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ESSENTIAL NEED FOR GOOD STRIKING

Emphasis was laid, in speeches made at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, on the essential need that exists for good striking whenever church bells are rung. This need is not only peculiar to the Guildford diocese, but to the country as a whole. Good striking is essential if public hostility to bells is to be avoided, for there could be nothing more calculated to bring support to the small minority of people who, on the least provocation, clamour for the silencing of bells, than bad ringing. Ringers—or the majority of them—find vastly more pleasure in good ringing than in bad; indeed, for the man with an 'ear,' bad ringing is purgatory. Yet there is a great deal too much of this bad ringing tolerated, even by ringers who might be expected to know better. Bad ringing, like other faults, can become a habit, and ringers who are content with anything less than the best are, in a sense, a menace to the cause of ringing, inasmuch as they provide the public with reasonable ground for objection to bells.

Everyone who takes up the art has got to learn, and allowance must be made for beginners, but there are ringers who never seem able to acquire just that touch which will make them tolerably well finished performers. Usually this may be traced to faults in tuition, but the President of the Central Council voiced another reason for much of the indifferent ringing which is heard, when he said that in some places 'the art of ringing methods has rather run away from the art of good striking.' That is an opinion with which many will agree. Before a man can handle his bell properly and ring rounds efficiently, he is pushed into change ringing, in which he has so to concentrate on the method that the accurate placing of his bell has to be ignored. The steps to change ringing are taken too rapidly. Ringers in the old days did not make this mistake with their pupils, who had long to practise rounds and call changes before they were initiated into the 'mysteries' of the art. To-day—frequently, we fancy, from fear of losing a recruit to the other attractions which call modern youth in his leisure—the chief anxiety of the teacher often is to push the learner as rapidly as possible into change ringing in order to retain his interest. It is a mistake. Until a beginner has perfect command of his bell and can handle it correctly, almost without conscious effort, he ought not to receive his practical initiation into change ringing. A few weeks' or even a few months' delay at this stage would produce, eventually, a much finer ringer, and it would be well worth while if the ultimate result is going to be a higher general standard of ringing. Ringers, it is well to remember, have not

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only themselves to satisfy, they have a large audience, who are entitled to consideration, and who are far less likely to complain if the ringing to which they have perforce to listen is really good. This is a matter which not merely deserves, but demands consideration.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 10, 1933, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

*C. HOWARD STANLEY ... Treble	†WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 7
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 8
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3	ERNEST MANSELL ... 9
†GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 10
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5	ALBERT WALKER ... 11
HECTOR G. BIRD ... 6	WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on 12 bells. † Fiftieth peal. ‡ First peal on 12 tower bells rung as a birthday compliment to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Master of the Guild, who was 78 years of age on January 8th.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET ... Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 7
HARRY R. ROPER ... 2	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
*HOBART E. SMITH ... 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
*HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... 6	*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	†BARRY ELLIOTT ... 6
RICHARD HAYES ... 2	†JOHN P. PELLOR ... 7
*WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	MAURICE SMITHER ... 8
HENRY HUTTON ... 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 9
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First 'touch' of Royal. A birthday peal for C. E. Smith (January 8th).

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... Treble	JOHN CURRY ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 7
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	FREDERICK LEGGOTT ... 8
FRANK DEWEY ... 4	*ROGER W. DANIELS ... 9
JOHN G. AMES ... 5	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal of Bob Royal. First peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The 'go' of the bells and the vast improvement of conditions in the belfry reflects great credit on all concerned.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS C. I. CLARKE Treble	ARTHUR C. RIPPINGALE ... 5
LEWIS WISEMAN 2	BERT COCKS 6
BERNARD W. PETITT 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL 7
OLAVE E. BROYD 4	ROBERT H. YOUNG Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

ALMONDSBURY.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*H. ATWELL Treble	A. A. HILLIER 5
H. ROBBINS 2	V. WILLS 6
A. NASH 3	G. E. CAPEWELL 7
*J. C. GOULD 4	H. SHINER Tenor

Conducted by G. E. CAPEWELL.

* First peal.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	† JESSE HARRISON 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7
*E. GEORGE SWIFT 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First in the method away from the treble. † First in the method. The first peal of Major on the bells by an entirely local band.

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 lb.

THOMAS CHINERY Treble	WILLIAM CHALK 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2	WILLIAM DENT 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 3	WILLIAM J. SCHOFIELD ... 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 4	DAVID H. ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

3922 A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	RAYMOND OVERY 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
C. F. SMITH 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*B. THELWALL HARRISON ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 2	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 6
GEORGE GILBERT 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 4	THOMAS J. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First attempt for a peal.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WILDMAN Treble	SIDNEY PROCTOR 5
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY ... 2	HARRY SQUIRES 6
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS 7
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 4	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by S. PROCTOR.

First peal of Triples in which mother and daughter have taken part.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

O. THOMAS Treble	E. E. DAVIS 5
C. GOULDING 2	W. H. HARRIS 6
N. REES 3	J. W. DAVIS 7
T. BALDWIN 4	H. CHRISTIE Tenor

Conducted by T. BALDWIN.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Rev. J. C. E. Besant, who was Vicar of Lydney for 34 years (1893-1927).

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. POTOLOPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... Treble	RICHARD A. GOFTON 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	ADAM DEAS 6
*ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Triples as conductor.

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MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB AND SINGLE TWENTY-PART, No. 7
Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	WALTER WALLACE 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FRANK BUCKLAND Treble	EDGAR G. SWIFT 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
JESSE HARRISON 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

The first peal in the method on the bells, and rung at the first attempt entirely by members of the local band. This peal was begun at the conclusion of the marriage ceremony of Lord Churston and Miss Betty Duc Fre, of Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, which took place at St. Mark's, North Audley Street.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK G.U.P.D.

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT WHITING... .. Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

Rung on the tenth anniversary of the conductor's first peal at the above church. First peal in the method as conductor.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

MANFIELD GINN... .. Treble	BERRY WAYMAN 5
A. WILLIAM T. GINN 2	ROBERT THODAY 6
CHARLES ROBINSON 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First Surprise Major peal by all except tenor ringer. First Surprise Major peal by resident members of Ely Archdeaconry, E.D.A. All the above were scholars in the National School attached to this church. Rung on the eve of Epiphany.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 6, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*FREDERICK C. ROPER Treble	†ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 2	DAVID WHITING... .. 6
CLEMENT J. MORE 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
WILLIAM MUSK 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALL.

