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There are some names which are imperishable in the history of ringing, names which have come down to us from the past and will be known for the future as long as the art survives. They are the names of men of vastly different types and position, but they have no distinction in the honourable place which they hold in the estimation of those who give thought to what the Exercise owes to them—the men who from the earliest beginnings have built up the art to what it is to-day. The name of Henry Law James has its place in this list, but unlike some of those whose services to ringing have only been fully appreciated long after they have gone from us, his work made a definite impression upon the science of ringing in his own lifetime, and it will not need the passage of years to reveal the value of his services. Already the Exercise knows something, at least, of what it owes to his brilliant genius and has been ready to join with the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, whose inception was largely due to his inspiration, in providing a lasting memorial to him.

The addition of two treble bells to the ring at Surfleet to make a ring of twelve was but the fulfilment of the designs of Mr. James, and the memorial could, therefore, hardly have taken a more fitting form. From the ringers' point of view it also holds a special interest, because the bells constitute the lightest ringing twelve in the country. There has been, and still is, a strong view held by many people that rings of twelve ought never to have a tenor of less than about twenty-five cwt., and that they should have as much more weight, within reason, as possible. One might almost call the Surfleet augmentation an experiment, it is at any rate an innovation, but Mr. Law James was never afraid of innovations; in fact, one of his chief claims to celebrity lay in his frequent introduction of new ideas. They have not always been readily accepted, but that does not alter the fact that Mr. James was a master of originality. His own assurance that a ring of twelve bells with so light a tenor as twelve cwt. would be a perfectly practicable proposition and a completely manageable ring is borne out by events. Those who like only heavy peals of twelve will be able to point with truth to a lack of that sonorousness and grandeur which they like to associate with these higher numbers, but modern casting and tuning has made it possible to turn out little bells exceedingly sweet in tone and modern hanging practice enables them to be controlled as easily as bells of double or treble the weight. We should not be surprised if, once again, Mr. James' ideas 'blaze the trail'; that others will now follow where he had no fear to tread, and will not hesitate to turn very light peals into rings of twelve.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*NORMAN H. SMITH Treble	†EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	†FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 9
†HERBERT T. PIPER 4	†GILBERT HARDING 10
ROBERT PICKERING 5	†BERT HORTON 11
JOHN C. ADAMS 6	†HARRY BOSWELL 7 tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOFF.

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal on 12. † First peal of Maximus. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Edward F. Mitchell, for 20 years a member of St. Peter's company.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	†ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 7
*HAROLD S. HOBDEN 3	GEORGE W. STOKES 8
*PHILIP S. THOMPSON 4	KEITH HART 9
†BERNARD SAUNDERS 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method and of Royal. † First peal of Royal.
‡ First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

No. 3 version.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ALFRED J. CLAYTON 6
TONY PRICE 2	FRANK JENNINGS 7
DANIEL COOPER 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 8
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	FRANK E. DARBY 9
EDWARD G. TALBOT 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DARBY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of London Surprise Royal in the county, by the association and by all the band. 150th peal together by Messrs. D. Cooper and C. H. Kippin.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WILLIAM M. STONE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 3	GEORGE W. STREERE 8
JOHN BEAMS 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 9
ALBERT HARMAN 5	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

Rung as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. C. D. Kirkham, who is leaving the parish on appointment to a living at Lambeth. Also a birthday peal for Mr. John Howes.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT TEX, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 26, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN Treble	*ERNEST MINGAY... .. 5
*CHARLES W. BURTON 2	*STANLEY PYE 6
*AMBROSE MASON 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	BARNARD PAYMORE 5
EDWARD ROCHESTER 2	JOHN WELCH 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 7
SIDNEY CARTER 4	ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	THOMAS JONES 5
WILFRED J. MOSS 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
NORMAN HEAPS 3	CECIL RADDON 7
WILLIAM EDWARDS 4	*JOHN WOOD... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JOSEPH MARKS 3	*ALAN R. PINK 7
JOSEPH WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED APPELEGATE ... Treble	*JOHN R. BREARLEY 5
FRED NEWTON 2	*JOHN A. BREARLEY 6
VICTOR APPELEGATE 3	HARRY C. WALTERS 7
HARRY BROWN 4	CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal in the method.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HALL Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
*J. WILLIAM HEATH 2	FRANK SADLER 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 7
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of New Cambridge by all except ringers of 3rd and tenor.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 31, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	NORMAN HEAPS 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	WILFRED J. MOSE 7
THOMAS JONES 4	FRANK STONELEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Alderman S. H. Lees, 39 years a member of Salford City Council and churchwarden of this church. Also to Mr. Albert Harry Ellison, late sidesman and well-known worker of St. John-the-Evangelist's, Miles Platting, who was buried the following day.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB FIVE-PART, No. 73.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 5
MADRICE SWINFELD 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	WALTER WALLACE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	*CYRIL T. HAYNES Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

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

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 1, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN Treble	JOHN W. WARD 5
GEORGE SPARROW 2	THOMAS WATTS 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

This composition is a reduced three-part with the bells reversed in 5-6, probably the first of its kind produced.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 2, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*REGBEN SIDENOTHAM ... Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	†JOHN T. DAVIES... .. 6
†WILLIAM T. EDGE 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
GEORGE E. OLIVER 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. Edward Harrison, M.C., M.A.

IRCHESTER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Treble	AMOS SMART 5
ERNEST E. WHITMORE 2	CYRIL WILSON 6
*STANLEY G. ROBINSON ... 3	HENRY STAPLETON 7
CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 4	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Major on the bells, which were installed by Taylor and Co. in November, 1930. Rung to celebrate the tenor ringer's 21st wedding anniversary.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.—On December 12th, at St. Faith's Church, 720 Bob Minor: W. J. Shipp 1, E. A. Shipp 2, Miss D. Sedgeley (first 720) 3, L. Fletcher 4, E. R. Grange 5, R. E. Greenacre (conductor) 6.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 3, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	JAMES S. NAPPER 5
STANLEY C. DAVIS 2	MISS PAI HOLLOWAY 6
HARRY W. SMITH 3	ALBERT D. CULLUM 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 4	Cecil J. CULLUM Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT D. CULLUM.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

E. RALPH MACKRELL Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	FRANK CORKE 7
WILFRED G. WILSON 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER
Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Harding.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

W. SOUTHGATE Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	MAURICE J. LING 6
ERNEST DURRANT 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT 7
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.
Rung as a birthday compliment to W. J. Nevard. Quickest peal on the bells.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH 5
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	A. G. G. THURLOW 6
LESLIE J. CLARK 3	JOHN WOOD 7
THOMAS LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
HECTOR G. BIRD 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT
First peal of London Surprise on the bells since they were recast.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLY. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN
P. J. Cullum's 200th peal.

GREAT TEE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

The only previous peal of London on these bells was rung on April 14th, 1903, and it is worthy of note that the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 6th and tenor took part in it.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*THOMAS J. FOWLER Treble	†WILLIAM E. REDROP ... 5
*MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 2	*ROBERT G. CHAPPEL ... 6
*ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	*FRANK WEST 7
*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal of Spliced Major. † First peal on eight bells. This peal has only 4, 5 and 6 in sixth's at course-ends, and is rung without bobs.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANCIS V. JEPHCOTT Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
FRED PRICE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 4	GEORGE F. GARRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. S. Swindell, M.A., Vicar of Erdington.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS WM. STRANGEWAY Treble	ALBERT WORMALD 5
ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	HAROLD L. JONES 6
HARRY WARD 3	PERCY MASSAM 7
*JOSHUA WORMALD 4	HARRY HOMER Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

NEWHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	†JOHN J. YATES ... 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... 2	†THOMAS GRIMSHAW ... 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	†HAROLD WALMSLEY ... 7
TITUS BARLOW ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.
First peal. † First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER and MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

HARRY D. LISTER ... Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... 5
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 2	*WILLIAM STANNARD ... 6
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAWEN. Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... 5
MISS MARGARET PACK ... 2	ROBERT SWIFT ... 6
GEORGE OLLIVER ... 3	OLIVER SIPPITS ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	NELSON ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by N. ELLIOTT.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, three of Kent and three Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN SEWELL ... Treble	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4
JIM TEBAY ... 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON ... 5
THOMAS S. JEFFERSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Redmayne, of Brathay Hall, Lancs, grandson of the donor of the above church and bells.

