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'THE WILL TO LEARN.'

In a speech which he made the other day the hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association referred to a recent article in this column on 'The will to teach,' and very aptly reversed the shield in an appeal to ringers to show 'the will to learn.' We fully agree with Mr. Coles that there are two sides to the question, and would emphasise that no effort on the part of those willing to teach can be of avail unless the will to learn is also present in the pupils. Unfortunately, there are many distractions to-day, which tend to divert the interest of those who might otherwise seriously take up the art of ringing; pursuits where little skill or concentration is required, and which offer a more immediate, if less substantial and lasting pleasure, than the initial stages of ringing appear to possess. They take the easier course, and find their recreation in a less intellectual pursuit. That is one of the difficulties which presents itself whenever efforts are made to secure new ringers for a band.

It is not, however, merely at the initial stage that those with the will to teach are confronted with difficulties. Many bands are handicapped by one or two members who lack interest and enthusiasm, and by their apathy hold up the progress of the rest. They are usually the slack and unpunctual ones, who are unreliable in their attendance and indifferent in their striking, but who are not always easy to get rid of. They show little or no desire to advance themselves, and the fact that they may be a drag on the wheel for the rest does not give them any concern. These ringers are the biggest obstacle to progress, although they may not realise it. They are almost as heartbreaking a problem to those who desire to get on as is the constant loss of pupils to those stalwarts who spend most of the leisure hours of their life in teaching beginners, only to find them leave the tower as soon as they have begun to be useful.

And just as there are individuals who show little or no desire to learn, or to make any progress in the art, so there are bands which seem content to stick fast; not because they could not get facilities for moving on, but because, apparently, they are without ambition. Moreover, bands of this description are not confined to the 'stoney' brigade. For instance, we know of one set of ringers that for thirty years, at least, have rung nothing but Grandsire Doubles for the Sunday services. In vain have inducements been held out to them to get them to break away from this rut; nothing will persuade them to learn anything new. They could if they would, but they won't. And so in many places bands have reached the Grandsire, or Plain Bob or even the Treble Bob stage and

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are content. There is no will among them to get any further, and, for their own sakes, more's the pity. Whether as individuals or as companies they do not know what pleasure they are robbing themselves of. The exploration of new fields is ever a delight to the enterprising ringer and the further one goes the greater is the interest which develops. One can be sorry for those who lack the capacity to learn; for those who have the capacity and not the will we have little patience. They probably do not realise what they are losing themselves, still less do they appreciate of what they may be robbing others whose progress is delayed by the apathy of, perhaps, just one ringer.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 9, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHORBDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	THOMAS BEVAN 8
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD 9
FREDERICK H. SYMONS 4	HARRY SEAR... .. 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 11
GEORGE A. CARD... .. 6	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.
Rung to mark the jubilee of membership of the society of Messrs. Fussell and Barnett, also on the 35th anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ROBERT S. F. MURPHY, P.C. Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 6
REGINALD GEORGE 2	WILLIAM H. WILSON 7
ERIC GEORGE 3	ARTHUR L. MURRAY, B.A. 8
EDWARD LUTMAN... .. 4	JOSEPH A. ATKINSON 9
THOMAS MCMORRAN 5	WILLIAM E. LYNCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.
Rung muffled as a token of respect to the memory of two of St. Patrick's ringers, Mr. T. Grant and Mr. J. W. Townley.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

HENRY HUTTON Treble	RAYMOND OVERY... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	MADRICE SMITHER 7
RICHARD HAYES 3	GEORGE E. CLODE 8
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ARTHUR J. BARLETT... .. 9
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING
COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

JOHN PERRY Treble	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WALTER LAGO 7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 3	CHARLES H. WATTS 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	HARRY BOSWELL 9
G. LEONARD HEWITT 5	B. LESLIE JONES... .. Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by J. PERRY.
Rung as a birthday peal for H. Boswell.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* EDWARD MAUND Treble	FRED HAWKES 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	CHARLES YOUNG 6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
† WILLIAM HALFORD 4	† HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method on 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method.

TTTCHMARSH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

LEWIS CHAPMAN Treble	JAMES T. WARD 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	HARRY CHAMBERS 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
AMOS SMART 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED POTTER Treble	MATTHEW BERRY 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER 2	JOHN DENNER 6
BENJAMIN WELSBY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JAMES BOLTON 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. J. Walker, donor of the Westminster chimes to the clock. The ringing of the 4th is on a visit from U.S.A.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* EDWARD T. BAILEY Treble	ERNEST STITCH 5
BENJAMIN J. TOBY 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
JOHN DARGH 3	CHARLES H. PERRY 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	* DAVID L. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY—PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HENRY HUTTON Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 2	GEORGE E. CLODE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service, after an attempt for Cambridge had come to grief.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday, January 7th, 720 Bob Minor: Sydney Baileys (first 720 of Minor) 1, William Lomas 2, John H. Baileys (first 720 'inside') 3, Frank Baileys 4, C. Henry Webb 5, Henry Bird (first as conductor) 6.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

* JAMES G. NEWMAN Treble	GEORGE W. HELEY 5
GEORGE H. SENTANCE 2	CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	† FREDERICK J. PLUMMER 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Double Norwich. Fiftieth peal as conductor.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD ALLPORT Treble	JACK KENDALL 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	* ERNEST PARSONS 6
HARRY HOLDEN 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
GEORGE DAVIES 4	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First in the method 'inside.' Rung by the local band at the dying of the old year.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

* REUEL HARRISON Treble	JAMES H. CHARLESWORTH 5
JOHN R. BREARLEY 2	† J. HILTON SYKES 6
WM. A. WOOLER 3	JOHN A. BREARLEY 7
ARNOLD HAIGH 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* ERNEST W. PYE Treble	ALFRED PYE 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ERNEST J. BUTLER 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	† HARRY PERRY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on eight bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
* MISS C. HOVERD 2	HENRY SIMMONS 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal in the method.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6316 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS... .. 5
WILLIAM T. PALMER... .. 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON... .. 6
PERCY J. JERVIS... .. 3	THOMAS E. LEE... .. 7
WILLIAM BIGGIN... .. 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.
Rung on the 34th anniversary of the first peal on the eight bells.
The ringers of the treble and 4th took part in the peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
JOHN WERADON ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*THOMAS MOULDEN ... Treble	*E. JOHN BERRY ... 5
SIDNEY H. HOPPER ... 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 6
*E. JAMES WOODROFF ... 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 7
GEORGE LANCASTER ... 4	†FREDERICK STAGG ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal on the bells since being restored and augmented. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (Rev. E. V. Roes), who is leaving for Bristol.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Treble	*ERNEST MINGAY ... 5
*JOHN MASON ... 2	*STANLEY PYE ... 6
*REGINALD W. PYE ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
JOHN C. NEWMAN ... 4	†FREDERICK FLUDDER... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob. Rung to celebrate the 54th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler's wedding, which fell on the previous day, and as a birthday compliment to R. W. Pye on the eve of his 17th birthday.