* First peal and first attempt. † 102nd peal. Specially arranged and rung on the 100th anniversary of the 'opening' of this grand old peal. Great credit is due to the treble ringer for the way in which he rang throughout the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TWYNING, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TEWKESBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 10, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Plain Bob, ten of Grandsire and 24 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 11 cwt.

*J. SALTER Treble	W. WILLIAMS 4
G. BOULTON 2	J. PENDRY 5
FRED HAWKES 3	*V. DALE Tenor

Conducted by F. HAWKES.

* First peal.

RIPPLE, WORCS.

THE WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 12, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

S. BAYLISS Treble	C. HAYTINGS 4
E. MAUND 2	*W. SPRAGUE 5
FRED HAWKES 3	J. HILL... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYTINGS.

* First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by C. CAMM.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

A. V. MIDDLEDITCH Treble	HERBERT SIEMMING 4
VICTOR E. WATERS 2	*ERNEST G. KIMM 5
WALTER LAYZELL 3	FRED J. LONG Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LONG.

* First peal in seven methods. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

CARTMEL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD RAINFORD Treble	GORDON WHITTHAM 4
NICHOLAS NEWBY 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE 3	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob.

T. TOMPREINS... .. Treble	C. PAGE... .. 4
A. DILLEY 2	H. SHERMAN... .. 5
A. PRATT 3	L. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by L. BYWATERS.

First peal as conductor.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY CASSON Treble	ARTHUR STEDMAN 4
WILLIAM T. CLARK 2	JAMES E. BURLS 5
*J. ARTHUR BRIGGS 3	GEORGE SLATER Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BURLS.

* First peal. Rung to mark the passing of the year 1932.

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten different callings.

*JAMES SMART Treble	JESSE HALLETT 4
JOSEPH MOORE 2	HORACE D. TAYLOR 5
*MAURICE SMART 3	*FREDERICK COOMBS Tenor

Conducted by J. HALLETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CLIFTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 12 six-scores Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire, 14 callings.
Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

*ALBERT E. BRISTOW Treble	†FREDERICK W. HANCOCK 3
GEORGE H. HANCOCK 2	GEORGE A. HOLLOCK 4
ERNEST A. MARSH Tenor	

Conducted by G. A. HOLLOCK.

* First peal and first attempt. † First in two methods. First in two methods as conductor. Thanks are due to ringer of treble for kindly entertaining the band to tea afterwards. First peal on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley and Surfleet. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

CECIL N. AUSTIN Treble	FRANK HARPER 4
KITTY WILLERS 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with three different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*LEONARD TREVOR Treble	JOHN THOMPSON 4
*MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 2	ERNEST STONE 5
JOHN E. MORETON 3	*GORDON L. F. MELVILLE Tenor

Conducted by E. STONE.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the treble and tenor are only 15 years of age.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

W. C. JAINE Treble	W. E. BROOKES 4
*T. C. JAINE 2	S. G. COOKE 5
J. F. FOX 3	F. A. JAINE Tenor

Conducted by F. A. JAINE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in Leominster district in which Treble Bob has been rung by a resident hand.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, London and Wells. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT MOLTON Treble	JOHN MOOLE 4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2	PHILIP H. AVEY 5
GEORGE DAWSON 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by PHILIP H. AVEY.

First peal as conductor. Rung with bells half-muffled prior to the watchnight service

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven spliced extents in 25 methods, viz.: (1) Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh; (2) Trowel, Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk; (3) College Exercise and Norbury; (4) Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford, Bocking and Willesden; (5) Grove Delight, Braintree and Neasdon; (6) College Bob IV. and Wragby; (7) Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. Treble	†WILFRED STEVENSON 4
*JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. 2	†JOHN WORTH 5
†JAMES ARTHUR MILNER 3	†ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First in 25 methods away from the treble. † First peal in 25 methods. This peal contains seven true and complete extents, starting from and ending with rounds.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of London, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FRANK TAYLOR Treble	THOMAS COOPER 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
ROGER W. DANIELS 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells in seven methods.

NEWTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 4, 1933 in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob (twelve callings) and 18 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES WILKINSON Treble	JOHN ALLEN 3
*JOHN W. LAKE 2	HARRY GIBBARD 4
	*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

* First peal of Doubles.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRINS Treble	FRED GARDNER 4
HUBERT G. SUMMERS 2	GEORGE GARDNER 5
JOHN W. TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Albert Harris, who had been sexton of the above church for 60 years.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Tuesday, December 27th, on the eight back bells, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 1 hour: G. R. Edwards 1, Mrs. L. Edwards 2, G. R. Newton (conductor) 3, T. W. Hammond 4, R. G. Edwards 5, J. Meldrum 6, E. C. Birkett 7, E. Counce 8.

AN ESSEX 'BAG.'

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*HERBERT E. REASON ... 1 treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 2	ALBERT WIFFEN ... 6
WALTER ARNOLD ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1932, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.	Tenor 22 cwt. in E.
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 1 treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5
ALBERT WIFFEN ... 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 7
HERBERT E. REASON ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 28, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 1 treble	ERNEST MINGAY ... 5
*ALBERT BARTHOLOMEW ... 2	*STANLEY PYE ... 6
HENRY WARNE ... 3	PERCY GREEN ... 7
CHARLES W. BURTON ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in A.

SAMUEL WARR ... 1 treble	HERBERT E. REASON ... 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
CHARLES W. BURTON ... 3	WALTER HAMMOND ... 7
BARNARD W. PETTIT ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung after meeting one short for Cambridge. There were '7 with and 1 without' in this peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 30, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALBERT RAINBIRD ... 1 treble	BERTRAM C. HINES ... 5
HERBERT DEVENISH ... 2	FRANK G. RINGE ... 6
PERCY GREEN ... 3	ARTHUR HEAD ... 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 31, 1932, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

ERNEST MINGAY ... 1 treble	STANLEY PYE ... 5
CHARLES W. BURTON ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
AMROSE MASON ... 4	CHARLES BUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 55th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Sauter's wedding day.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 2, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

BERTRAM C. HINES ... 1 treble	FRANK G. RINGE ... 5
*THOMAS STREET ... 2	ROBERT HEAZEL ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	CHARLES E. PRYKE ... 7
†ALBERT PRYKE ... 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First Surprise peal.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents: College Exercise, Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CHARLES BUTTON ... 1 treble	JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... 4
CHARLES W. BURTON ... 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 5
AMROSE MASON ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 18th birthday of E. W. Pye, a member of the local company, who was unable to stand in. All, with the exception of the conductor, are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT S. ESSEX HALL ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

WILLIAM CHALK ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
GEORGE RASHBROOK ... 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... 7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

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EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 1 treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 5
*PERCY GREEN ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK G. RINGE ... 4	WALTER ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method, also first in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by the conductor for 23 years.