DARWEN, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

*THOMAS STONES ... Treble	†ALBERT YATES ... 4
†RICHARD AHERTON ... 2	RICHARD BOLDERSTONE ... 5
†ARTHUR HUTCHISON ... 3	†FRED READ ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED READ.

* First peal. † First peal in more than one method. First peal on the bells. The above are all service ringers at Rishton Parish Church.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,

On Saturday, February 4, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, differently called, and each ending with rounds.
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*JOSEPH E. TAYLOR ... Treble	†ALFRED BALLARD ... 4
†C. HENRY WEBB ... 2	†PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 5
†JOSEPH BEALE ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Treble Bob. † First Cambridge Minor 'inside.' Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Tompkins, of Sharnford, to Mr. William Cope, a ringer at this church, and late hon. secretary, Hinckley District.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 24, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At ADSUM COTTAGE, RYE LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE GREEN ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK ... 3-4	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 25, 1932, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At 66, CRESSING ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven true extents, each called differently.

WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4
ERNEST BRIGHT ... 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

A GLOUCESTERSHIRE PEAL TABLET.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE.

On Saturday, January 21st, on the occasion of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' dinner, a party of about thirty hailing from various parts of England, together with local members, visited the tower at Wotton-under-Edge for the purpose of unveiling a peal tablet recording a peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung on August 13th, 1932. The Vicar, Rev. A. J. Hodson, conducted the service in the ringing chamber, and amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston, of Croydon.

The inscription on the tablet was as follows:—

'LAUS DEO.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.
Bristol United Ringing Guilds' Tour, 1932.

'On Saturday, August 13th, 1932, was rung on the bells in this tower in 3 hrs. 12 mins., 'Thurstans' four-part Peal of Stedman Triples, 5,040 changes. Tenor 18½ cwt. Treble, Miss E. Jessie Augwin, Ladies' Guild; 2nd, John H. Swinfield, Midland Counties Association; 3rd, Francis Kirk, Hertford Association; 4th, Alfred King, Bedford Association; 5th, Daniel Cooper, Surrey Association; 6th, Ernest F. Poppy, Suffolk Guild; 7th, Richard A. Post, Oxford Diocesan Guild; 8th, Arthur S. Roberts, Truro Diocesan Guild. Conducted by Richard Post. Rung as a compliment from the Ringing Exercise to Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, of Croydon, upon the birth of a son.'

This peal was unique from the fact that eight different guilds or associations from all parts of England were represented. With the exception of Mr. King, all the band were elected members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association the previous evening in Bristol.

Before the unveiling, Mr. Albert Walker, St. Martin's Guild, for the Diocese of Birmingham, kindly requested the Vicar to accept the tablet. He said he was pleased to be present with fellow-ringers on that occasion. They had made a special journey from Bristol for the service.

Afterwards at the Falcon Hotel Mr. and Mrs. Johnston entertained the party to tea. Mr. Johnston said it was quite a pleasant surprise to him and his wife. He was simply asked to join in the excursion, and had no idea of the pleasing ceremony. He thanked them all, and assured them that his son and heir was doing well.

Several touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and in the band were Mr. A. King (Beds) and Mr. Post (Oxford), who rang in the peal, which the latter conducted. The party then left for Bristol.

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BELL TOWERS.

THEIR EFFECT UPON RINGING.

LECTURE BY CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

The important question of bell towers and bell hanging and their relation to ringing was the subject of an interesting and instructive lecture given at Guildford on Saturday week by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council. Mr. Lewis gave his address at the invitation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild after the annual meeting of the Guildford District, about 80 being present and closely following his discourse, which was illustrated by blackboard sketches.

Mr. Lewis was briefly introduced by the hon. secretary of the Guild (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), and as the subject is of special interest to all ringers we commence below a detailed report of the lecture. Mr. Lewis said:—

I would like to say something about the present position of bell towers, as we know it. Very little has been published on this subject, at least, on the part of it which, to my mind, really matters. The only thing that has been published is the book by Sir Arthur Heywood. This was published before the war, and is now, unfortunately, out of print. It would be very expensive to reprint it or to print any authoritative book on the subject which necessitates going into calculations. I think, therefore, it is the better way that we as ringers should try and get some knowledge of how matters stand, so that we can bring influence to bear on architects, for some architects do not know very much about the subject.

I want to treat the question of towers in three ways: Firstly, as they affect the public. I did not originally mean to say much about that aspect. A fortnight ago I threw a stone into a pond, and I am not at all sure that certain ripples have not been caused. Therefore I want to say a little more in connection with your proposed new Cathedral, otherwise the effect on the public of the sound of the bells outside the belfry has been treated, and information is available in publications by the Central Council.

In the second place I want to deal with towers as they affect the ringers, and, thirdly, I want to deal with how the poor old tower is affected by the bells being rung.

NEW CATHEDRAL PLANS CRITICISED.

Going back to the first question, the public is interested in two ways. It is very much interested if the bells are hung in such a way that a great deal of noise drops on the immediate surroundings of the tower—houses, offices, banks and buildings close by—and is not carried to the proper distance. The public is also affected if the arrangements are such that it is difficult to ring the bells without bad striking. I want to take as an example of how bells should not be hung the method shown in the drawings of your new Cathedral, which appeared in the supplement to the 'Architect's Journal' for July 27th, 1932. These designs were printed as the successful designs for the new Guildford Cathedral. It may be that the architect has since altered his plans. I can only criticise the drawings as they appeared. The drawings show that the tower is vaulted over the crossing. Above the vault there is apparently a concrete floor. The tower is 35ft. square, so that there is room for twelve or any larger number of bells. Above the first floor over the vault is another concrete floor, the height to the underside being 10ft. 6in. As a concrete floor is very resonant it would be hopeless to think of ringing there with any accuracy or comfort without some other floor of insulating material between them. That would leave only about 9ft. of headroom in the ringing chamber, which would not be particularly comfortable. The bells are shown in a frame resting on this floor; the sallies would probably go on to the wheels, and you would have the sallies in the holes when the bells struck at handstroke, making them softer at handstroke than at backstroke, and giving the effect of ringing half-muffled. The point I complain of most is the tall windows which come down to within one foot of this concrete floor. In the drawings are shown some very steep louvres sloping towards the outside of the tower, with the result that the sound of the bells would come down into the Cathedral close in a deafening way. If one peal were rung on them I am quite sure there would never be another. Probably there would be no practices, and you might be allowed as a great favour to ring on the major festivals.

As a cure for that it is suggested that the windows might be built up inside the louvres. Of course that can be done. It has been done in old towers, and there is some justification for it in such cases, but in my humble opinion there is no justification in a new building for showing windows with louvres on the outside which are built up on the inside. That is an architectural sham of the worst order. It may be many years before you get your completed Cathedral, unless trade improves very much, and alterations may be made in the plans. At the same time there is something wrong if a well-known architect in the winning plans shows such a hopeless condition for ringing.