WASHINGBOROUGH, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF LOUGHBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

MRS. JACK BRAY ... Treble	FRANK LORD ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	HAROLD MARCON... 6
JACK BRAY ... 3	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 7
GEORGE W. CREASEY... 4	HAROLD WALKER... Tenor

Composed by GEO. WILLIAMS. Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.
First peal in the method for the Guild and in the county. Not one of the band had previously rung a change in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*JOHN F. JONES ... Treble	THOMAS S. GOODCHILD ... 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
MISS E. DORIS BLENCOWE 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... 7
THOMAS J. FOWLER ... 4	*CHARLES W. STALLWOOD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.
* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5856 CHANGES;
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	WILLIAM HORAN ... 5
JOHN HOLMAN ... 2	EDWARD JENKINS... 6
*CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	LESLIE R. GEORGE ... 5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 2	THOMAS NORMAN... 6
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 3	ROBERT I. GEORGE ... 7
ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... 4	EDWARD A. WOOLOFF... Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.
Rung as a farewell peal to Messrs. R. I. and L. R. George, who are leaving Banstead to reside at West Horsley. Mr. Clayton was elected a member of the Guild before commencing the peal. It was his first peal since July, 1914.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
HARRY HOVERD ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Rung after meeting short for London, and the band wish to express their thanks to Lionel J. Cullum for filling the gap at the last moment. The conductor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal, a different method on each bell.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BEKES AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COUNT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
FREDERICK BIGGS ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
First peal of Double Norwich by the Misses Fletcher, of Beaconsfield. First peal in the method as conductor.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, for evensong, on the Feast of the Circumcision, 1,335 Stedman Caters: A. Collier 1, C. Hazelden 2, F. W. Radford 3, E. A. Etheridge 4, Mrs. Hazelden 5, E. Radford 6, G. Tomsett 7, S. Elton 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 10 cwt.
EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	ALICE CUTLER 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

*FRANK E. MITCHELL Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 5
*RONALD H. DOVE 2	ROYDON DAVIES 6
TONY PRICE 3	*FRANK JENNINGS 7
H. BERNARD WELLS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Dunstan's, Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Plain Bob, and two 720's of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS Treble	WILFRED E. BROOKES 4
THOMAS STEAD 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE 5
THOMAS C. JAINE 3	THOMAS G. COCKE Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal in six methods on the bells and for ringers of treble and 2nd.

CASTLEMORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Stedman, 28 of Plain Bob and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	CHARLES YOUNG 4
FRED HAWKES 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
WILLIAM HALFORD 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Original, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS C. JAINE Treble	FREDERICK A. JAINE 4
JOHN GREEN 2	WILLIAM H. JAINE 5
THOMAS G. COOKE 3	WILLIAM ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY TYSON Treble	† WILLIAM TYSON 4
RAYMOND THOMPSON 2	KENNETH W. CHESSMAN 5
*GEORGE WALL 3	STEPHEN THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by S. THOMPSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal. Arranged for W. Tyson, of King's Lynn.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Original, St. Dunstan's, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE Treble	THOMAS C. JAINE 4
JOHN GREEN 2	FREDERICK A. JAINE 5
WILLIAM H. JAINE 3	WILLIAM ADAMS Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. O. Phillips, a member of the choir, the band wishing him long life and happiness. The ringer of the 3rd has now completed the circle.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 29, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Cambridge, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	HARRY RICHARDSON 4
*JOHN BALL 2	AMOS SMART 5
FRANCIS BALL 3	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal with three Surprise methods. After the peal the ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. F. Ball.

SOUTHBROOM, DEVIZES.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALEX. T. WEEKS Treble	ALFRED J. BOYCE 4
E. GEORGE SWIFT 2	VINCENT E. SWIFT 5
SIDNEY HILLIER 3	GEORGE WINTER Tenor

Conducted by V. E. SWIFT.

Arranged and rung for Mr. Boyce, it being his first peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

KINGTON MAGNA, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 12 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

H. JIM RALPH Treble	H. J. SANGER 3
E. G. L. COWARD 2	*P. N. G. RAINEY 4
WM. C. SHUTE Tenor	

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Stedman. First as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung to mark the concluding week of the Stedman Tercentenary year.

LEYTONSTONE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge.

ROBERT MOLTON Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 4
*BENJAMIN MARKS 2	GEORGE DAWSON 5
JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods by ringer of 3rd. Rung with bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

WEDDING BELLS.

At S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on December 29th, as a wedding compliment to Miss Isabel Raddon and Dr. Donald Crawford, who were married at the Cathedral earlier in the day, 1,295 Grandsire Caters: E. G. Heath 1, G. Collier (first quarter-peal away from the treble) 2, H. Mason 3, E. A. Etheridge 4, P. W. Radford 5, G. Tomsett 6, S. Elton 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10. Miss Isabel Raddon is the daughter of Mr. E. Raddon, one of the members of the S. Nicolas' company.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in twenty-one methods, viz.: (1) Morpeth and Alnwick, (2) Northumberland and Carlisle, (3) Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle and Chester, (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Lincoln and Coldstream, (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose, (7) London, Camcetre and Wells.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FREDERICK W. FRENCH ... 1 Treble	JAMES OSBORN ... 4
JOHN W. LAKE ... 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

The greatest number of Surprise methods spliced in a peal by the Guild and by all the band.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and 720 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JAINE ... 1 Treble	WILFRED E. BROOKES ... 4
THOMAS C. GWILLIAM ... 2	THOMAS G. COOKE ... 5
JOHN F. FOX ... 3	FREDERICK A. JAINE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

First peal of Minor in four methods on the bells and by all the band. The conductor's 25th peal as conductor.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.
THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*A. DURHAM ... 1 Treble	J. E. BROWN ... 4
S. RICHARDSON ... 2	W. NORMAN ... 5
E. R. SCAMBLER ... 3	F. MOORE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN.

Rung with the bells fully muffled in memory of T. Thompson, a member of the association, and of Mr. S. Tembey, a churchworker at St. John's, Cleator Moor. * First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... 1 Treble	†CHARLES YOUNG ... 4
†WILLIAM HALFORD ... 2	*CHARLES CAMM ... 5
*FRANK LAWRENCE ... 3	†HENRY BISHOP ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

JEFFERY WILLIAMS ... 1 Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 4
ROBERT HOWARD ... 2	SIDNEY CARTER ... 5
WILLIAM TACK ... 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

The band consider it a very great honour to be allowed to ring a peal upon these historical and famous bells, recently restored by the ringers of the nation.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on January 7th, 1,344 changes of London Surprise Major in 48 mins.: E. Shane 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, A. Day, Harpenden (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GLASGOW.

THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Sunday, December 20, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At 1, COLEBROOK TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HENRY F. SARGENT ... 1-2	ALBERT F. SARGENT ... 5-6
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 3-4	*ERNEST STAFFORD ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

Witnesses—T. WINDERAM and S. LEWIS.

* First peal and first attempt.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB AND BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
FRANK LORD ... 3-4	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Every course rung P.P.G.P.P. First spliced peal of Major in hand for all the band and for the Guild.