HANDBELL PEALS.BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 31, 1932 and Sunday, January 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 11½ in F sharp.

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

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

This peal was rung in two days, two weeks, two months and two years as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 7-8, this being his 50th peal. Also as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. C. Taylor, of Grimsby, a tower bell attempt having been lost earlier in the day.

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On Sunday, January 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At 21, VINCENT ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE R. PYE	1-2	RUPERT RICHARDSON... ..	5-6
WILLIAM PYE	3-4	*MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON	7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire—C. T. COLES.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, January 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At 18, GLISSON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

REV. F. B. SHEPPARD (Trin.)	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens')	5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ...	3-4	*REV. A. C. BLYTH (Christ and Selwyn)	7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Major.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At THE ORCHARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ARTHUR J. BARILETT	1-2	MAURICE SMITHER	5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3-4	*JOHN P. PELLOR	7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on handbells and first attempt. This peal was rung in the hall at the above address by kind permission of Miss Leuchar, whose kindness was very much appreciated by the ringers.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 14th. The towers represented were Badsworth, Barnsley, Cawthorne, Darfield, Darton, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Friezland, Penistone, Royston, Sandal, Sheffield, Shelley, Wath and Wortley. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and a short service was held, at which the members were addressed by Canon Hone (Rector of Barnsley). Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. Hone, a fairly numerous company sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed Canon Hone presided.

The Treasurer (Mr. H. Chant) read the accounts, which showed a profit of 7s. 1d. on the year, and the statement was accepted unanimously.

The officers were elected as follows:—Mr. C. D. Potter, president; Mr. R. Thickett, vice-president; Mr. H. Chant, treasurer; Mr. A. Panther, secretary. Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. A. Bailey and Mr. J. Fleetwood, of Darton.

After a discussion on the selection of towers for monthly meetings, it was finally agreed to leave the matter in the hands of a sub-committee to be formed of the officers, who are to report at the next meeting, which is to be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, February 11th.

It was also agreed that any member applying for tea, and not attending, shall be held responsible for the cost, if there is any deficiency.

Mr. Mellor moved, and Mr. Maren seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Canon Hone) for presiding, for his address and for the use of the bells; also to Mrs. Hone for providing tea, and the local company for the arrangements made.

Mr. C. D. Potter then sprang a surprise on Canon Hone by presenting him with a large, framed photograph of the group at the garden party, held in the Rectory grounds on Saturday, July 30th, 1932, under the patronage of the Yorkshire Association. This was given by the Barnsley and District Association.

The Rector suitably acknowledged the gift. He referred to the background of shrubs in the picture, which, in some future time, would have to be removed for street widening, and said how pleasing it would be to look back and show the younger generation what the place looked like before the alterations.

Afterwards some of the ringers made their way home, the weather being very cold, and others returned to the tower to take part in more ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We often hear of peals rung by 'local' bands, but there can have been few more truly local than that at Over, Cambridgeshire, on January 5th, when, after several attempts, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. All the band were once scholars in the National School attached to the church.

'Bell Towers' is to be the subject of a lecture to be given by the president of the Central Council at Guildford on Saturday week. This lecture will be open to all ringers and others interested, and visitors will be welcomed by the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The subject is an important one, and those who attend can rely upon an interesting and instructive evening.

A handsome challenge cup has been presented to the London County Association by Mr. F. E. Dawe to encourage change ringing on handbells. It will be competed for annually, and the first competition is to take place on February 11th at the annual meeting of the association.

ADVICE ON BELL RESTORATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of January 13th I must say I do not agree with several points.

For instance, a blacksmith or carpenter in some cases has been known to do a few repairs to church bells and proved himself very useful. I have also known blacksmiths and carpenters who have become very capable journeymen bell hangers, and several firms can prove this. Church authorities can always obtain the best and free advice from a practical bell hanger or bell founder. Ringing associations may give advice and speak with real authority, but, in my opinion, this should only be done by a practical man in the trade or an architect. If a blacksmith or carpenter should not be employed to carry out repairs to church bells, then why ask the advice of a clergyman, lawyer, doctor, bootmaker or baker, simply because they are ringers?

The usual way is probably the best—that is, through an architect and bell hanger who, after making an inspection, talk the matter over and then submit a plan of the work to the authorities.

I do sincerely hope a technical adviser will never be appointed from the ringing Exercise, as it would do away with competition and probably do much harm to the trade, especially to smaller firms. It seems a pity the ringing associations should ever be asked to give advice on such matters. We have architects who are quite good and capable of doing this and giving the most reliable independent advice, and free from ringing associations or trades unions. It should be understood there are several small firms in this country of bell hangers and bell founders, and may they continue to exist.

In conclusion I would suggest that the advice of an architect and the bell founder is quite sufficient for the carrying out of any work in connection with a peal of church bells, and I should strongly oppose, if possible, any other suggestion.

THOMAS BOND.

Bell Founder.

Burford, Oxon.

ROMSEY ABBEY BELLS RESTORED.

THREE BELLS RECAST.

The restoration of the bells at Romsey Abbey has been completed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the work has been carried out in a most efficient manner. The third, fifth and seventh bells have been recast, and the remainder tuned. A great improvement has been effected, and the mellow tones that have always been associated with Romsey bells have been developed.

The work was made possible by the bequest of a local lady to Romsey Abbey.

The new bells were dedicated, and the peal reopened on December 23rd.

The Rector of Romsey held a short service in the tower, after which the bells were opened by the local band. Following this they were rung in various methods by ringers who were present from Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, King's Somborne and Winchester. A very welcome visitor was Miss P. Holloway, of Reading. Mr. Alan Macdonald and Mr. J. Tyler represented the bell hangers.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was somewhat surprised to read Mr. Albert Walker's letter in your issue of the 6th inst. regarding the footnote to the peal rung at Erdington on December 19th last. Whilst this peal was the 1,000th by the Guild, as a Guild, I am quite aware and in entire agreement that the Guild has had a continuous existence under its various titles since 1755, and, of course, as such, has rung considerably more than 1,000 peals.

Erdington.

GEO. F. SWANN.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE PUBLIC AND CHURCH BELLS.