Now, as to how the tower affects the ringers. With regard to the provision for their comfort in the tower, the length of draft, the modification of the sound and things of that sort, I want to leave the subject as you find it in the Central Council publications. The point I want to take up with regard to ringers is this: It is possible by arranging the bells suitably in the tower, having in view the strength of the different walls, to make ringing very much easier or very much harder than it might otherwise be. If the bells are hard

to ring you not only tend to get bad striking—though not necessarily, because there are some ringers who love to strike well on bad-going bells, in which, after all, is some satisfaction—but you get ringers into a state in which they are not fit to attend the service for which they ring, and that is quite unnecessary. In these days, with modern engineering tools and appliances available, bells ought to go so easily that ringers of either sex can ring them and, without discomfort to themselves, attend the service for which they ring.

HOW THE FORCES ARE EXERTED.

To find out really how a tower affects the ringers, and the tower is affected by the bells, you have to get down to fundamentals. This subject began to interest me twenty years ago, when a series of letters were published from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings by my very good friend, Mr. Powys, for whom I have a tremendous admiration. He is one of the most honest men I have ever met. In what he now admits to be his ignorance, he wrote letters to various local papers about that time. There was one particularly in February, 1912, in the 'Cambridge Daily News.' In that letter the connection between the bells and the tower was described in order as a 'jar,' a 'thrust,' a 'vibration,' a 'blow' and a 'swing,' and that set me thinking. I made up my mind to find out exactly what does happen when you swing a bell; what are the resultant forces; what happens if the frame is not rigid; and what happens if the tower itself is not rigid. It is not a very difficult thing to work out mathematically, provided you assume that the point upon which the bell swings is rigidly fixed. Actually there is nothing rigid in nature, but it is not very far out. The movement of a frame is excessive if it is a quarter of an inch, and the movement of a tower becomes excessive if it is much more than an eighth of an inch. You can, therefore, assume for practical purposes that, when a bell swings, the revolving mass is revolving about a fixed point. When a bell swings round it sets up a centrifugal force, that is, it tends to fly away from the centre, and there has to be some force to keep it moving in a circle. The force that matters in a tower when a bell is rung is the horizontal component of the reaction at the gudgeons, and the maximum horizontal force is twice the weight of the bell. When I say the weight of the bell I do not mean twice the weight of the bell, plus the fittings, but, taking into account the whole of the weight that is turning, twice the weight of the bell itself approximately represents the maximum horizontal force. The greatest vertical force exerted by a bell occurs in the middle of its swing, and is four times the weight of the bell; that is, the weight of the bell plus three times its weight due to centrifugal forces. That has been known for about eighty years, but as far as I can gather nobody, until 1912, had tried to find out when the maximum horizontal force occurred. The maximum pull exerted by a bell in the horizontal direction is at a point approximately 124 degrees from the vertical position; the maximum vertical force is at the bottom, and as the bell rises on the other side it again reaches its maximum horizontal force at 124 degrees from the vertical. The time taken between these two points is approximately one quarter of a second, and, further, you have this fact that, in rings of bells of average size, the time between the swing of the individual bells is just about one-quarter of a second. If you are ringing eight bells at a normal speed, that is allowing for an open lead, you have seventeen beats to go into slightly over four seconds; in other words, the bells start off one after the other at approximately quarter-second intervals, and the time by which one bell lags after the one in front is almost exactly equal to the time between the two maximum horizontal forces. Take an example to show the importance of this fact. If the seventh and tenor hang in the same direction and are roped on opposite sides and are pulled off after each other, the seventh has got to its second maximum at the moment the tenor, starting in the other direction, has arrived at its first maximum, and both are then pulling in the same direction, with the result that you have the maximum possible force acting on the tower. The cure for that is, if possible, to rope the bells on the same side. It is not always possible, but when it is it has an extraordinary effect.

DAMAGING EFFECT OF 'SPRING' FRAMES.

It is only the horizontal forces that one need worry about; it would be a poor tower, indeed, that would not carry the extra weight of the vertical thrust. It is only equivalent to putting one or two feet on the top of the tower. There is a minor point with regard to the clapper. Some of the gentlemen who used to be keen on wooden frames were rather cornered over the results of the investigations. They first suggested that a 'spring' frame was a good thing, because they thought it would stop the vibration or impact of the bell upon the tower. When it was proved that the forces were finite, and that there was no 'impact,' they suggested that the tower got a kick from the clapper. Normally the clapper swings slower than the bell. During the first part of the swing the bell is pushing the clapper faster than it normally wants to go, until it has gone through something like 100 degrees. This has the effect of slowing down the bell and speeding up the clapper. Eventually the clapper gains on the bell, and when it overtakes it and hits the bell you get a distinct jar. This blow has to be taken up by the gudgeon. Actually at the gudgeon it becomes a vertically downward impact, and therefore does no damage to the walls of the tower.

When the investigation of spring frames was undertaken it was proved beyond question that the connection between the bell and the

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DEATH OF MR. W. H. MUNDY, LEICESTER.**FORMER DEVON AND BIRMINGHAM RINGER.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Mundy, of the St. Martin's Cathedral Society, Leicester, after a very brief illness. The deceased underwent an operation about four years ago, from which he apparently recovered, although it had prevented his presence in the belfry since. He was taken seriously ill on Tuesday, January 24th, and passed away the following morning.

From the scanty records he left, it would appear that he commenced his peal ringing at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, in 1886, or earlier. Thence he went to Birmingham, where he joined the St. Martin's Guild, with which society he rang six or eight peals of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. Later he was at Weston-super-Mare, and in 1918 he moved to Leicester, where he joined the St. Martin's Society, and with this company rang his first peals of Double Norwich Major and Superlative. As far as it is possible to trace, he had rung at least 40 peals in all the standard methods from Major to Maximus.

The funeral service was held at St. Chad's Church, and the interment took place at Gilecross Cemetery, Leicester, on Saturday, January 28th. Messrs. Harrison, Morris, Poole and Wilson rang a course over the open grave, a wreath being placed afterwards upon it as a last token of respect for a departed 'brother string.'

On Monday, January 30th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,261 changes) with the bells half-muffled was rung at the Cathedral: F. R. Dexter 1, S. Cotton 2, L. E. Allen 3, I. Morris 4, E. Morris 5, G. Straw 6, F. E. Wilson 7, A. I. Harris 8, P. E. Harrison 9, T. Taylor 10.

The passing of Mr. Mundy creates a great loss to those who knew him, and the deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and daughter, who are left in bereavement.

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tower should be of the most rigid description it was possible to get. There was a great deal of argument in the years 1912, 1913 and 1914 about this question, and I tried to find by experiment what would happen if instead of hanging a bell in a frame that was rigid you hung it in a frame with a spring in it, and to measure the forces acting on the tower in the two cases. These experiments proved that the forces acting on the tower were much greater with a spring frame than in the case of a rigid frame. With a rigid frame the amount of the forces are known; with a spring frame the amount is not known. With a loose frame the amount of the forces are not known, but in this case they became impulsive forces, and sooner or later the tower will get damaged.

(To be continued.)