GLASGOW.

THE ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

On Friday, January 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At 92, EVELINE STREET, DENNISTOWN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 13 in E.

*ROBERT PRESTON ... 1-2	HENRY F. SARGENT ... 5-6
STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 3-4	THOMAS C. WINDERAM ... 7-8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Witness—R. BROWNING.

* First peal and first attempt, age 13½ years.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At ALPHA COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 12 in F.

F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1932, in One Hour and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At ALPHA COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) ... 7-8

Composed by J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus).

Conducted by F. E. HAYNES

First peal as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

HOVE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At 528, PORTLAND ROAD, HOVE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

HORSMONDEN.—On Thursday, January 7th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 York Surprise Minor: T. Hoadly 1, F. J. Lambert, sen., 2, R. T. Lambert 3, A. W. Durham (first in the method as conductor) 4, A. Bromley 5, R. E. Lambert 6.

DEATH OF A HIGHAM FERRERS RINGER.

By the death of Mr. Alfred Everitt, of Higham Ferrers, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild has lost one of its oldest members. He passed away in the early hours of the new year at the age of 67 years. Mr. Everitt came from Hemingford Grey, Huntingdonshire, to Higham Ferrers, about 40 years ago, and had been a member of the belfry during the whole of that time, having previously learnt to ring on the peal of six at Hemingford. He was not a great peal ringer, but had rung several peals of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich, and, to his credit, was a regular Sunday service ringer.

He was laid to rest on Monday, January 4th, when three of his fellow-ringers helped to carry him to his last resting-place in the Higham Ferrers cemetery. Amongst those present, in addition to the relatives, were Messrs. W. Gray, C. Coote, H. Dunkley (bearers), G. Randall, G. Brown and A. H. Martin, all fellow-ringers. Messrs. F. Barber, W. Perkins, and J. J. Mawby represented the Wellingborough Branch of the Guild. The service in the church and at the graveside was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. B. E. Owen, R.D.

Immediately after the funeral, a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following, with the bells half-muffled: Messrs. C. Coote 1, G. Randall 2, W. Perkins 3, J. J. Mawby 4, F. Barber 5, G. Brown 6th, A. H. Martin (conductor) 7, W. Wilby 8. Further half-muffled touches were rung during the evening.

PRESENTATION AT PENSURST.**EXAMPLE SET BY OLDEST MEMBER OF THE BAND.**

For not absenting himself once during 1931 from Sunday service ringing, Mr. H. Seal, of Penshurst, Kent, was the recipient of a silver-mounted and engraved walking stick, together with a parcel of his old favourite, 'Nut Brown,' on Sunday morning, by the Rector, the Rev. James Cropper, who, after thanking Mr. Seal for the example he had set to others, mentioned that this kind of spirit might and should be applied to many other walks in life. Mr. Seal's achievement might not be unique, but, considering he was the oldest member of the band, and had the longest and worst journey to the church, it was thought it was an act of duty that should not pass unnoticed.

The mention of 'the worst journey' may perhaps need some explanation. It may be unknown to many, including the Postmaster-General, that Mr. Seal's house has never been visited by a postman. The presentation was a gift from the recipient's brother-ringers, augmented by the Rector, Mr. J. M. Sturgess (former churchwarden) and Mr. H. Coomber, of Forest Row, a past captain of the band.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Ackworth, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Rotherham, Royston, Sandal, Shelley, Wath and the local company. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon and continued until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in the church. Tea was served in the Parish Room, about 25 being present.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector, Rev. Canon Hone, presiding, apologies were read from Mr. A. Nash, of Rotherham (who also wished to be relieved of the office of president owing to living so far away), Mr. G. Lewis, of Ecclesfield, and Mr. J. Burgess, of Greenfield. The auditors' report showed a balance in hand on the year's working.

The officers elected were: President, Mr. C. D. Potter; vice-president, Mr. R. Thickett; treasurer, Mr. H. Chant; secretary, Mr. A. Panther.

New members elected were seven of Hoylandswaine, five of Barnsley, one of Felkirk, and one of Penistone.

Darton was selected for the next place of meeting.

Mr. R. Thickett moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding and for the use of the bells, also to Mrs. Hone for the splendid tea served and her kindness in paying for the Parish Room and handing over to the association the balance over the cost of the tea. Thanks were also accorded to the local company for the arrangements made.—The Rector suitably replied.

Further ringing continued both on the tower bells and handbells until about 9 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. J. W. TOWNLEY, OF DUBLIN.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. W. Townley, of Dublin, who was also well known in Surrey and Hants.

Mr. Townley passed away after an illness of about four months, in the seventy-fifth year of his age, and was interred in Denn's Grange cemetery, Co. Dublin. The president, secretary and several members represented St. Patrick's Society at the funeral.

Deceased had been a member of this society for about thirty years, and had rung some thirty peals in Ireland.

St. Patrick's Society has also lost by death Mr. T. Grant, who on December 30th, 1930, conducted the only peal ever rung by a band of Irishmen. The anniversary of this peal and the same composition were selected for a memorial peal to these two old comrades.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Since the six bells at Upham, Hampshire, were cast by Thomas Swain in 1763, nearly 170 years have elapsed. It was not until January 9th of this year that the first peal was rung on them.

After ten years of valuable service to the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Mr. Frank Green has resigned the office of hon. secretary, chiefly on account of his appointment as assistant general secretary of the Guild. The members have shown their appreciation of his work by presenting him with a chiming mantle clock.

Mr. W. H. Judd has sung in Rayleigh (Essex) Parish Church choir for more than 60 years, and his brother, Mr. L. O. Judd, for 50 years, while his son is assistant organist. Mr. Judd has also served his church as a ringer for many years.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

At the annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held on Tuesday, January 5th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Harry R. Roper; Deputy Master, Harold E. Symonds; steeplekeeper, Frederick J. Tillet; treasurer, Charles J. Sedgley; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, George E. Symonds, 28, Chevalier Street, Ipswich.

LONGEST PEALS AT STOWMARKET.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wish to withdraw the claim as to the longest peal on Stowmarket bells, as, since we rang the 6,336 Kent Treble Bob on Boxing Day, I have heard from Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glensford, Suffolk, that we have not yet rung the longest peal on the bells. Mr. Slater sends the following record: 'On November 5th, 1827, was rung by the Stowmarket Society of Ringers a complete peal of 7,056 changes of Bob Major in four hours and forty-seven minutes: Treble John Elmer composed and conducted the peal, 2 William Clarke, 3 Robert Pillrow, 4 Robert Warren, 5 Robert Cutlbert, 6 William Last, 7 William Chamberlain, tenor Daniel Wade.'

Stowupland.

G. A. BLAXCELL.

'OLD CUSTOMS'

A PLEA FOR CHURCH BELLS.

Considerable local comment, says 'The Hertfordshire Mercury,' was aroused by the fact that no joyous peal of bells from Hatfield Parish Church tower greeted the dawn of 1932. 'Those who make it a custom to "see" the old year rung out with muffled bells and the new year welcomed with a merry peal were particularly disappointed. Rumour had it that a team of ringers could not be raised.'