Central Council's President's Advice.

The third annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday.

The dinner was presided over by the Bishop of Guildford (Dr. J. H. Greig), who was supported by the Very Rev. Provost E. C. Kirwan, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), Major J. H. B. Hesso (Master), Canon G. F. Coleridge, Canon S. M. Jones (Vicar of Haslemere), Canon R. H. Stuart (Vicar of Bagshot), the Rev. E. G. Ireland (Vicar of Grayshott), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mrs. C. E. O'Leary (Croydon), Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. A. W. Francis (Bagshot), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guild) and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. H. C. Renshaw (Woking) and Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker (Edmonton). Among the visitors were Mr. C. H. Kippin, Biddington (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association), Mr. F. W. Rogers, Portsmouth (hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. T. Greenwood (Portsmouth District secretary) and Miss Blencowe (Reading). The company of about 100 included members from Guildford, Dorking, Grayshott, Seale, Otter-shaw, Farnham, Shalford, Aldershot, Haslemere, Cranleigh, Farnham, Leatherhead, West Clendon, Bagshot, Puttenham and Witley. After dinner the loyal toast was first honoured.

In submitting the health of 'The President,' the Very Rev. the Provost expressed their great pleasure in the presence of the Bishop. They trusted he would be long spared to shepherd them in the diocese. It had been said that bellringers were a curious folk, and that they stood rather apart from the rest of the human race. Their language—'Single Bob,' 'Grandsire Triples,' 'Stedman,' 'Major Bob'—to the uninitiated sounded almost like the reveries of a gibbering idiot (laughter). But there was no more delightful body of churchworkers in the diocese than their ringers, and they valued exceedingly the presence of their Bishop.

BISHOP FINDS A CONTRAST.

Replying, the Bishop said he was sincerely glad to have that opportunity of meeting the bellringers of the diocese. There was no more ubiquitous body than the ringers; wherever he went—with certain obscure exceptions—there was a belfry and ringers. And there was not merely quantity but also quality. His mind went back to his experience of bellringers in the early days soon after his ordination and the contrast between the ringers of those days—there were many exceptions—and the present time was largely in favour of the present. Wherever he went he found the bellringers real adjuncts to the life of the parish and a very important part of it. He was enjoying his change of residence, and one of the things he enjoyed especially at Farnham was that every day the sound of the bells came floating up from the Parish Church below, while he never heard the sound of the bells in all the five years he was at Cobham, although that was his own fault for living so far outside the town. It was difficult to imagine what a difference that made, that wonderful sound. There was a quality in bellringing which seemed to belong to it more than to anything else. In that wonderful travel book of Kinglake's 'Eothen' he wrote how, in the middle of an Asian desert, he distinctly heard the bells of his parish belfry just at the time when they would be ringing in his home parish. There was, continued his Lordship, something about the music of the bells one could always hear if one wanted to. It came with its own beauty and melody, and was not tied down to time and space. It had some sort of mysterious spiritual or psychic force, and he thought it was really a great power, especially as in these days, as far as his experience and knowledge went, bellringers rang with a spiritual purpose. They did not ring—as some ringers used to do—as something which they had got to do; they did it to the greater glory of God and to set going in the parish a new idea and conception of a beauty which did not altogether belong to this world. That seemed to be the important and most characteristic side of the work of the belfry. It did touch upon something which, though it might start here, seemed to have its roots in something very deep, and to step upwards and onwards into the heavenly places. If they looked on their work as ringers from something of that angle they would understand why it was that the Bishop of the diocese felt he owed a great debt of gratitude to the ringers and was very glad to meet them. What they were doing was very worth while, and was part of the Divine influence which lifted a man from too great an imprisonment in mundane ideas and life here and gave him a foretaste of that which would be his hereafter.

FEWER PAID RINGERS.

The toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild' was proposed by Canon G. F. Coleridge, who said the Guild was a young one as guilds went, but it had a life and vitality in it which was not possessed by some other guilds. There were three reasons for that. First, they were blessed with a most excellent Master (applause); then there was their excellent secretary, and an enthusiastic committee. No association or guild in England had a more energetic secretary, one who saw an ideal and put his back into accomplishing it for the good of ringing generally. Those three things together en-

abled them to accomplish great work, and they were there to say how pleased they were to know that things were progressing well. He did not know how the Guild was increasing in numbers, but so far as statistics went in England the number of ringers the year before last was 74 less than the year before. That was not very surprising, as an analysis showed the greatest loss was among ringers who were paid for their services; the number of voluntary ringers had gone up. That was another indication that they did not want to do things for mere pay, but for the greater glory of God. It was not surprising that the numbers were falling down because of the tremendous attractions there were all round for young men and women nowadays, greater attractions than the tower, perhaps, but if anyone once got well bitten and appreciated what ringing really was, nothing was likely to draw them away from it.

In conclusion, he referred to the death of Admiral Walker, late treasurer of the Guild, who they missed very much.

THE VALUE OF PEAL RINGING.

In replying, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith paid a tribute to the work of the district officers, and, speaking of the past year, he also referred to the death of Admiral Walker, which was a very great loss to them. There was going to be a memorial to him, and they were hoping the Guild would have a large hand in erecting it. The formation of a library during the year marked a distinct step forward in their work, and it formed a centre through which any member would be able to enlarge his knowledge of the art of ringing, and it would form a resting-place for a good many books and documents which might otherwise be lost. He could not say the exact number of peals rung during the year, but there was a distinct falling off. He congratulated the Shalford band on ringing the first local peal, while a peal of Ashted Surprise rung by the Leatherhead District was the first in the method. He also congratulated the Farnham band on ringing their first peal of Stedman Triples.

Speaking of the falling-off in the number of peals, Mr. Goldsmith said there was a definite reason for that, which was the growing difficulty they had in getting towers for peal ringing. There had been occasions when there had been local complaints with regard to the ringing of bells—one just recently. They had, of course, got to consider public opinion, and it was possible in practically every church to modulate the sound of the bells so that the public should not be unduly worried by it, but there were some people who, however little the bells sounded in the street or round about, would be sure to grumble. They were a small minority, but noisy and insistent. The majority of people did like to hear bells rung when rung well, and the bells had actually a legal place in the rites of the Church, and were established by old custom, and any incumbent was justified in permitting ringing and even peal ringing in moderation. There were many causes which objectors raised, but usually they were found to be people who came to the village hundreds of years after the bells were put there. If they liked to come and put themselves within sound of the bells that was their affair. Ringers rendered a great service to the Church, and if they were to give of their best, practice was essential, and there was none better than peal ringing, because it demanded a far higher standard of efficiency, generated greater keenness and created aspirations which were reflected in the service ringing. He urged incumbents wherever they got complaints not to be unduly disturbed at what was said and the bricks that were thrown, but to give the ringers opportunities of practice and allow peals within reason, because they were the highest form of practice.