BELL HANGING BY LOCAL TRADESMEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your leading article in 'The Ringing World' of January 13th, on bell restoration—which I think is a thing we should properly look into—I do not agree with Mr. T. Bond's views, especially as a bell hanger. He is encouraging the Church authorities to call in the local carpenter or blacksmith which, I consider, is against himself. I am writing as a man who had 12 years' experience as a bell hanger with the late Mr. W. Greenleaf, one of the best men in the craft in his day, and have seen something of the local carpenter and blacksmith's rehanging of bells. I well remember a peal being rehung in Herefordshire some years ago. A wheelwright and blacksmith did it for £70 odd, and when the ringers went to the dedication they could not raise a single bell, and they were supposed to be ringers. The consequence was Mr. Greenleaf was called in, and I had them down in the churchyard on the following day week. The same thing applied here in South Wales, and that peal is lying idle to-day. Then, again, with regard to trusting an architect. I say 'No,' for some of them do a lot of harm. If it had not been for an architect we should have had our eight bells in at Penarth years ago, as a gentleman offered to do them, but an architect said, 'No, the tower would not stand the strain.' He was listened to, and the bells are unringable to-day. Of course, the old method of bell hanging, when the bells were sometimes hung to swing all one way, did strain the towers. But when, as they are to-day, cross-swung, even if they are hung in two tiers that risk is done away with. It is true that a smith can 'shut' a broken clapper, but there are few who know how to take the right length of a clapper to strike on the lip of the bell properly. I have seen scores of clappers in my travels either striking above or below the sound bow. Again, to replace an odd broken bearing—I have done it for a makeshift—is like putting a new patch on a pair of old worn-out trousers. It is only keeping the bell hanger outside the door. I could have plenty of jobs to-day, if I would only 'muck about with it,' and I am at present out of work, although I worked as a carpenter for 20 years on the railway. I am quite prepared to help any firm of bell hangers when I can get the right materials to do the job properly. Without them I would rather let it alone, because no man can patch up a bad-going bell without the proper experience and materials. You cannot hang a church bell with a cold chisel and a rasp.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Parish Church of Hagley, Worcestershire, is to be lighted by electricity, and a scheme is being prepared. Mr. Harry Mason, who is well known in West Midland ringing circles, and Mrs. Mason have generously offered to defray the whole cost.

The order for the rehanging of the bells at Thorington, Essex, has been placed with Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. It is hoped to increase the ring to eight, and donations are invited. They may be sent to Mr. G. A. Andrews, Thorington, near Colchester, or to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, near Colchester, Essex.

Mr. C. H. Kippin, the popular hon. secretary of the Surrey Association, had a fortunate escape from serious injury on Tuesday of last week. Cycling in Croydon he had a front-wheel skid on the slippery road in trying to avoid a van. He was thrown on his face and was conveyed to hospital in an ambulance, where he was treated for severe facial abrasions. He was then allowed to go home. Proof that he is improving will be found in our peal columns.

Mr. William Keeble was not the first, after all, to reach double figures in the 'circling' of towers. That distinction belongs to Mr. J. Bennett. Mr. Keeble, however, is probably the first to do it as conductor.

On Wednesday Mr. William J. Nevard, the Essex veteran, celebrated his 77th birthday, and on Saturday eight Williams, including Mr. Nevard, ate to attempt a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Witham in honour of the event.

The many friends of Mr. Harry Chapman, formerly of Manchester, and now of Keyston, Huntingdon, will learn with deep regret of the death of his devoted wife, Mrs. Mary Eliza Chapman, who passed away on Thursday, February 2nd, at the age of 74 years. The funeral took place on Saturday.

In addition to his numerous professional and other duties, such as solicitor, belfry correspondent, and branch secretary, Mr. J. I. Davis has been appointed clerk of St. James' Parish Church, Poole.

APPLETON BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the words I am reported to have said by your correspondent from the Sonning Deanery, I did not say that the Appleton bells were made of good stuff, though assuredly they were, but I was drawing attention to the fact that the third, fifth, sixth and ninth bells are still running in the bearings put in in 1818, and the wheels of the front six bells date from the same year, which I think you will agree is a testimony to the excellence of the material supplied for bearings and wheels, as well as to the workmanship and subsequent care taken of the bells.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN, Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Would Mr. Hunt kindly let us know the date this particular variation of mine was published? I am sorry to ask, but unfortunately I never keep any records.

Would it not have been much easier if Mr. Cave had given us the date of publishing his variation? 'Six years ago' is very vague, especially as Mr. Hunt says mine was published in 1927. I won't be mean and say that there never was a Cave variation. No, I will not even say, 'pirate,' although a gentleman once made that remark in reference to myself, didn't he? Mr. Cave no doubt remembers the occasion. But, even so, that was excusable, wasn't it, for at the time the gentleman was bursting with the newly-acquired knowledge of some of the mysteries of Stedman composition, and it would have been a great pity for this information to be lost to us all.

As regards Mr. Cave's idea that Thurstans' four quarters, linked up by the six singles, constitutes an original composition, I will be guided by Mr. Washbrook himself, who called it 'Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'.

F. H. DEXTER.

Leicester.
[Mr. Dexter's figures were printed in 'The Ringing World' of February 4th, 1927. Mr. Cave's transpositions of Washbrook's peal, 'suggested by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' transposition,' were published on cards bearing date February 8th, 1927.—Ed., 'R.W.']

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. Forty-five members attended, representing twelve towers. Various methods were practised during the afternoon, when the Guild service was conducted by the Rev. G. Wright (Vicar), who gave a short address. The lesson was read by Rev. G. S. Long, Rector of Aldington, a practising member of the Guild. Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, followed by the business meeting, Rev. G. Wright presiding. The accounts were passed, the officers elected being Rev. G. Wright, president, Rev. G. S. Long, vice-president; Mr. C. W. Everitt, Master; Mr. P. Page, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. W. Player representative to Central Council.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting.

During the evening Mr. A. Batten was presented with a case of pipes in appreciation of his services as secretary to the Guild.

The business concluded, members spent the remainder of the evening in social intercourse, songs and recitations, etc.

THE LAW JAMES MEMORIAL.

OPENING OF NEW BELLS AT SURFLEET.

RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO A GREAT LEADER.

There was a great gathering of ringers at Surfleet, Lincolnshire, on Saturday, when the memorial to the late Rev. Henry Law James, provided by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and friends, was dedicated. This memorial completes a work in the Parish Church which Mr. James himself had contemplated, and therefore could have taken no more fitting form. Mr. James was proud of the ring of ten bells in the celebrated leaning tower, and it was his ambition to make them into a peal of twelve. This has now been done by the addition of two trebles, and a suitable memorial tablet in bell metal has been erected at the foot of the tower. The memorial scheme was initiated by the Rev. Law James' successor in the Mastership of the Guild, Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was so readily backed up by the Guild committee that, when they met last October to consider the proposal, it was decided to place the order the next day. The new bells have been cast in the same distinctive style as the four bells added in 1913 by Mr. James, and are of wonderful tonal quality for bells of such small size. When it is remembered that the tenor of the

twelve is only 12 cwt., it will be realised how diminutive must be these new bells compared with the trebles of a ring of this number, even with a tenor of only 25 cwt. or 30 cwt., but they speak with tuneful voices, and when the work in the tower is completed will doubtless be heard by the ringers equally well with the rest. They are mounted with two other bells in an upper tier in the frames formerly occupied by the previous trebles, while new frames have been provided on the same level for the present fourth and fifth.

The ropes form an excellent circle, and this despite the difficulties which are caused by the tilt of the tower, which is 6ft. 4in. out of plumb, while there is a tilt of at least three feet from the bell level to the floor. The result is that the ropes drop towards the west wall, and three of the ringers have to stand in the western doorway, although these particular bells are roped on the side farthest from the wall. For such light bells, with a draught of sixty feet, the new trebles proved easy to handle. Surfleet now has the lightest ring of twelve bells in the country, and Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are to be congratulated upon the success with which the scheme has been carried out. The 'splice' is perfect, and there is nothing freakish in the style necessary to ring the small bells; indeed, some experienced ringers professed to prefer them for handling to some of the other light bells in the tower.

