham (eight bells) was chosen for the spring meeting.

Further ringing brought the day to a close.

ARMISTICE RINGING.

NEWMARKET.—On Armistice Day, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, with half-muffled bells, in 29 mins.: C. Moody 1, L. Moon 2, L. Warner 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood (conductor) 5, R. C. Sharpe 6.

UXBRIDGE.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Armistice Day, for remembrance service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 mins.: A. G. Twinn 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, R. Warnett 3, J. J. Pratt 4, J. H. Lucas 5, H. H. Chandler 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, C. Nicholls 8.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.—On Armistice eve, Thursday, November 10th, at the Church of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: Rev. R. Marle 1, J. Mackriel 2, Miss R. A. Bell 3, J. Cryer 4, Miss H. Bell 5, H. Hutchinson 6, H. Davenport 7, W. Horan (conductor) 8. Longest length of Bob Major by ringers of the treble, 2nd and 6th.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service, on the occasion of Armistice services, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 minutes: J. Yerrold (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, F. R. Blewitt 2, J. W. Perry 3, A. G. Hunt 4, H. E. Booth 5, G. Warner 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, T. Whitehouse 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—At SS. Cosmas and Damian's Church, on Sunday, November 13th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in 42 mins. by the local band, with the bells half-muffled: L. Cragg 1, A. J. Backshall 2, A. J. Feist 3, J. Backshall 4, J. Feist (conductor) 5, J. Parsons 6.

COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal with the bells half-muffled in 46 mins.: J. House 1, J. Bath 2, E. Newman 3, J. Tossell 4, W. F. Webb (conductor) 5, W. Crocker 6.

REDBOURN.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 11th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 55 mins.: W. Taylor 1, W. Lee 2, A. Archer 3, J. Hobbs 4, G. Daniells (conductor) 5, C. Draper 6. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first by ringer of tenor. Also first quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, November 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: H. Gash 1, F. G. Goddard 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, S. Worsfold (Staines) 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, C. J. Tricker 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, November 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: W. Blake (first quarter-peal) 1, F. C. Exon 2, W. Brigham 3, J. R. Chaundy 4, A. Dubber 5, H. Miles 6, V. Bennett (conductor) 7, W. Stone 8.

SOUTHWELL.—At the cathedral, on Sunday, November 20th, for parish evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. E. Foster 1, E. Foster 2, G. E. Padgett 3, F. Pickard 4, E. H. Clulow 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, H. F. Clulow 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major in 47 mins.: C. Moody 1, W. H. Worsley 2, S. Brown 3, C. E. Collis 4, W. F. Ellingham (first in method inside) 5, Robt. Bullen 6, W. T. Elson 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the wife of Wilfred W. Bailey, one of the local band, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

BRADWELL.—On Sunday, November 13th, for evening service at St. Lawrence's Church, 720 Bob Doubles: T. Walters 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, W. French 3, A. Coley 4, C. Alderman 5, R. Chapman 6.

LYMINGE, KENT.—On Sunday, November 13th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor, 7-8 covering: A. Reeves 1, A. Webb 2, J. Skeer 3, G. Webb 4, A. Tanton (conductor) 5, J. Reeves 6, W. Rains 7, R. Webb 8.—On Sunday, November 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Tanton 1, A. Webb 2, J. Skeer 3, W. Nye 4, G. Webb 5, J. Reeves 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, R. Webb 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Hobden 1, A. Webb 2, J. Skeer 3, G. Webb 4, A. Tanton 5, J. Reeves 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, W. Rains 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, November 6th, with the bells half-muffled for the solemn memorial evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cox 1, A. H. Webb 2, W. J. Napper 3, K. White 4, T. East (conductor) 5, W. V. Webb 6, F. H. Abbott 7, W. Goodenough 8.—Also on Sunday, November 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cox 1, A. H. Webb (conductor) 2, W. J. Napper 3, J. Butler 4, W. V. Webb 5, T. East 6, F. H. Abbott 7, W. Goodenough 8.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO LT.-COL. G. H. STILWELL.

It is with deep regret that we are asked to record the death by accident of Lt.-Col. G. H. Stilwell, of Hillfield, Yateley, Hants. While cycling home from Yorktown on Saturday last a collision occurred between deceased and a motor-car, as a result of which he passed away on Sunday evening.