Mr. Walter Harrison submitted the health of 'The Visitors,' and remarked on the spirit of good fellowship which existed between tower and tower in the Guild. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. Lewis, and mentioned that he had promised to lecture to them on 'Bell Towers' at the annual meeting of the Guildford District on January 28th.

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS AND THE REMEDY.

Mr. Lewis, responding on behalf of the visitors, said he was not sure it was not the sound of Godalming bells 30 to 35 years ago which first gave him an interest in change ringing. Referring to the proposed Guildford Cathedral, Mr. Lewis said a few months ago the secretary of the Guild wrote to him drawing attention to the fact that there did not appear to be provision for bells. On looking closer into the plans one could see that in the central tower a peal of bells was provided for, and it was just possible to have ringers underneath them. He wanted to call attention to the fact that the bells would be hung so that they would be well above the bottom of the windows, out of which the sound was supposed to come. The question had been raised, and it was explained that it would be possible to close up the windows to a height above the bells behind the louvers. They, as ringers, were very insistent on what they called truth in their ringing, and he thought the architects should go in for architectural truth. It was entirely wrong, in his opinion, to make windows which looked as if they were supposed to let the sound out and have a built-up wall inside covered by louvers, which was a sham. He thought they should consult someone who knew something about bells in order to place the openings in the proper position in relation to the bells, so that the sound went upwards and spread over the country, and not downwards to annoy the public.

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LEEDS PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

THE DEDICATION.

Great interest was manifested in Leeds when the completed work of restoration of the bells was dedicated by the Bishop of Ripon. The service was held in the afternoon of New Year's Eve, and the bells were heard, for the first time, after the dedicatory prayers.

In the course of the ceremony the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar of Leeds (Canon W. Thompson Elliott), the Precentor (the Rev. C. R. Hall), the president of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) and seven of the churchwardens, ascended the bell tower, and after greeting the ringers the Bishop consecrated the bells and handed the ropes to the Vicar of Leeds, who accepted the bells as a sacred trust. As the procession left the belfry the twelve privileged ringers, who were assembled in readiness, carried out their part of the programme, when the bells were rung in rounds, and their glorious tones boomed out over the city, to the great delight of many ringers and citizens alike, who had gathered in the precincts of the church to hear them.

In his address the Bishop of Ripon made the first public announcement that he had appointed the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, to an honorary canonry in Ripon Cathedral. Its peculiar happiness lay in the fact that the new Canon had just completed 21 years' tenure of the presidency of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.



LEEDS PARISH CHURCH.

Further rounds were rung immediately after the ceremony, and then, by kind courtesy of the Vicar of Leeds, the churchwardens and local company, the bells were available for visiting ringers. As may be expected, the belfry was almost immediately inundated, but with Mr. L. W. G. Morris officiating as master of ceremonies, the needs of all were duly catered for. The first change-ringing on the bells was three courses of Stedman Cinquses rung by the following: Wm. Woodhead (Leeds) 1, J. A. Teale (Holbeck) 2, J. P. Fidler (Loughborough) 3, P. Johnson (Headingley) 4, W. Barton (Pudsey) 5, T. W. Strangeway (Rothwell) 6, E. Jenkins (Bradford) 7, S. Briggs (Rotherham) 8, L. W. G. Morris (Arncliffe) 9, H. Walker (Doncaster) 10, W. E. H. Ash (Leeds) (conductor) 11, H. Smith (Leeds) 12. Much ringing followed, and among the many visitors present during the afternoon and evening were Messrs. J. Oldham and J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Messrs. J. Holman (Sheffield), J. H. Riding (Crewel), W. Horan (hon. treasurer of the Lancashire Association), W. H. Shuter (joint hon. secretary, Lancs Association), B. Budd (Grimsby), A. H. Ward (Derby), H. C. Walters (Pontefract), J. Marshall (Edinburgh), representing the Scottish Association, A. J. Hughes (Bradford), H. Dransfield (Earlsheaton), W. E. Dransfield (Huddersfield), W. H. Senior and H. Marsden (Batley), and these much respected and indefatigable 'youngsters,' Arthur Knights (Chesterfield) and 'Uncle' Joe Broadley (Bradford).

News was received with much regret that Mr. C. E. Lawson, of Leeds, who had taken an active interest in the pre-arrangements, could not be present on account of illness.

More than 2,000 people filled the great church for the watchnight service, and thousands more listened for the bells to ring in the new year, the first time since the beginning of the century that it had been thus heralded from the tower of Leeds Parish Church.

A remarkable scene, said the 'Yorkshire Post,' was witnessed at the conclusion of the service. Despite the oncoming of rain hundreds of people, of all ages and classes, were assembled in the vicinity of the church, and people clustered at the open windows of neighbouring houses, listening to the bells which, it seemed, had been so long silent, and watching the windows of the bell chamber, where moving hands and ropes could be dimly seen.

PRESIDENT'S PRAISE OF THE BELLS.

The president of the Yorkshire Association (Canon C. C. Marshall) was the preacher at the morning service at Leeds Parish Church on New Year's Day, and spoke in warm admiration of the recast bells.

He could speak, he said, for the great majority of the bellringers in Yorkshire in saying how much they welcomed the completion of this great work. He wished to congratulate the Leeds Parish Church on the fine results achieved: the purity of tone, the way all the little bells could be distinctly heard, and the ease of manipulation. The ring of 12 bells in Leeds Parish Church was installed in 1841, he added, and it was a very wonderful fact that these bells remained untouched, so far as any repairs or improvements were concerned, for over 90 years. Before the end of that time it had become an act of real physical labour to ring them, and the greatest credit was due to the ringers who in later years had kept the bells going. Speaking of the value of the modern tuning, as exemplified in the bells, Canon Marshall said experiments had been tried at sea as to the distance which the sound of bells would carry, and it had been found that a bell tuned on the modern principle, in tune with itself, would carry considerably further than one not so tuned. Under the new system the different notes of the bells were all placed in tune, with the result that the vibrations of the bell were all reinforcing each other and sending out a pure and fuller tone.