'The Hertfordshire Mercury,' an influential county newspaper, has an interesting leading article upon this news item which, we think, reflects the real opinion of the majority of the people in this country. The 'Mercury' says:—

'Are old customs dying, and, if they are, is it to the general good that they should do so? In these hectic, jostling modern days, there are probably a good many people, possessing the up-to-date unsentimental outlook, who would say that old customs are of no conceivable benefit to us, and that it is best they should die. We believe, however, that there is still a very much larger body of people who would sincerely regret any movement tending towards the extinction of time-honoured national ritual such as the ringing out of the old year and the ringing in of the new. Why, our very characteristics as a nation are built very largely upon custom, and custom enters very much more into our everyday lives than might be realised without due thought. Certainly the greatest of our individual communal and national festivals rest upon custom, and our religious exercise is also dependent upon the hallowed examples and customs which have been left to us during the centuries since Christ Himself walked the earth—and even before.

'If we were to be shorn of our old customs, there is not very much doubt about it that we should develop into a shallow, soulless and materialistic race, and the characteristics which have been our national pride would sooner or later disappear—probably sooner than later. We should be living in a world in which there was no softening, sweetening influence of sentiment—the sentiment such as prompts and permeates the celebration of Christmas—and without that vital constituent it seems to us that there would not be a great deal for which to live.

'No, we must strive to preserve our good old customs with all our might and main, because they mean a great deal to us, and in a certain sense act as a bulwark against the too rapid advance of the materialism which is threatened as a result of the modern conditions of life and work. The omission to ring the bells to celebrate the advent of the new year may be a comparatively small thing, especially when it is, as in this case, an isolated instance—but a straw is sufficient to indicate the direction and force of the current of a mighty river, and from this point of view it becomes a duty to emphasise the importance even of small things.

'May the bells long continue to ring out as each new year is ushered in, full of hope.'

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD DINNER AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S INTERESTING SPEECH.

A very enjoyable evening was spent by a company of between 80 and 90 on Saturday, on the occasion of the second annual dinner organised by the Guildford Diocesan Guild. It was held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, and attracted ringers from many parts of the diocese. The Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan presided, and was supported by Mr. E. H. Lewis, M.A. (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, the Rt. Hon. Lord Daryngton (vice-chairman of the House of Laity of the Church Assembly), Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. Sir John Herschel (Vicar of West Clandon), the Rev. E. de G. Lucas (Rector of St. Nicolas, Guildford), Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), Major J. H. B. Hesse (the Master), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Goldsmith, Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel bell foundry) and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon bell foundry) and Mrs. Johnston, etc. An excellent dinner was served, after which the loyal toast was honoured.

'The Church' was proposed by Mr. C. F. Johnston, who said that most of them in the room were devotees of a certain art, which was practised principally in the interests of the Church. They followed many diverse callings, but their ideals were those of the Church, and all that the Church stood for as a barrier against Atheism and Bolshevism and many another kind of 'ism.' He recalled that at a big ringers' dinner two or three years ago the Vicar of a well-known church said he was greatly impressed with the fact that the ringers stood for a very strong conservative element in the Church. On the Continent, he continued, conditions were very different. The ringing bells did not belong to the Church authorities, and if they made up a band and wished to give a peal either in Northern France or in the Netherlands they would have to ask the burgomaster for permission to ring. This was not so in England, where the Rector or the Vicar was master of the bellringers, but there again the municipal authorities had taken a most active interest in the Church. He recalled to the minds of those associated with Guildford the original inscription on the tenor bell at Holy Trinity Church was that 'Peter Flutter, Gent, gave me, and when Mayor laid the foundation stone of this church.' Ringers were churchworkers and were proud of it. Sometimes they heard that it was not right to ring the people into church and then go away, but it was only fair to say that, on the whole, ringers did keep a fairly good attendance at church. In coupling the name of the chairman with the toast, the speaker said he had always taken a great interest in the Guild and had been described as a clerical mainstay. He referred to the Guild as an 'infant prodigy,' and said its success was mainly brought about by the energies of the first secretary, Mr. Goldsmith (hear, hear).

In reply, the Chairman remarked what a priceless heritage England had in the Church. They had only to go across the water to see what a different position the Church had there compared with their own Church. Some years ago there was a great deal of talk by some loosely-thinking people of the 'failure of the Church.' It was, of course, due principally to the war. People on one hand said the Church should have stopped the war, and others said the Church was pacifist, and was trying to get a foolish peace, but they were looking for a scapegoat. The Church could not be a failure; it was a supernatural body. Christians might have failed, but the Christian Church could never be a failure. The Provost confessed that he wished he knew more about ringing. He always thought a Grandsire referred to a grandpapa, but he was quite prepared to go under a course of instruction.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD STRIKING.

Canon G. F. Coleridge proposed 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild' in an amusing speech, and said the Guild was going strong, there was no doubt about that. With regard to ringing, he emphasised that it was absolutely essential that the striking throughout should be of the best quality. There were people outside who knew nothing about ringing, but who could tell whether the striking was good or not. The Guildford Guild had a high standard before it, and did try to make its ringing as perfect as possible. If they asked him why it was so successful he would say because it had such excellent organisation and two distinguished men at its head—the Master, Major Hesse, and Mr. Goldsmith, the secretary (applause). They all knew what Mr. Goldsmith had done recently in connection with the Stedman memorial at Cambridge. Mr. Goldsmith started the idea of restoring the bells which Stedman rang 300 years ago, and it was the greatest day in the annals of ringing when those bells were reopened last month.

Major Hesse, in response, mentioned that during the year the Guild had rung about 50 peals, including a 10,025 of Stedman Caters at Haslemere in February, which took 6½ hours, and also a peal of 9,600 Double Dublin Surprise Major at the Cathedral. Also during the year Mr. Pulling had rung his 1,000th peal (applause). The Leatherhead District had done some excellent work and had rung the first peals of Kent Surprise and Ipswich Surprise for the Guild and in the county. There were still a good many towers that did not come up

to scratch as regarded ringing, and he thought if some of the clergy took a little more interest and went into the bellfries a little oftener it might encourage the ringers to do a little bit more. He asked also that there should be a little more rising and falling in peal, and, if that were not done, that bells should be pulled up from treble to tenor in rotation instead of indiscriminately. The Cherisey District needed a lift-up, and he thought the Guild could do something there during the year. He congratulated the ringers of West Clandon in obtaining the money for two extra bells entirely 'off their own bat,' and said he hoped to see the augmentation carried out this year.

Mr. G. L. Grover gave 'The president, vice-president and hon. members.' He remarked that the activities of the bell foundries were never so flourishing, and the status of bellringers in relation to the Church never so high as now. That was all right for this generation, but what about the next? They must teach bellringing to the young so that the next generation should carry on the work of the Exercise in the same way as it was carried on now. The Guild was fortunate, he added, in having as its president the Lord Bishop of Guildford. It was evident that the Bishop looked upon the ringers as churchworkers from the mere fact that he had allowed his name to be used as president. There was some disadvantage in having a busy man as president, because he was unable to attend their meetings, but they were fortunate in having as his deputy Mr. Walter Harrison (applause). There was a long list of hon. members, and they were very thankful for the financial support they gave, but would also like to see more of them at the Guild gatherings.