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

The proceedings on Saturday began with an early celebration of Holy Communion, in which Henry Law James was specially remembered in the prayers. A congregation which practically filled the ancient church, which owes so much to the efforts of its late Vicar who, during his ministry, turned a dilapidated building into a beautiful House of God, assembled for the dedication service in the afternoon. Ringers from all over Lincolnshire and places far beyond flocked to the village, not only to share in the ceremony but to pay respect to the memory of one who was not only the founder of the Guild, and had guided its destinies for more than thirty years with unerring hand, but had gained an almost unique place in the ringing Exercise. There were many non-ringing parishioners present, too, people who had known and honoured him as pastor and friend.

The Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Clark, officiated at the service, which was attended by a number of Lincolnshire clergy, including Canon G. W. Joudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, and president of the Lincoln Guild. The service took the form of shortened evensong. Psalm 23 was sung, and the hymns included, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing' and 'O Thou whose all-redeeming light.' The first lesson, from Ecclesiasticus xlv., commencing, 'Let us now praise famous men,' was read by the Rev. E. G. Gee (Vicar of Pinchbeck), and the second lesson, from 1 Thessalonians iv., by Canon B. G. Nicholas, R.D. (Vicar of Spalding).

After the collect the clergy proceeded to the foot of the tower, where Mr. Richardson, on behalf of the members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and friends throughout the British Isles and overseas, requested the Sub-Dean to dedicate the bells and the memorial tablet "to the glory of God and to the memory of our late Master and friend, Henry Law James."



THE LATE REV. HENRY LAW JAMES.

The Sub-Dean then unveiled the tablet and dedicated this and the bells in due form, afterwards offering other suitable prayers. While the procession returned to the chancel, twelve members of the Lincoln Guild rang the bells in rounds—the first occasion on which the whole twelve had been heard: F. W. Stokes (Blankney), 1, Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet) 2, J. Walden (Lincoln) 3, G. Ladd (Pinchbeck) 4, H. Morgan (Gainsborough) 5, C. McGuinness (Lincoln) 6, H. M. Day (Market Deeping) 7, F. S. W. Butler (Gainsborough) 8, J. Bray (Barton-on-Stather) 9, W. Wood (Great Hale) 10, J. Freeman (Lincoln) 11, R. Richardson (Surfleet) 12.

A FAITHFUL PARISH PRIEST.

The Sub-Dean, in his address, said that by the dedication of the two bells they had done what the late Vicar had had in his mind to do, and would have carried out had he lived. They were thus fulfilling his wishes and intention, and were making those two bells a memorial of his work there. They knew how proud Mr. James was of the church and of the tower, and how anxious he was to make everything in it as good and beautiful as possible. Yet perhaps one ought to think more of him as a faithful parish priest, a man who cared for the souls of the people committed to his charge, and those who knew him in that capacity would preserve a grateful memory of the spiritual work which he did in that place—and the lives of the people were the best and most satisfactory memorial to a parish priest. Mr. James was keen about his work, as he was keen about the bells. The new bells were a memorial to his care for bellringing. He was not only a bellringer at Surfleet, he was known all over the country, and his advice was constantly sought. Some of them knew him as a true and lovable friend, a man of true and deep convictions. May his soul rest in peace.

The Sub-Dean then went on to speak of beauty in worship and of the charm and beauty of bells when rung for the church services.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Palms of glory, raiment bright,' and after the Benediction the congregation went into the churchyard where, over the grave of the departed priest and bellringer, and upon which earlier in the day a magnificent cross of flowers had been deposited by the Master of the Guild, a perfect course of Grandsire Triples was rung in slow time by Messrs. F. W. Perrens, E. H. Lewis, W. Ayre and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher. Immediately afterwards the first change ringing on the twelve bells took place, a course of Stedman Cinques, by a band representing twelve guilds and associations: E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and Kent County Association) 1, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (Ladies' Guild) 2, R. Richardson (Lincoln Diocesan Guild) 3, C. T. Coles (Essex Association) 4, J. S. Goldsmith (Guildford Diocesan Guild) 5, J. Holman (Yorkshire Association) 6, F. W. Perrens (Warwickshire Guild) 7, F. W. Smallwood (Ely Diocesan Association) 8, F. Wilford (Peterborough Diocesan Guild) 9, G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary of the Central Council, and Middlesex County Association) 10, W. Ayre (Hertford County Association) 11, J. Brothwell (North Notts Association) 12.

Afterwards the bells were open to visitors, and in the course of the afternoon and evening everyone had the opportunity of ringing on the augmented peal.

BIG TEA PARTY.

The whole of the visitors and local ringers, numbering altogether about 130, partook of tea in the large bulb shed on Mr. Rupert Richardson's farm, there being no other place in the village sufficiently spacious to accommodate the party. Mrs. Richardson and a staff of willing helpers had prepared the meal, and so sufficient had been their efforts that even the proverbially ample appetites of the ringers failed to exhaust the supplies. The tea was generously given by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, and the whole of the charge made for it was given to the memorial fund. Mr. E. H. Lewis presided over the gathering, supported by the Vicar and Mr. Richardson, and among those present, in addition to those whose names have already been mentioned, were Messrs. F. W. Stokes (general secretary of the Lincoln Guild), F. S. W. Butler (Northern Branch secretary), C. T. H. Bradley (Southern Branch secretary), G. Ladd (Elloe Deaneries Branch secretary), J. Freeman (Ringing Master, Northern Branch), W. E. Clarke (Ringing Master, Eastern Branch), H. M. Day (Ringing Master, Southern Branch), J. Bray (Ringing Master, Grimsby District), Rev. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (hon. secretary, Ely Diocesan Association), Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston, Notts), J. Flint (Bolsover), A. Ward (Derby), etc. The Rev. E. Banks James was prevented from attending, as was also Mr. J. Phillips (Eastern Branch secretary), who was unable to be present through illness.

CAMBRIDGE DAYS.

The President of the Central Council said it was a wonderful thing to see such a gathering of ringers from all parts coming to do honour to the Vicar of that little village of Surfleet. Those who lived in Lincolnshire probably thought of Mr. James chiefly for his work in that parish and of his work for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, but some of those present who had not seen so much of his local activities had a very high opinion of him for the work he did nationally. Speaking as the representative of the ringers of the whole country, he could say that they held him in other parts of the country in very high esteem. He could think of no one who did more for the Exercise in producing musical compositions and in producing methods than Mr. James did. Mr. Lewis added that he first came to know Mr. James about thirty years ago, when some of them who were undergraduates