As briefly recorded in 'The Ringing World' of December 30th, when the details of the new bells were published, it would appear from the history of the Parish Church by John Rusby and J. G. Simpson that in the early part of the eighteenth century the church had six bells. These were increased to eight in 1746, and to ten in 1738, and when the new church was built in 1841 a new ring of 13 bells was cast to the design of one 'William Gawkruger of Leeds,' 'being,' according to the inscription on the old sharp 2nd bell, 'the first peal of thirteen bells ever cast in this kingdom,' and according to information supplied by Lieut.-Col. E. Kitson Clark these bells, cast by Mears, arriving in Leeds from London, were the first to travel on a railway.

The whole thirteen bells have now been recast into a heavier and nobler ring, and hung with the most modern type of fittings in a massive iron and steel framework, which accommodates the thirteen bells on one level. The new twelve are built to a tenor bell of 42½ cwt. in C natural. A flat 6th has been provided, which gives a musical light ring of eight in the key of F, the tenor of this ring being No. 9 bell of the ring of 12, and weighing 17 cwt. 4 lb. A most delightful effect has been produced (when listening to the bells outside the tower) by treating the tracery immediately beneath the louvred window openings with sound deadening material. Provision has also been made on five of the bells for sounding the Westminster quarters and hours, and each bell has been fitted with two additional striking hammers, operated by a carillon playing machine (completely restored by Messrs. Potts, of Leeds). This is automatically set in operation at appointed hours by a connection with the clock movement. An Ellacombe chiming apparatus has also been installed, rendering it possible to operate the thirteen bells by one person.

The general consensus of opinion reveals nothing but praise and commendation for this latest Loughborough triumph, and it will be appreciated that to successfully hang a heavy ring of thirteen bells, all in one tier, in a tower of mediocre strength, and only 18ft. 6in. square, is a feat that could only be carried to a successful issue by a combination of expert technical knowledge, long experience, sound engineering principles, and skilled workmanship, and the new ring of bells at Leeds Parish Church are a standing testimony to the unparalleled and unique resources ever at the command of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who are to be heartily congratulated upon having produced a literal 'masterpiece.'

There still remain a few minor adjustments regarding the sound in the belfry, which, on account of the removal of the old wooden spiral staircase, communicating with the clock chamber, is slightly too powerful. When, in a few weeks' time, these adjustments have been made, conclusions already arrived at and views expressed point to an overwhelming unanimity of opinion that the bells of Leeds Parish Church—the twelfth entirely new ring of twelve to come from the world-famous Loughborough Foundry within the last sixty years—another unparalleled and unprecedented record that speaks for itself—will in every respect rank among the foremost rings of twelve in existence.

L. W. G. M.

DOVER, KENT.—At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, on New Year's Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Whithead 1, R. T. Clark 2, J. Eagles 3, H. J. Saunders 4, E. J. Walker (first in the method) 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Arranged for Mr. C. R. Walker, who was on a visit from Newton Abbot, Devon.

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PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My answer to Mr. Hunt's first question is, 'I did this six years ago,' and imagined that the question had been settled in the manner so concisely and correctly stated by Mr. Dyke in his letter. I did not say Mr. Dexter was years behind. I do not claim anything, beyond the fact that the original peal was obtained by Mr. Washbrook. I did say that Mr. Hunt was six years behind, because the peal was published in the form given by Mr. Hunt about that time. Will Mr. Hunt tell us why he persists in wrongly crediting the peal to Mr. Dexter?

I must admit I did not, as Mr. Dyke says, examine carefully the paragraph at the foot of the letter, and for this reason, the peal is set out in the old-fashioned way, and if called as set out the treble takes the place of the 6th, and I thought that was intended; I did not for one moment imagine that Mr. Hunt was taking us back to the days of 1847, when Thurstans transposed a peal for a Bristol light-bell ringer to call from the second. And from this arises another question. We usually place a man who conducts a peal of Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell on a higher plane than one who rings the 7th and calls. Should not the fact that the treble was the fixed bell and not the 7th be mentioned?

Is it too much to ask that, in future, Mr. Hunt adopts the proper heading for Stedman Triples, as approved by the Central Council, of which he is a member, viz., vi. SH L v. vi. Q v. P. In my ignorance I took 3 4 5 6 to be 3 4 5 6. I see now it is 5 6 7 8. And again, I took 12 13 to be 12 13, whereas it is, of course, 6 7.

If there are any other ringers who would like to take us back to 1847 and make the 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th to take the place of the 7th, it is quite easily done with any composition. As easily, in fact, as it was to adopt the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' idea of singles at 9 and 11 instead of 14 and 2 to Mr. Washbrook's peal.

I have had a little conversation lately with a campanological educator on the subject of observation bells, and he was of the opinion that the old style of hunts was the best. So that in a peal like Thurstans' we should have the 7th as the whole-hunt, the 6th as the half-hunt, and the 5th as the quarter-hunt. But what will be done when one of the light bells takes the place of the 7th? I think we had better call it the 'Jim Hunt.'

Mr. Hunt says he has not as yet sent a false peal for publication. Is this a boast? Perhaps he has always submitted the false ones to a friend for his perusal first. I know this is true in at least one case. I don't think there is much danger of his submitting a false peal of Stedman Triples.

W. A. CAVE.

WHOSE VARIATION?

Dear Sir,—Please let me thank Mr. Dyke for his very lucid letter. I beg to say I am not qualified to discuss it. It is not the author of the original that concerns me, but whose variation—Dexter's or Cave's? That is my point.

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

CHARMINSTER'S ANCIENT BELLS.

A RESTORATION PROJECT.

An effort is being made to raise funds for the restoration of the bells at Charminster Church, Dorset. There are five bells, the treble, 2nd and 4th dating from 1663, 1631 and 1661 respectively. The 3rd was recast in 1867, but the tenor, which is undated, is believed to be pre-Reformation. The tenor, although cracked, is not to be recast, but is to be preserved as an object of historic value.

In aid of the restoration fund, the Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, gave a lecture on bells and bell ringing to a crowded audience in Charminster Parish Hall, when a collection was taken on behalf of the bells fund.

The lecture was illustrated with photographs and handbell ringing in which six children took part. Handbells were also rung by a party of Poole ringers, under the direction of the Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth. Carols were sung by the choir, and thanks were accorded to the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rev. C. A. Phillips, the choir and the organiser of the event, the hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

BIG MEETING AT PUDSEY.