Mr. Harrison, responding to the toast, said that although the Bishop might not be present at their gatherings, he took a keen interest in the Guild, and was always most ready to listen to suggestions. With regard to the hon. members, he did not think the Guild would get on very well without them, but they must speak for themselves. He did not think, he added, that the Guild ought to get too swollen-headed at the thought that they were such a successful Guild. The Master instanced a district suffering from a decided slump, and the speaker thought during the next twelve months they should devise some scheme by which the district in question should receive a great deal of outside help, and perhaps life in the district might be revived. Mr. Harrison said he had received permission to add to his response the toast of 'The visitors,' and mentioned that they had present an extremely prominent layman in Lord Daryngton. They all remembered that when at Merrow he never spared his time or personal interests in any work connected with the Church, and the speaker asked them to rise and drink to the health of Lord Daryngton.

In reply, Lord Daryngton said he felt that anyone who did not appreciate the work the ringers were doing would be lacking in ordinary sense. He felt sure the vast majority of people did not realise what work they were doing, and they should, if possible, advertise it more. He had listened that evening to some of the most delightful music he had ever heard. He concluded with the wish that the Guild would never lack that prosperity which it so richly deserved.

WHAT RINGING ASSOCIATIONS HAVE DONE.

Mr. Goldsmith, proposing 'Kindred Guilds and Associations,' said they recognised the fellowship which existed between all ringing associations and guilds. They had amongst them a worthy representative of the oldest ringing association in the country, the Ancient Society of College Youths, which went back nearly 300 years in history. Another society, the Royal Cumberland Youths, went back nearly as far. These societies were established in days when ringing was a new recreation and there was only a loose connecting link between ringers and the Church. During the last 50 or 60 years, however, this had been changed, and now the associations, which spread all over the country, had a very different purpose. The object in promoting the Guilds was to further the services of ringers in the Church, and he was proud to say they had very largely succeeded in doing that. The days when ringers used to go and ring and then turn away had departed, and ringers took a personal interest in the Church. Ringing was on a high plane, such as could not have been imagined when these Guilds were first established 50 years ago. He added that another object of the Guilds was to promote change ringing, which they must always be doing to fill the gaps caused by those who dropped out for various reasons. They had in their own Guild some promising young men coming along. Ringing associations had spread throughout the whole of England and Wales, there was also an Irish association, and it was not unlikely that there would be an association of change ringers in Scotland this year. That would interest Mr. Lewis, who lived abroad in that country for several years (laughter). There were some distinguished representatives of other associations present that evening, among them Canon Coleridge. They were also very much honoured by having the president of the Central Council with them, who, in his official capacity, was all-embracing and represented every association and every ringer in England. The president had carried out a great deal of technical work in the past. As an engineer he had been able to convince those associated with the preservation of ancient buildings that a good engineering job could not only provide bells fit for ringing but could also be a safeguard to the tower. By convincing these people Mr. Lewis enabled associations to deal more effectively with the restora-

tion of bells all over the country. He had another work in front of him as president of the Central Council, and he (the speaker) believed that before Mr. Lewis vacated the chair the position of bell-ringing and bellringers in this country would be very much advanced, not only among themselves but amongst the higher Church authorities.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The President, in replying to the toast, said that nearly all the guilds and associations were members of the Central Council. One of the smaller Guilds had recently decided to join, and very soon there would be very few of the territorial or diocesan associations that were not members. Mr. Goldsmith mentioned the possibility of a Scottish Association. When he was in Scotland he and Mr. Stephen Wood had often talked about forming one, and if he (the speaker) had not returned from exile a few years ago that association might already have been formed. With regard to Continental bells, he said that he had just returned from Denmark, and in Denmark conditions were very similar to England, and the bells belonged to the Church and not to the State. He was very much interested in Guildford, because, having gone very fully into the question of the hanging of bells and the oscillation of towers, he was asked to give advice about the bells at the Guildford Cathedral Church. The tower was very elastic, being built of bricks, and it was found that if the tenor bells had been hung to swing in the same direction, and roped on opposite sides, it was almost certain that the ringers would not have been able to ring the bells, because they would have had to ring the tower as well. The bells were changed and put back in the old position, with the result that most of them knew. The subject of oscillation was interesting, and he mentioned that it was found in one tower, where he had recently made an investigation, that in ringing the tenor bell, because of the movement of frame and the tower, 73 foot-pounds of work was absolutely lost in the first half of the revolution and a similar amount in the second half, which went into the tower. The result was that the ringers of the tenor bell had to provide more than 140ft. pounds of extra work at every pull to ring the bell. It might be useful to bear that point in mind when any of them came to discuss the rehanging of bells with architects. The president recalled that he was particularly associated with the Midland Counties Association because of the place of his birth and which association he first joined, and he was also able to speak for the Cambridge University Guild, which really taught him the art of change ringing under the guidance of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughay, and for the Kent County Association, in whose area he now resided. He thanked the Guildford Diocesan Guild for the hospitality he and Mrs. Lewis had received, and remarked how much they appreciated at Cambridge the wonderful work which Mr. Goldsmith had done. The idea of commemorating the Steadman Tercentenary was due entirely to him, and the success of it was due entirely to the work put in by Mr. Goldsmith and Mr. Fletcher, the hon. secretary of the Council. With regard to rising in peal, they would remember that at the last meeting of the Central Council they passed a resolution that before ringers started to ring the bells should, if possible, be raised in peal, and, if they were not able to raise them in peal, then they should raise them in orderly fashion, starting with the treble and following to the tenor. He continued that in the old days a ringer, after the heavy labour that ringing frequently involved, was scarcely in a condition to attend the services at the church, but that had been changed by the excellent engineering jobs which were now put out. He added that it would be an advantage if Church authorities would provide ringers with a seat where they were protected from the draught. Very often they had to sit in a corner, perhaps under the tower or in some other place which was not suitable after ringing a fairly heavy bell.

Mr. Hazelden proposed the health of 'The chairman,' and in an interesting speech touched upon the history of ringing, and suggested that it existed early in the 16th century, long before the time of Steadman. He thought it would be interesting if somebody could follow up the matter and discover when bells were first rung in changes. He thanked the chairman for his interest in the Guild.

The Provost expressed his enjoyment of the evening, and thanked the artistes, particularly mentioning the performance of Mrs. Hughes.