at Cambridge were struggling to master the elements of change ringing. They did a lot of their practice on handbells, and when they got to a certain stage and wanted help in getting peals, they used to send an 'S.O.S.' to Mr. Law James, and he would come to Cambridge for two or three days. They then used to ring handbells from immediately after breakfast until after bedtime (laughter). Needless to say, they did not get many peals, for they got so stalo by the latter part of the evening that they could only ring for ten or fifteen minutes without breaking down (laughter). Later on he (the speaker) got to know Mr. James as a member of the Central Council, where he did a great work for the Exercise. He was always bringing up new ideas, and whenever he brought anything fresh before the Council they could always be sure of having an exciting time. If he took up a cause he would champion it violently, and very lively arguments would go on. There was one in particular which he remembered, when Mr. James wanted to have them believe that Stedman as we now rang it was not true Stedman, but that the method was the slow six and the quick six was the bob, so that 120 of Stedman Doubles was constructed of alternate plain sixes and bob sixes; in fact, that Stedman was what we know as Erin. There was a very fierce argument at Manchester about it, and it was only finally suppressed when the president, Sir Arthur Heywood, looked with a smile at Mr. Sam Woods, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and the latter proposed an amendment to the motion 'that Stedman be left as it was in Feytlier's time' (laughter). That was ultimately carried, and the controversy did not get any further, but from a mathematical point of view there was a great deal in Mr. James' theory. After all, it did not matter much what they called it. What mattered was what they rang and how they rang it. He got to know Mr. James very well as a member of the Central Council, and he also spent some delightful weeks with him on the Cambridge Guild tours. There again he used to provide them with a great deal of interest and a great deal of amusement, especially if his talented brother, Mr. Bankes James, was with them. They were always producing new methods. They would produce one in a minute or two, and in another minute or two the Cambridge Guild members would be ringing it on handbells. He only saw Mr. James once in his own home, and that was last October twelve months, when he spent a week-end at the Vicarage after going with him to inspect the bells at Boston. They knew the result of that visit. Boston bells had been put into good order, and he was looking forward very much to seeing how the work had been carried out and what the bells sounded like. During the short time he spent with Mr. James in Surfleet he was tremendously impressed with the whole atmosphere of his work as a parish priest, and he was not sure that, while they outside looked upon him as one of the foremost method producers, composers and change ringers, the greatest work he did was his work in Surfleet as parish priest (applause).

The Vicar of Surfleet welcomed the visitors on that great occasion in the history of Surfleet. They had, he continued, heard something about Mr. James from Mr. Lewis. He (the Vicar) knew Mr. James for about 30 years, and the greatest work which he did at the beginning of that time was to turn a dilapidated barnlike church into the beautiful edifice it now was. As he (Mr. Clark) went about the parish he discovered that Mr. James was a wonderful parish priest. His name to-day was held in great veneration, and they were thankful to record the many good deeds which he did. Continuing, the Vicar said they could not have a day like that in Surfleet, or such a spread, without mentioning the name of Mr. Rupert Richardson (applause). No one knew the amount of work he had put in over this memorial, and he had done it with his whole heart and soul because he loved bellingring. They were grateful to him for his great services and his generosity—for the whole of the proceeds of the tea were to be given to the bell fund (applause). He also wanted to mention the name of Mr. John Richardson, who was Mr. James' churchwarden for 26 years, and who was very disappointed he could not be present that day, as he was confined to bed. On behalf of the parish of Surfleet he extended a hearty welcome to the visitors.

Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association) acknowledged the cordial welcome given to the visitors. They had heard a good deal about the late Mr. James that day, but he would like to add that Mr. James set an example of hospitality—such hospitality as ringers received in many parts of Lincolnshire, and upon which the spirit of Mr. Law James had descended. The visitors came there that day knowing they would be made welcome by one of Mr. James' pupils—Mr. Rupert Richardson—and they had been made welcome also by Mr. James' successor, the Rev. G. H. Clark. The visitors had a deep sense of gratitude for this welcome, and he would also like to thank the many kind ladies, who by an enormous amount of work had prepared the tea. Mrs. Richardson and her friends had been working early and late in preparation for that event. On behalf of all the visitors, he thanked Mr. and Mrs. Richardson for their great hospitality (applause).

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHEME.

Mr. Rupert Richardson, who was received with applause, first mentioned that he had received apologies from, among others, Mr. Denison Taylor, Mr. Harry Chapman, who that day was burying his wife, Canon H. T. Parry (Bigby) and Mr. F. F. Linley, president of the Northern Branch. Continuing, Mr. Richardson reviewed the development of the memorial scheme. It was, he said, a year ago on the

preceding day since the Lincoln Guild lost its founder and one of its greatest friends. That day they were met there to pay homage to one of the most unselfish workers the ringing Exercise ever had. A few days after Mr. James' death Mr. Bankes James told him that his brother's greatest wish was to put two trebles to the existing ten bells. He (the speaker) tested the feeling of the Guild, and everyone seemed to approve of it. It was put before district meetings, and promises of support were so unanimous that when the committee met early in October they felt justified in going forward with the scheme. The committee came to the conclusion that, as the memorial would be in a sense a national one, they would receive substantial help from outside the Guild, and that trust had not been misplaced. He had received subscriptions from England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and two from South Africa (applause), while the letters which he had received showed the esteem in which ringers held Mr. James. There were one or two who did not approve of such a daring scheme, and one of them was the first subscriber. But Mr. James was a daring man; he was always doing pioneer work, and they could have had no more fitting memorial to him. The result of the committee meeting was that the order for the bells was placed next day with Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and he

would like to thank everyone who had helped in any way to make the scheme a success, especially the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for the great assistance he had given him, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the courteous and efficient way they had carried out the work. He also thanked all those who had sent subscriptions, and Mr. Lewis for coming from London to take the chair.

The total cost of the scheme would be about £170. That was a little more than was first estimated owing to the cost of the tablet, but the committee felt it was necessary that they should have a tablet to complete the scheme, and have something at the bottom of the tower recording what had been done. Up to the present they had passed the £100 mark (applause), but he wanted them to re-

member they had still a long way to go. When the committee discussed the matter they decided to make a general appeal to the ringers of the Guild; if that did not produce enough then to ask each branch to make a grant from the funds; and if they were still short to ask every meeting through the diocese to make a collection until the balance was paid off. The £120 which had to be provided by the Guild represented 4s. 6d. a rope. He did not think that was too much to ask for for a memorial to a man who had worked like Mr. James for the benefit of the members. He appealed to every member of the Guild to help to raise the rest of the money and raise it quickly. He hoped they would not make the excuse of hard times. He knew times were hard, but Mr. James never thought about how hard times were if he was asked to do anything for the benefit of the Guild. He was at everyone's beck and call, and he would go from one end of the county to the other if he thought he could do any one of them any good (applause). The Elloe Deaneries Branch had raised much more than their quota, but some of the branches, he was sorry to say, were a long way off half of theirs. They did not expect 4s. 6d. a rope from every tower, because there were some with only one or two ringers, but he did not think it too much to ask for an average of 4s. 6d. throughout the Guild. No more unselfish man than Mr. James ever walked this earth, and he hoped the members of the Guild would put their backs into completing the fund, and that at the annual meeting in April he would be able to say they were out of debt (applause).

Afterwards the ringers returned to the belfry, and utilised the bells to the utmost, many ringing on twelve bells for the first time.

On Sunday morning the bells were rung for service to a good touch of Stedman Cinques.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, January 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Auger (first quarter) 1, P. Newton (conductor) 2, R. Blaby 3, H. Stratford 4, A. G. Jones 5, F. G. Biggs 6, R. Biggs 7, Jos. Evans 8.



MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. P. J. JOHNSON.

At the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, on Saturday week, Mr. Percy J. Johnson, of Leeds, who has recently retired from the hon. secretaryship, was presented with a clock in recognition of his 16 years' devoted service. The meeting was held at Burley, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. H. W. Moore), churchwardens and local company, and the rings of eight at Burley and St. Michael's, Headingley, were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

A service was held in Burley Church at 4 p.m., the singing being led by the choir boys and accompanied by the organ. The Rev. H. W. Moore based his sermon on the words, 'Glory be to God,' from the latter portion of the communion service, and delivered an impressive sermon full of interest.

Tea was served in the schools, about a hundred members and friends sitting down to a tea which lacked nothing in quantity or quality.

The meeting was held immediately afterwards, the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar of Burley and the principal officers of the association.

The Chairman moved a very cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the organist and choir-boys for their services, and for the enthusiastic welcome accorded to the association at this, the first, general meeting to be held there.—In acknowledgment the Rev. H. W. Moore assured the members of the pleasure it had given him to welcome them, and hoped they had enjoyed ringing on what they in Burley regarded as the nicest light ring of eight in the district.