Despite the cold and foggy weather experienced in and around Leeds on Saturday last a very good attendance was recorded at the Pudsey meeting of the Leeds and District Society. Pudsey stands on a hill, and the many members who were present were rewarded by the clearer atmosphere. The bells were rung up about 3 p.m., and kept going in many of the Major methods until tea-time, when, as is usual at Pudsey, the tea was a real ringers' tea, one to which words fail to do justice, although the ringers did not fail in this respect. Pudsey is always an attractive meeting and brings together ringers not often seen at other meetings throughout the year. The President (Mr. W. H. Senior) presided over the business meeting, which was attended by over 60 members from Almondbury, Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Calverley, Dewsbury, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Northowram, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Rotherham, Shipley, Earlsheaton and the local company.

Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. E. Hurdus, of Armley, and Frank Scholefield, of Burley.

The Secretary, in proposing votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, said he could not find words adequately to express the appreciation of the society to the Pudsey Company for their continued generosity in providing, year after year, the tea and other refreshments for all comers.—The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. F. Renton.

Mr. W. Barton replied on behalf of the Pudsey company. Ringing, both on handbells and in tower, was afterwards continued until 8 p.m., when the tower bells were lowered owing to illness near the church.

The next meeting is due to be held at Liversedge on February 25th.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S RECORD MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild, which was held on Saturday, January 7th, was an extremely enjoyable and successful event. The bells of St. Dunstan-in-the-East were available during the afternoon, and various methods were rung. A move was then made to St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, where the bells have a bad reputation, which is perhaps rather 'harsh.' However, touches in methods from Grandsire Triples to a very well-struck service touch of London Surprise Major were rung until 5.30 p.m., when a short service was held by the district's very good friend, the Rev. J. O. Mayo, Rector of Whitechapel.

Owing to the very large number that had unexpectedly arrived, tea, which as usual was generously provided by Mr. Mayo, had to be served in two relays, the waiting half beguiling the time with handbell ringing.

Mr. Mayo said later that he had a shock when he saw the large company, but it was fully agreed that he and his helpers successfully dealt with the situation.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Mr. J. Waugh, Master; Mr. J. Prior, secretary; Mr. E. Holman, treasurer; Mr. R. Cousins, treasurer; and Messrs. E. Smith and C. Hughes, committee members.

Bethnal Green was chosen for the next meeting, with St. Magnus-the-Martyr as an alternative.

The Master then proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. O. Mayo for his splendid welcome, and to the ladies who waited at tea. In responding, Mr. Mayo said that he had looked forward to the meeting and was glad that such a large number was present. He spoke in very feeling terms of the late Mr. E. Wallage, who for a period of over fifty years was steepkeeper at Whitechapel. As a mark of respect the company stood in silence for a few moments.

The meeting then closed, and while some stayed in the Church Hall for handbell ringing, others, more energetically inclined, reascended the tower for further ringing until 9 p.m.

Over 50 members and friends were present during the day, this easily constituting a record for the district.

Spliced Surprise Major in four methods was rung for the first time at a London County Association meeting, and other methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

WEDDING BELLS IN NORFOLK.

On December 31st, at the Parish Church of Dersingham, the wedding of a ringer was celebrated. The bridegroom was Mr. Sidney Fenn and the bride Miss Lily Day. After the service the bells were rung. The reception was held at the Vicarage, where the bride had been a valued maid. Mr. Fenn was the recipient of a clock, suitably inscribed, from his fellow ringers.

'BELL TOWERS.'

A lecture on 'BELL TOWERS' will be given by

E. H. LEWIS, ESQ., M.A.,

President of the Central Council,

At S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, following the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

All ringers are cordially invited. For other arrangements see Guildford Diocesan Guild notice.

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Referring to the complaints against ringing, he mentioned two cases of which he had recently heard. In one, certain ringers had taken the 'huff' and said they would not ring at all, because residents near the church had asked them slightly to soften the sound of the bells. He thought the ringers were wrong to adopt that attitude. They should continue to ring, and through their Church Council ask for money to modify the sound of the bells. There was no question that the bells in a great many of our towers were too loud for the immediate neighbourhood, but they could be modified at comparatively small expense. In another case, residents blew motor horns outside a church, while service was in progress, as a protest against the ringing of the bells on New Year's Eve. So far as he understood, the ringing had not been excessive, but the point was that the residents had come to live within the sound of the bells six months before making complaints, and if they had any sense whatever they would know that the church would be likely to contain bells, which would be rung, and they had as much reason to complain as a person who bought a house on a railway embankment and complained of the noise of the trains.

'It seems to me,' said Mr. Lewis, 'that the public has reason to complain at times, and they have certainly reason to complain when there is bad striking, and I am sorry to say in many districts the art of ringing methods has rather run away from the art of good striking.' That was partly due to learners being pushed on too fast, and in many districts it was due to the fact that ringers did not know how to hold the ropes. They had to insist on a basis of good striking, and that was the only way to get right with the public.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes, and took the opportunity of emphasising the need for good striking, which, he said, was the essence of change ringing. He asked the members of the Guild, particularly when they did not raise their bells in peal, to raise them singly, from treble to tenor, and not in discords, such as second and tenor together. If they must pull up more than one at a time let it be done in musical pairs. Speaking of complaints, he asked his Rector if he had had any complaints after the last peal rung at Haslemere, and was informed that there had been only one grouse, and that was from a man who was tuning up the engine of his motor-car, and because of the noise of the bells he could not hear if it was ticking over properly (laughter).

The Hon. Secretary stated that apologies had been received from, among others, Bishop Golding-Bird, Lord Daryngton, Rev. C. W. O. Jonkyn, Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths), Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council) and Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Fletcher being down with influenza. Greetings were also received from Mr. Albert Walker, Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

An excellent entertainment was provided by Miss Joan Moulding (elocutionist), Mrs. Frank Moulding and Master Leslie Kimbell (songs), and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, whose handbell solos were a feature of the evening. A course of Stedman Caters and a touch of Stedman Triples were rung by members of the Guild, and Mr. T. A. Stroud (organist of Frensham) was at the piano.

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NOTICES.