The musical programme was a varied and enjoyable one. In addition to the handbell solos splendidly played by Mrs. Hughes, whose performance was greatly appreciated, the bells also figured in a course of Grandfire Calers rung by J. S. Goldsmith, R. Philpott, E. H. Lewis, A. H. Pulling and A. A. Hughes. Miss Pitt Sayer delightfully sang several songs, for which she was warmly encored, as was Mr. Albert Hicks, who, possessing a fine baritone voice, also delighted the company with his singing. Miss Gwendoline Harman (pianoforte) and Miss Sylvia Harman (violin), the little daughters of Mr. Albert Harman, Ringing Master of the Leatherhead District, won warm applause for their instrumental efforts, and, although only nine and ten years old respectively, performed with confidence and promise in their respective solos. One of the features of the evening was an old sea song by Admiral Walker, and the company also entered with spirit into some community singing under the direction of Mr. T. A. Stroud, a member of the Guild, who also acted as accompanist.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest your leading article in this week's 'Ringing World' and also 'W. H. F.'s' letter suggesting the formation of a 'Scots Association.' It is with much pleasure that I am able to tell you that your views are not only shared by the majority of ringers 'north of the Tweed,' but that the suggestion which you put forward has actually been anticipated.

Towers with a peal of bells are few and far between in Scotland, and ringing is therefore necessarily confined to a few districts, but there is considerable enthusiasm in certain centres, and the idea of a national association has been in the minds of a few of us for some little time. At a recent informal meeting of Glasgow and Edinburgh ringing friends, which took place in Edinburgh on Saturday, January 2nd—possibly at the very time that 'W. H. F.' was writing his letter and you, Sir, were framing your leading article—the proposal to form a Scottish association was put forward and received with acclamation by all those present. A small committee was therefore formed to discuss the matter and to approach the ringers in other districts in regard to the suggestion. This committee will report their progress at a national meeting, which will be called later in the year.

There is every reason to hope, therefore, that the year 1932 will at long last see the birth of 'The Scottish Association of Change Ringers.'—Yours faithfully,

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Glasgow,
January 9th, 1932.

OUTCOME ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.

Dear Sir,—My friend Mr. Fussell has got in the first blow, as we had already discussed the idea of the formation of a Scottish Ringing Association among ourselves.

Now that the idea has been mooted in our paper, couldn't we (the Scottish ringers) get together in Edinburgh, say, some Saturday afternoon in about a month's time and get the association properly under way?

We could have two or three meetings a year in different places, and possibly (if we have enough members) send a representative to the Central Council.

We anxiously await the outcome of this idea put forward in 'The Ringing World.'—Yours sincerely,

W. STENHOUSE.

Dundee.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Barnwood, and was attended by 34 members and visitors from Malvern and Swindon. At the conclusion of the service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Byrce), the members were invited to the Parish Schoolroom, where an excellent tea had been provided through the kind generosity of the Rector.

At the business meeting Mr. W. H. Harris (branch secretary) presented a report, which showed that during the past year eight meetings had been held in different parts of the diocese with a total attendance of 128 members, an average of 16 per meeting. The branch had now 98 performing members and 28 honorary—a decrease of 12 performing members, the result of the Whitminster ringers being disbanded. The secretary also called the attention of the poor attendance at the two first meetings held in the beginning of the year, and hoped for a better attendance in future. A little more interest was being shown at Sandhurst and Upton-St-Leonards, and Norton tower had joined the association. The secretary expressed appreciation of the members of the branch for the courtesy shown to them by the incumbents when visiting the towers in the diocese.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected as follows: Mr. S. Romans, branch chairman; Mr. W. H. Harris, branch secretary; Mr. T. Baldwin, representative on management committee.

After discussion, it was decided to hold full service meetings quarterly instead of monthly, and in the intervening months to hold practice meetings. The January meeting will be held at St. Mary de Lode, February at Upton-St-Leonards, and the quarterly meeting at Quedgeley in March.

It was decided to again hold the annual dinner early in the year, and Messrs. Harris, Austin, Romans and G. Jackson were elected on the dinner committee.

At the conclusion of the business, Mr. J. Williams, of Newent, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his excellent address at the service, and for his kind hospitality in entertaining the members to tea. This was seconded by Mr. J. Austin and carried with applause.

Mr. J. Stephens proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Harris for his work during the time he had been their secretary, and hoped he would long continue.

Both the Rector and the secretary suitably responded, and the meeting having terminated the members returned to the tower, where further ringing brought a very pleasant meeting to an end.

DEATH OF MR. HERBERT HAIGH.

A GREAT WORKER IN NORTH NOTTS.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Herbert Haigh, of 103, Gateford Road, Worksop, who died at his home on January 2nd, at the age of 65 years. Mr. Haigh was well known in North Nottinghamshire and the adjoining counties, and held at the time of his death the offices of hon. treasurer of the North Notts Association, having previously been from 1912 to 1928 inclusive the hon. secretary of this association.

The deceased was one of the founders of the association in 1886, and had been on the committee from that time until his death. He had, during his connection with the association, seen many bells restored and numerous peals enlarged. He helped with many of these restorations, for as soon as he heard that anything of this kind was contemplated in a village his assistance was promptly offered.

Mr. Haigh was born at Ordsall on September 22nd, 1866, and learnt to ring a bell at the early age of ten years. It was not, however, until March 11th, 1886, that he was invited to join the East and West Retford Amalgamated Societies as a probationer. The ringers at that time belonged to the 'old school,' and there was little chance of a beginner making rapid progress. He was put on a 25 cwt. tenor or a bad-going 6th and told to stop there. This kind of thing did



THE LATE MR. HERBERT HAIGH.

not appeal to him, and he gained experience further afield. He had to walk a distance of 20 miles to Gainsborough and back to let the old hands see he could conduct a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, while many times he walked 18 or 20 miles to practise Treble Bob methods on six bells. During this time he was training juniors, and eventually got together almost a new band. Mr. Haigh took an active part in getting East Retford bells rehung and augmented, and gave valuable help in getting the bells of Ordsall and Misson augmented and rehung. His first peal was one of Grandsire Caters, and he conducted the first peal on Retford bells by a local company in 1893, and the first peals of Treble Bob Royal and Stedman Caters by the North Notts Association, which he had helped to form in 1886. On his removal to Worksop in 1906, he was again active in getting the old ringers to advance and in teaching a new band. The bells were in a deplorable state, but Mr. Haigh worked hard to get them rehung and raised £66 by his own efforts for the purpose.

Mr. Haigh took the keenest interest in the North Notts Association, of which he was elected hon. secretary in 1912, and continued for some 16 years. It was due largely to his enthusiasm that the association flourished, and when at last he laid down that office he continued to serve the association as its hon. treasurer. He was also

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ROWS NOT CHANGES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—To call an argument perverse is not to make any personal remark, for the best of us may argue perversely at times. But to say that a letter is silly, is merely a personality, for no sensible person writes a silly letter. However, I am sure that Mr. Coles did not mean this; it would be impossible otherwise to reply to his letter.

I am not, as he suggests, trying to have it both ways, but his attitude is having this effect. He sits on the fence by refusing to say what he means; he also prevents round ringers from getting over the fence, and finding out what changes really are. Round ringers, or the general public, can now point to the Painswick tablet (the Great Hoax of Painswick) and say that repetitions are recorded there as changes, so that we change ringers are not sincere in objecting to repetitions.