On the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. F. Clark, a very hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the local company for the excellent arrangements they had so unsparingly made, and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables. Mr. J. W. Slack left no doubt in the minds of those present that the local company had been pleased to do what they had done towards making the meeting a success.

An invitation having been received from the authorities and local company to hold the next meeting at Leeds Parish Church, it was unanimously accepted. This meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6th.

THREE PRESIDENTS IN 58 YEARS.

In moving the re-election of the president for another term of three years, Mr. P. J. Johnson coupled with the proposition the warmest congratulations of the association on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Ripon Cathedral. The association, continued Mr. Johnson, had been singularly fortunate in its choice of presidents, as since its inception in 1875 Canon Marshall was only the third to occupy that important office. Jasper W. Snowdon was president from 1875 to 1885, William Snowdon from 1885 to 1910, and Canon Marshall from 1910 to the present time. This was a record that must be unique in the annals of ringing associations, especially as each had proved himself so worthy a holder of the office. The proposition was seconded by Mr. Cotterell, another 'youngster' in association work, and carried with applause.

In thanking them for his re-election and for their congratulations, the President took the opportunity of thanking the general committee and members for their wholehearted assistance in helping him to carry out his duties, and said it was partly through his position as their president that he had been appointed a Canon of Ripon.

The balance sheet, audited earlier in the day by Messrs. R. Thomas and W. Slack, was passed as being very satisfactory, as, based on general expenditure, it showed a balance in hand of about £17 on the year's working.



MR. P. J. JOHNSON.

The 57th annual report of the association showed that 85 new ringing members, one patron and one hon. life member had been elected, whilst 14 members had been lost by death, and 54 had lapsed. The total membership of the association now stands at 1,251. The peals rung during the year numbered 139, which constitutes a record for post-war years. These come under 34 headings, and include eight different Surprise Major methods. The report was accepted, and Mr. W. Barton heartily thanked for all the work he so ably did for the association in his capacity as peal secretary.

Mr. Bernard Webb, of Pickering, was elected to the vice-presidency of the Northern Division in place of Mr. J. H. Blakiston, who felt obliged to resign for personal reasons. As Mr. Webb is also a vice-president of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, the hope is expressed that it will be a step towards bringing the two associations to a better and closer understanding of each other.

Messrs. Malcolm Robson (Guiseley), Frank Scholesfield (Burley), Alec Dransfield, and Norman Ling (Earlsheaton), Willis Haigh (Bolsterstone) and Roy Varley (Brainley) were elected members of the association.

RECOGNITION OF VALUABLE SERVICE

The last item on the agenda was the exceedingly pleasant one of making a presentation to Mr. P. J. Johnson, the former hon. general secretary. Canon Marshall, in making the presentation, said the association was losing a very valuable secretary who, for 16 years, had proved an extremely efficient and careful worker in looking after the affairs of the association. They all felt they could not let this resignation pass without some recognition, and he was pleased to say a very considerable response had been made to the circulars which had been issued to the towers. The gift, which consisted of a clock, was Mr. Johnson's own choice, which he had made in company with Mr. Barton. Continuing, Canon Marshall said he could assure Mr. Johnson that behind the gift was a fund of feeling and thankfulness which he could scarcely find words adequately to express. They were under a tremendous debt to him. He had helped them to weather some of the worst storms in the history of the association, and he was one to whose ability and character they could always look up, and whose kindness had never been found wanting. Personally he was very, very grateful to him for all the help he had given to him, and, speaking as their president, he was sure the members felt the same. They offered this gift to Mr. Johnson with their very grateful thanks, and with the earnest hope that he would be long spared to continue his interest in the association (applause).

Mr. Cotterell, hon. treasurer, added his testimony, and expressed his regret that Mr. Johnson had felt compelled to resign.

Mr. J. Lawson, one of the oldest members of the association, speaking in support, said he had never met anybody with greater enthusiasm, or one more ready to help and to do his very best for the association and change ringing as a whole. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Johnson long life and prosperity (applause).

Mr. Johnson, who was received with applause, said that in these difficult times it was hardly the time for giving and receiving presents, and he was sure that in making him this presentation it was out of some warm feeling of regard for him. He could assure them, on behalf of his wife and himself, that they were very grateful indeed to the members for their kindness, and the clock would always serve to remind him of some of the pleasant times he had had with them. He regretted that he had found it necessary to resign, but the work was getting more instead of less, and he had not the time to continue in the capacity of secretary. Nevertheless, his interest in the well-being of the association would not diminish, and he thanked them very sincerely.

The clock was inscribed: 'Presented to Percy J. Johnson by the members of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers with grateful thanks for his work as general secretary, 1917-32.'

This brought to a close a very pleasant and memorable meeting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Martock on Jan. 21st. The bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon and service, held in the Parish Church, was conducted by the President, the Rev. G. Saunders (Vicar of Martock).

The annual meeting followed tea in the Church House, the President being supported by the Rev. C. C. Cox (Vicar of Lyme Regis), Mr. D. G. Taylor (secretary of the Crewkerne Deanery Branch) and over 30 ringers from Ilminster, Yeovil, Montacute, Martock, Langport, Curry Rivel, Evercreech, Somerton, etc.

The following officers were re-elected:—Rev. G. W. Saunders, president; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary; and Mr. J. E. Baker, Ringing Master. The secretary was chosen to represent the branch on the General Committee.

Three new members were elected, and the meetings for the year were arranged to take place at Hardington in April, Somerton in July, and West Coker in October; on the fourth Saturday in each case.

It was decided that the annual meeting be held alternately at Yeovil and Martock on the first Saturday in December, and that in the future four quarterly meetings be held.

After the meeting the bells were kept going until after 8 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO LATE HON. TREASURER.

There was a large attendance of members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the annual meeting of the Guildford District on Jan. 28th. There was ringing during the afternoon at S. Nicolas' Church, where service was afterwards held.

Tea was served in S. Nicolas' Hall, about 70 being present. The Provost (Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) presided, and among those who attended were the Rev. D. Raiton (Shalford), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. C. F. Johnston and Mrs. A. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. H. Miles (Oxford), Mr. S. R. Roper (Croydon), etc. The Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse) was unavoidably absent owing to being a victim of the prevailing epidemic.

The following district officers were re-elected for the year: Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Melville; hon. secretary, Mr. G. L. Grover; hon. auditor, Mr. A. C. Hazelden; hon. members representative on executive committee, Mr. S. Marshall (Puttenham). A ballot for two ringing representatives on the executive committee resulted in the re-election of Messrs. S. Petter (Worcestershire) and R. Whittington (Gloucestershire).

The officers were thanked for their services in the past year.

A very satisfactory balance sheet was presented and adopted. The receipts amounted to £20 16s., and the expenditure to £15 9s. 8d., including £10 3s. remitted to the Guild treasurer. The balance in hand was increased from £17 6s. 2d. to £22 12s. 6d.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Melville) in his report said 19 peals had been rung in the district during last year (compared with 23 in the previous year), being one each of Guildford, London and Bristol Surprise Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Grandsire Doubles, three peals of Grandsire Triples and eight of Stedman Triples. There had been six conductors, viz., Messrs. A. H. Pulling 14, and L. Hunter, A. Harman, C. Kippin, A. J. Bartlett and S. Radford one each. He added that he would like to see more local companies attempt peals, as not only did peal ringing make ringers better strikers, but more positive in their ringing. There had been twelve combined practices during the year, all of them fairly successful. These practices not only enabled ringers to get touches in methods they could not get in any other way, but also kept alive the Guild spirit.