Like his esteemed father, the late Mr. J. P. Stilwell, who was for many years the president of the Winchester Guild, deceased always took a kindly interest in the Guild and the local band. He was a life member of the Guild, and the sympathy of all will go out to Mrs. Stilwell and her family, two of whom are members of the Yateley Company, and to the deceased officer's brothers and sisters, all of whom are life members of the Guild.

NOTICES.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at Basingstoke. Ringing commences 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's Church 4 p.m. Tea at Church Cottage 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Rev. Evan Jones, 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., and business meeting.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, November 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — A bye-meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. — Tower open for ringing 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Members intending to be present please notify as soon as possible Mr. J. Day, 92, Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Ringing from 2.45 till 5; after tea, St. Mary's. Bus No. 65 from Ealing Broadway and Station runs near church. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be kindly provided by the Rector at the Church Rooms, Heene Road, at 5 o'clock. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Ham Road, Broadwater, Worthing.

NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (Established 1672).—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 6 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Charles Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Quedgeley on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The next ringing practice has been arranged at Lane End on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) available at 5.30 p.m. Buses run from High Wycombe.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Caythorpe (8) Saturday, Nov. 26th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to: Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—There will be a practice at St. John's, Wilton Road, on Monday, Nov. 28th, at 8 p.m. Meetings during December: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 4th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 5th and the 19th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended 20 times in previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 29th and Dec. 27th, Southwark Cathedral on Dec. 1st and 29th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 13th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th, at 8 p.m. All the others at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Manchester.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Meeting at 3.45. Tea 4.45. Service at 5.30. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Business important. — J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m., at which an offering will be taken; proceeds to Bells Restoration Fund. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. A good attendance is hoped for. — C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Faversham on Dec. 3rd. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m., followed by tea. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 30th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. It is hoped to have the memorial peal board to the late Mr. William Rock Small unveiled on this date.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. The Association Master (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies) hopes to be present. All those intending to be present please notify me by the 29th inst.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stoneham Aspal on Saturday, December 3rd. The ring of ten (now restored) will be available from 2 p.m., and a good attendance is requested. Tea, to be followed by business meeting, will be provided in the schoolroom at 4.45 (1/- each). Notice of intention to be present will be appreciated by W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. David's on Dec. 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea, free to members of the Guild, at 5.15. Will those intending to be present please inform the secretary by Nov. 29th?—T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 4 to 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all who require tea please inform Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than Nov. 30th?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 30th? All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Rectory at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Grandsire and Stedman will be specially practised, although other methods will be rung.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 2.15 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bradford on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. The peal of ten bells at the Cathedral will be available from 2 p.m.; also the peal of eight bells at St. John's (10 minutes' walk from the Cathedral) will be available from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford, not later than first post Tuesday, Nov. 29th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pytchley on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Nov. 29th?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Meeting on Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at St. Stephen's, Eastwood (8 bells). Members desiring tea are particularly asked to advise Mr. F. A. Smith, 23, Selborne Street, Rotherham, by Dec. 1st.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, December 3rd. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Minster bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s. 6d. each) are requested to advise Mr. W. Gibson, Long Lane, Beverley, on or before Wednesday, Dec. 7th.—A. Bernard Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Meeting to follow. Special attention: Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich. Those intending to be present please notify me before Thursday, Dec. 8th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Association will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Dec. 10th. A combined practice, in conjunction with a committee meeting, will be held at Mitcham on Dec. 17th. Further details of both meetings next week.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The seventh annual social will be held in the Preston Parish Church Schools on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Tickets: Adults 2s. 6d., children half-price. An early application for tickets to Mr. E. R. Martin, 96, Victoria Road,

Walton-le-Dale, will be much appreciated. The bells of the Parish Church and Penwortham Church will be available during the day.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carvington Road, Chorley.

GUILD OF DEVON RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15, followed by general business meeting. Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Dec. 6th. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILD'S Seventh Annual Dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1928, at 6 p.m. Most of the City church bells available from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Conversation of friends and tea at St. Thomas' Parish Room, Victoria Street, at 4.15 p.m. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from all Bristol towers, Mr. F. Rich, 32, Belvedere, Bath, or direct from hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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