THE 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 26th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, Chippenham, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's (8 bells) will be available. Visitors will be welcomed. Notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) open during afternoon. Committee meet 3.15 in Vestry. Tea (4s. 6d. per head) at Warner's Café, Market Place, 5 p.m. General meeting follows.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Institute. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, Jan. 21st. Divine service in St. Paul's Church at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.45. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Tower open at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided. Shoreditch tower will be open from 2 till 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Darlaston on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rector (Rev. J. W. Augur). Tea (1s.) at Church Hall 5.30.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The January quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided, business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service in Cathedral at 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Green Row Rooms. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Cobourg Street, Portsmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting at Sunderland on Saturday, Jan. 21st, when the recently recast peal of St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, will be available to members after 3 o'clock. Tea in North of England Café, Fawcett Street (not in Church Hall, as stated in belfry notices) at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. each).—George S. Taylor, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at the Church House. All outstanding subscriptions for 1932 should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincolnshire.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. This is most essential.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting of the Farnham District will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Tea Rooms, The Borough, 5 p.m.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

METROPOLITAN POLICE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Borough, S.E., on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in Vestry at 6 p.m. Important business. Visitors welcome.—Norman S. Bagworth, Veranda Lodge, Hyde Park, W.2.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—On Jan. 21st a meeting will be held at Ashwell. The bells (a 'grand' peal of 6) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. Just 'show a leg' this time and make it a record! — Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Marlborough. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—Arthur W. Deane, Hon. Sec., Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The bells of Haddenham will be reopened, after rechanging, on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 3.30 p.m. Ringers welcome. Tea 6d.—B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Sec.

HEREFORDSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Leominster District will be held at the Priory Church, Leominster, on Saturday, Jan. 21st. Bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, with meeting, to follow at the Church Institute 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.

TAKE A SMALL PORTION of journey by rail or coach, a good portion of change ringing, a generous portion of each of tea, social gossip and good fellowship well mixed; that's Watford, that is. Saturday, Jan. 21st. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30, etc., etc.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 25th, at the Parish Church, Harlow. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea free to those who advise me of their attendance.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due and should be paid as early as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea, Church Room, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who require tea must let me know on Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Carisbrooke, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Waverley Hotel, followed by business meeting, including the election of district officers. All ringers are welcomed. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, the 25th inst.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., Collingwood, 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 25th, if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Guildford District, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall, followed by lecture on 'Bell Towers' by E. H. Lewis, Esq., President of the Central Council. Please let me have numbers for tea by Jan. 24th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available: Burley (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and St. Michael's, Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Matthias', Burley, at 4 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. W. Scholefield, 43, Watlass Street, Burley, Leeds, by Tuesday, the 24th. General meeting afterwards. Guiseley, Horsforth and Haddon Place cars leave City Square, Leeds, at frequent intervals. Passengers to alight at Wolsley Road for Burley. Subscriptions now due.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham. **A presentation will be made to Mr. P. J. Johnson at this meeting, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present for this event.**

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Will all members try to attend.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual business meeting will be held at St. Nicholas (City) on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow at Cadena Café, Wine Street. Kindly let me know for tea not later than the 25th inst. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 28th. 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, it is important that as many as possible will attend. Will those who hope to be present for tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 24th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Annual meeting at Bakewell, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify me not later than 26th. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. for election of local officers and nomination of general officers. Will all Peak district ringers endeavour to be present?—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec. pro. tem., Moneyash Road, Bakewell.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 41, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by Jan. 25th. St. Clement Danes' bells from 3 to 4.30. Members and friends heartily welcomed. The District Committee will meet in the St. Giles' Vestry at 4 p.m. All concerned, please note.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 24th.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Yateley, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch. — The branch annual committee meeting will be held at the address below on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 3 p.m., one representative from each tower attending, if possible. The bells at Stoke Poges will be available for all ringers at 6 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Twer-ton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance of members is requested. — Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) ready 2.15 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Jan. 25th certain? A good attendance is hoped for. Subscriptions are now due.—H. I. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service at 5.15. Tea (1s. per head) at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting. All requiring tea must notify Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, before the 24th.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gamston on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. R. Askforth, Gamston, Retford, by Jan. 26th. Please make effort to attend, as there is special business to discuss.—W. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Annual meeting at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open 3. It is important that those requiring tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 25th.—J. W. Clarke, Circular Drive, Chester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in church 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are due. Please notify attendance for tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Please let me know not later than previous Tuesday how many will require tea. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Watermoor bells open at 3 p.m. Tea, 4.45, at Viner's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Service, 6 o'clock, at Parish Church. Bells open for ringing after service. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 24th inst.? All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester, Glos.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follows. For tea advise E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham and Pevensy on Saturday, Jan. 28th. West Ham tower will be open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business will be held at the Royal Oak, Pevensy, at 5.15 p.m. (1s. 3d. per head). Pevensy bells available from 6 o'clock. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1s. 6d.). Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Wisbech (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. — E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting at Sleaford, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting. All ringers welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing at Fulham, All Saints', 3 to 5 only. Tea for first 16 names at 'Fielders,' High Street, 5.15. Business and further ringing at St. Paul's, Hammer-smith, 6.30. Late applicants may obtain tea at Lyons, Queen Street, Hammersmith. A welcome for all. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Meeting in Clergy House at 6. Members make own arrangements for tea. Cafés near church. A good attendance at this meeting is requested. — E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage Hut, 1/- each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The memorial to the Rev. H. Law James, in the form of two trebles added to the peal of 10 at Surlleet, will be dedicated by Canon G. W. Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln and President of the Guild, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Dedication and memorial service at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome. The 10 bells available all day, the 12 open after service. Tea provided, only for those applying not later than Tuesday, Jan. 31st. — R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surlleet, Spalding.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—First meeting of the newly-formed Central (South) Division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5.15, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) in the Church House after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 31st. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Honiton on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8) Tea and meeting, 5 p.m., Carlton Café. Service, St. Paul's Church, 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church

on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Great Handbell Competition.**—On Saturday, Feb. 11th, at annual general meeting and annually on such occasions, a competition will take place on handbells. Local towers are invited to send a band of L.C.A. members, who may compete by ringing a course of Triples of any method they themselves prefer. A splendid challenge cup will be presented, by the kindness of F. E. Dawe, Esq., and it is expected that a very happy, if exciting, gathering will result. All members wishing to compete may receive further particulars from Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—Social at Bolton Borough Police Club on Saturday, Feb. 11th.—Peter Crook.

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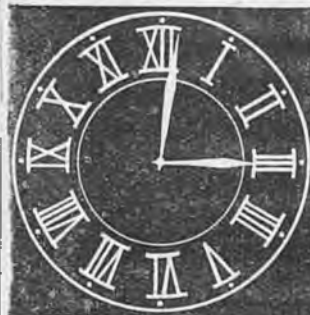
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