Mr. C. T. Coles speaks of a resolution as simply asking for objections. But that is the reason a resolution is put forward. No one wants everything to be cut and dried, but each resolution should be open to improving amendments. Obviously the reason these resolutions were put forward so long beforehand was to enable those who objected to bring forward any amendments. So far Mr. Coles is the only one who has objected. He thinks the majority of ringers are with him. He has not, however, found a single one to support him, and I have already said that I do not think there is one, and I have not been contradicted.

Why does not Mr. Coles give us an amendment, and then we should know where we are? I have no objection to giving Mr. Coles the promise he asks for; but to do that and nothing else would surely be perverse, for the words which I or another might substitute might be more objectionable than those he mentions. Until he defines his position, how can anyone allow for it?

It certainly would not do to incorporate the phrase Mr. Coles uses: 'That a false peal is one in which the composition contains a repetition of changes or rows.' For a repetition means that two or more things are the same, while a change means that they are different. There is here no room for any views, nor can Mr. Coles or any other ringer, and certainly no member of the general public, contradict such statements. Therefore to speak of 'repetition of changes' is to talk nonsense, as such an idea is impossible even for Mr. Coles to conceive.

Mr. Coles says of ringers that they are not seriously concerned as to whether it is strictly correct to say 'changes' or 'rows.' I should have thought that that is the one thing with which they are concerned. That is certainly the case with the Suffolk Guild. Our very name expresses this. We call ourselves change ringers, not row ringers. A row ringer is one who rings rounds or call changes. In the Suffolk Guild we welcome row ringers as members, or we should if we had any, but we will not have as members any who are only row ringers and want to call themselves change ringers. If Mr. Coles can formulate a resolution, or an amendment, which will express this (or the contrary) better than what I have proposed, I will promise that it will be brought forward, whether it be one that I can support or not.

I have now given my position in the matter quite clearly. It is up to Mr. Coles to let us see what his is.

HERBERT DRAKE.

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the association's first representative on the Central Council. Although not a great lover of peal ringing, he was an example of what a ringer should be in his regular attendance at service ringing or practice, as far as his employment as a railway guard would permit.

In his younger days he was a keen cricketer, and all through his career was an active friendly society man. He had been a provincial grand master of Oddfellows, and served for seven years as lodge secretary.

The funeral took place at All Hallows' Church, Ordsall (the place of his birth), on Thursday, January 7th. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, the Rector of Ordsall and the association's representative on the Central Council, who was assisted by the Rev. A. Parkinson, the Rural Dean of Retford, while the organ was played by Mr. J. L. Blagg, a member of the committee of the association. Among those present beside the family mourners were the Rev. R. E. Rogerson, of East Markham, Rev. A. Doxey, curate of Ordsall, Mrs. C. Crawford, of Rampton, the wife of one of Mr. H. Haigh's late friends, Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, of Lancham, while the following association towers were represented: Anston, Shircoaks, Worksop, East Retford, West Retford, Sutton-on-Trent, Collingham, Wheatley, East Markham, Everton, and the local ringers. A plain course of Minor was rung at the graveside by H. Revill (Ordsall), H. J. Sagar (East Retford), and J. Hurst (Ordsall). The hymn, 'Abide with me,' was sung, and the Rector gave a short address.

After the service was over, the tower bells were rung half-muffled to Oxford Treble Bob by the members of the association. This method was selected because on his 65th birthday Mr. H. Haigh came to Ordsall and made a request to conduct a 720 of the method, which he did. The floral tributes were numerous.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. NEW TITLES FOR TWO OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 2nd, at St. Martin's Hotel, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., Presiding Ringing Master, being in the chair.

The Chairman, at the outset of the meeting, spoke of the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. James E. Groves, who for some time was Deputy Ringing Master and a very excellent ringer and composer. He also referred to the death of Mr. Harry Argyle, who was a life member, and a very old friend of his, not only as a ringer but also as a Freemason. He called upon those present to stand in silence for a moment as a mark of respect.

In proposing the re-election of Mr. Alderman Pritchett, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) said that for some time past it had been felt that the title of Presiding Ringing Master was out of date, and that a more dignified and fitting title would be 'The Master.' He therefore had much pleasure in proposing that Mr. Alderman Pritchett be elected Master of the Guild. At the same time he would also wish him, on behalf of all present, 'Many happy returns of the day,' January 8th being the 77th anniversary of his birth.—Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in seconding the resolution, assured him that in adopting the new title their desire was to show him greater respect and add dignity to his office.—The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Pritchett, in responding, thanked the members for their good wishes. He was quite agreeable to the change suggested, and assured them that he should continue to do whatever he could to further the interests of the Guild. Although getting older, his activities did not diminish, and he had now been appointed bailiff of King Edward's High School, which he entered as a scholar in 1864.

The Chairman proposed Mr. Albert Walker Ringing Master, and in doing so said he thought that the title Deputy Ringing Master was somewhat unfair to Mr. Walker, as he was in no sense a deputy. It therefore gave him pleasure to propose the alteration. This was seconded by Mr. James George and carried unanimously.

Mr. Walker thanked the members for their continued confidence in him. He appreciated his new title, and in reviewing the activities of the Guild during the past year stated that the progress had been satisfactory, and he took the opportunity of thanking all those who had supported him at the practices, specially mentioning Mr. G. F. Swann.

The trustees, auditors, librarian, hon. secretary and treasurer were all re-elected unanimously.

The balance sheet was presented by the treasurer, and this was adopted on the proposition of the senior auditor, Mr. J. Preston, seconded by Mr. George.

The Henry Johnson dinner was fixed for Saturday, February 27th, at the Imperial Hotel as usual, and it was resolved that the Rector of St. Martin's, Canon T. Guy Rogers, be asked to preside. All other arrangements in connection with the dinner were left in the hands of the officers.

The next meeting is to be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 2nd.

BELLS AND TOWER RESTORED AT DITCHINGHAM.

Every available seat was filled at Ditchingham Church, Norfolk, on December 21st, when a service of thanksgiving was held for the restoration of the tower and re-hanging of the bells. Five years ago the tower was found to be in need of repair, and the bell framework so rotten as to be unsafe and beyond repair. Under the direction of the diocesan architect (Mr. E. Rennie) the work of complete restoration of tower was carried out by Messrs. Thompson and Sons, of Peterborough, and the work of tuning and re-hanging the bells in new steel and iron frame with all steel headstocks, etc., by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

At the opening were numerous ringers from the district, and all expressed great satisfaction at the 'go' of the bells. The closeness to Christmas and the poor transport to this remote tower prevented many from attending.

GARDIFF.—On Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) in 50 mins.: E. Coles 1, W. Richards 2, H. Page 3, G. Large 4, F. Combes 5, F. Chamberlain 6, W. Heath 7, J. Phillips (conductor) 8.

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; 'St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — A meeting will be held at Long Buckby on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (5) at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5. Please send names for tea to R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — A meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Saviour's on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on January 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Meeting at Feltham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at the Railway Hotel, at 1s. Church adjoins station.—All ringers and friends welcome. Send a card to Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

UPTON, TORQUAY. Church of St. Mary Magdalene.—The peal of eight bells, restored by Taylors, of Loughborough, will be re-opened on Saturday, Jan. 16th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Kidderminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells will be available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. — A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45 (free), followed by business meeting and social evening. It is hoped that all members will make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for 1931 overdue. — A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, January 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.—E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 7. All welcome.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 16th (10 bells). Tower open 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. All members are invited to attend.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch. — Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Meat tea in Church House 4.45. Members of branch, 1s.; visitors, 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. All ringers welcome. — W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 4 p.m. Arrangements as usual for tea. The new rule books will be on sale, price 6d. each. Shoreditch tower will be open from 2 till 3.30 p.m. Members specially requested to attend. — G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Annual meeting Jan. 16th. Ringing, Putney (8), 3.30. Tea 5. Meeting: Election of officers, etc., 6. Fulham (10), 6.30 onwards. A good attendance requested. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. — The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells of St. Peter's will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 p.m. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend. Visitors welcome. — Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Southampton District will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells from 2.30. Service in St. Mary's Church at 4.15. Tea and meeting in the Chantry Hall at 4.45. All ringers welcome. — W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at Edenham (owing to the Grantham bells being unavailable). Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in School. A good attendance is requested. — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Annual meeting at St. James', Grimsby, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., in Church House. All welcome. — Herbert I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS. — Eleventh Annual Dinner. Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 16th, 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. H. Burt. Guest of evening: Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb, Vicar of St. Nicholas', Bristol. Afternoon arrangements: Charabanc leaves St. Thomas' Church, Victoria Street, at 2.30 p.m.; arrive Clifton Zoological Gardens at 2.50 p.m. Inspection under the guidance of the head keeper. Return to St. Thomas' Church for cup of tea. St. Stephen's bells available from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Holy Temple bells (8) available from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. The famous leaning tower of Bristol. Emmanuel Church bells (8) available 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. All visitors are invited to a cup of tea at St. Thomas' Church Room from 4.30 p.m. onward. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Guests are requested to arrive at the Grand Hotel punctually, and thus allow the committee to carry out their full evening's programme. Tickets, 5s. 6d. each, from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Stokes Croft, Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service in St. Mary's Church 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Preshute bells available after dedication of a new treble bell. Dedication service 4 o'clock. — Cyril Hussey, Hon. Sec., East Grafton, Marlborough.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The January quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick (St. Mary's, 10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. — D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Peak District. — The annual meeting will be held at Bakewell on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Church of All Saints (8 bells, tenor 18 cwt.). Tea at the Wheatsheaf 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. Nominations are required for the offices of vice-president and secretary, and two committeemen for 1932, and a good attendance is hoped for. Will members please note that the annual subscription is now 1s. 6d., which includes a copy of the report? — J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Come early. — C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 23rd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, a good attendance is requested. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, January 19th? — F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, followed by tea and business meeting in the Church House. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham, by Thursday, 21st. — C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A general meeting will be held at Hadleigh on Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District. — The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea and meeting following in Scouts' Hall, Ledbury Road. All are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 20th. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD. — Chippenham Branch will hold their annual meeting at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea after. St. Paul's will also be open. Visitors will be welcome. Please notify early. — F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Fylde, Preston, Blackburn, Wigan and Lancaster Branches will be held at Lytham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. The bells of St. Cuthbert's, Lytham (8 bells), St. John's, Lytham (6 bells), St. Peter's R.C., Lytham (6 bells) and Ansdell R.C. (8 bells) will be at liberty from 2 p.m. Service in St. Cuthbert's at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Names for tea (1s.) must be sent to C. Sharples, 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Jan. 23rd. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in church. Tea and business meeting at The Welcome after. May we hope for a good attendance?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting of the Guild will take place in London on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing: St. George's, Borough High Street (8), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand (10), 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square (12), 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Hot luncheon at 'A.B.C.' Cafe, 188, Strand (opposite St. Clement Danes'), at 1.30 p.m. Meeting for the election of officers and other Guild business at New Scotland Yard at 5.45 p.m. Social evening will be arranged. It is hoped that all members and prospective members will make every effort to attend. Please notify P.C. N. Bagworth, Police Section House, Ambrosden Avenue, Westminster, London, S.W.1, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19.—Harold J. Poole, Det. Sergt.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Algakirk on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Business meeting directly afterwards. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 19th. All ringers cordially invited.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Committee meeting at 3.30 p.m. at address below. Stoke Poges bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—T. Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Somerset.

ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. All wishing to attend tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, at 5 p.m., in Johnson's Cafe, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify by Jan. 19th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill, Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Secretaries must notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting how many may be expected from their towers. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service. Tea (provided free, by the kindness of the Rector) and meeting at 5. Will members PLEASE make a SPECIAL effort to attend? Southern District and visitors will be very welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 38, Southville Road, Weston-super-Mare.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service in church 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea, 1s. per head, for those who notify me early, so that the necessary arrangements can be made.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston Favell on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19th, who require tea.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester (near L.M.S. Station) (bells 10), on Monday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 7.30 p.m. to

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting Jan. 30th at Ilkeston (Beeston unavailable). Further details later. Will all local secretaries and members note?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Visitors welcomed. Numbers for tea by Jan. 27th, please, to D. L. Board, Wolverton Rectory, Basingstoke.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea at Ayers' Café or S. Nicolas' Hall at 5.30. Business meeting in the hall. Please let me have numbers for tea by Jan. 25th. — G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. and E. District. — Annual meeting at All Saints', Edmonton, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, usual terms, at 5.45. Meeting to follow. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Please advise me for tea by 27th inst.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Sidbury on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (1s. per head). Meeting 5.30. Bells available: Sidbury (6), Sidmouth (8), Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers welcome. — John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and the annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 30th (not 23rd, as previously announced). Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Rainham, by kind permission of the Vicar. Tower opened at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea served in the Church Hall, generously provided by the Church Council. Please notify me of your intention to be present at tea not later than Tuesday, Jan. 26th. Subscriptions for the current year are now due.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banbury (St. Mary's, 10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Please send card for tea by Tuesday, 26th.—E. Pearson, Hon. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS GUILD. — A ringing meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bexhill, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3. All ringers welcome.—A. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 30th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—Amended Notice. — Annual general meeting, Saturday, Feb. 6th. Ringing: St. Giles'-in-the-Fields 2.30 p.m. and St. Clement Danes' 3.15 p.m. Ringers' special service in St. Clement's 4.45 p.m. Tea in Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m. Business meeting Parish House, 6.30 p.m. Members please support fully by coming early.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

WATFORD. — Next meeting will be held Saturday, Feb. 6th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea, in Schoolroom near, at 5.30. Ringing after till 8.30. No need to economise on ringing, spend wisely, and enjoy a half-day at Watford. The meeting arranged for Jan. 23rd is cancelled.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Further particulars will be duly announced. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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