It would be idle to say that this district has done more during the last year than just drift along. The district meetings were held according to schedule, but at none of them was the attendance really startling—in fact, the average attendance at these meetings from members actually resident in the district was only 19—not a very large percentage of the total roll of 166 ringing members. In addition to the district meetings there was a gathering at Clendon at the dedication of the two new trebles. During the year the district and the Guild suffered a very severe blow, the loss by death of their esteemed treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. He was resident within the Guildford District, and they all knew his value to the district and to the Guild. Since his death he had been very much missed, and none of their meetings had seemed quite the same without him. As they all knew, the people at Old Woking were endeavouring to raise a fund to set up a memorial to the Admiral. It had not yet been decided exactly what form this would take, but one of the proposals was that the bells at the Parish Church should be retuned. This suggestion came in the first place from the general secretary, who felt that the members of the Guild would like to be associated with any memorial erected to the Admiral. The executive committee of the Guild discussed the matter and came to the conclusion that the Guild might reasonably hope to be able out of its funds and subscriptions from members to recast the sixth bell, if the parish obtains enough money to retune the other five of the back six. If this scheme is carried out it should not be too much to hope that every member will give something, and that that something will be the maximum amount he can afford. In addition to individual subscriptions and a contribution from the general fund of the Guild, the district committee recommended that the district should contribute £5.

One hundred and sixty-six ringing members paid for 1932—an increase of 15 over 1931. The increase was largely due to members from the new band at Grayshott. Bramley had dropped right out again. Eight hon. members who paid in 1931 did not renew their subscriptions last year. Members should try to keep in touch with their local hon. members and endeavour to keep them interested in the Guild. Places for district meetings were chosen by the committee, and they recommended Puttenham, Old Woking, Ewhurst, Grayshott and Albury or Witley. The District Ringing Master had interviewed the Rector at Albury, who apparently did not want the Guild there; his ringers did not want them and the inhabitants were not keen, so Albury must be struck out.

The Secretary then proposed the following resolutions, which were carried:—

'That, subject to the consent of the annual general meeting of the Guild, this district contribute if and when required a sum not exceeding £5 towards Admiral Walker's memorial fund.'

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DEATH OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S TREASURER.

TRAGIC END OF ACTIVE LIFE.

Deep regret is felt in Lancashire, and will be shared by ringers in many parts of the country, at the tragic death of Mr. William Horan, the hon. treasurer of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Horan, whose home was at Todmorden, had been missing for some days, and towards the end of last week his body was recovered from a lake.

Although comparatively a young man, Mr. Horan had accomplished more ringing in ten years than many men do in a lifetime. He had rung over 120 peals for the Lancashire Association alone. He had taken part in several ringing tours, and was among those who last year had a week in Yorkshire. Among his last peals were two of Cambridge Surprise Royal on Boxing Day at Stockport.

Before becoming treasurer of the Lancashire Association, he was secretary of the Rochdale Branch.

Mr. Horan was an accountant by profession, and led an extremely active life, being connected with many organisations. He will be much missed in Lancashire ringing circles, and sincere sympathy will go out to the bereaved relatives. Mr. Horan was unmarried.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION HANDBELL CONTEST.

Many competitors are expected to send in their names for this interesting contest, which is being organised by the London County Association. It is a challenge to all ringers who are members of the above association. Those who do not think they may have a chance against old or more experienced ringers should get to work at once and practise as much as possible. Any four L.G.A. 'ites' belonging to any one tower may compete by ringing a course of any method, but commencing and finishing with six whole pulls of rounds. The solid silver challenge cup, kindly given by Mr. F. E. Dave, is well worth a special effort to win. It will be held for twelve months. The contest will take place at the annual meeting of the association on February 11th.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

As the 10 bells at Duffield, which was the home of Sir Arthur Heywood, and where he was a Sunday service ringer for many years, are about to be recast, the committee of the Midland Counties Association invite subscriptions from all ringers towards the expenses of recasting one of the bells and adding a suitable inscription.

Sir Arthur was, as is well known, the founder of the Central Council, and its president for a quarter of a century. He was also president of the M.C.A. for 29 years, and the committee feel that there are many, particularly those who knew him personally, who will welcome this opportunity of being associated with the scheme, and it is with confidence that they appeal for generous support from one and all.

Donations, however small, will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the hon. treasurer of the M.C.A.,

W. E. WHITE,

Ivy Cottage, Cotgrave, Nottingham.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 15th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Minor consisting of 180 Plain Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Seager 1, W. Mills 2, E. J. Shynn 3, F. W. Shynn 4, J. Seager 5, P. C. Sayer (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Sunday, Jan. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Balchin (first attempt) 1, T. Alwell 2, G. Luff 3, J. Pelloe (first attempt as conductor) 4, R. J. C. Hagley 5, M. Smithers 6, A. J. Bartlett 7, W. Bartlett 8.

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'That district meetings be held during 1933 at Puttenham, Old Woking, Ewhurst, Grayshott and Witley, dates and order to be left to the secretary.'

All the Guild officers and the Central Council representatives were renominated, and the Provost was also nominated as a vice-president.

Two new members were elected, and the customary votes of thanks terminated the business.

Afterwards a most interesting lecture on 'Bell Towers' was given by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who dealt with some of the problems of bell hanging in weak towers and the best way of overcoming the stresses upon them; also of the effect of moving towers upon the efforts of the ringers. Mr. Lewis illustrated his lecture with blackboard drawings, and his talk proved a most instructive one.

At the close he was heartily thanked for his lecture, which we publish in greater detail elsewhere in this issue.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at 'The Coffee Pot' on the 21st (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, February 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Tey on February 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Frequent bus service Colchester and Braintree. Route within one mile of church.—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The district annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, about 6 p.m., in the Church Hall, 1s. each. Subscriptions thankfully received.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and the usual business meeting at the Institute.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police again invite ringers, their wives and friends to the Athletic Club, Old Hall Street, Bolton, for a billiards match and free and easy social on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bring your music.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Lincolnshire District) and the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d. per head at Sun Hotel, 5 p.m.—Mrs. R. Richardson and H. Morgan, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers are welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, 2.30 - 3.45. St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 3.30-4.45. Service in St. Clement Danes at 4.45. Tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, 5.30 (1/- each). Business meeting in Parish Hall at 6.30. Handbell competition after business meeting.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available 3-4 p.m. and 4.30-6.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting 6.30.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. J. Hilton-Spratt, the spring meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members' subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottershaw in conjunction with the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild on Saturday, February 18th, Chertsey bells not being available. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., numbers by Tuesday, February 14th.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 16th. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Subscriptions thankfully received.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Royston on Feb. 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. The Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Grieg, The Vicarage, Royston, is providing tea for those who notify him not later than Wednesday previous.—D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting is to be held at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation has been extended to the Guild by the Vicar, so it is hoped that there will be a good attendance. Tea will be served in the School at 5 o'clock, 1s. a head. Good bus service to Shilton from Coventry and Nuneaton.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, February 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting in the schoolrooms after service. *Special business.* Will every member please make an effort to attend service, tea and meeting. Non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea 9d. each, to all who notify Mr. A. Lees, 142a, Great Clowes Street, Broughton, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, February 14th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD and SHERWOOD YOUTHS. —Joint meeting at Basford, Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. No. 3 tram from Victoria Statue to Church Street. Everybody welcome. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Thursday, February 16th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde, Preston, Blackburn and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above four branches has been arranged, and will be held on Saturday, February 18th, at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Preacher, Rev. J. Payne, M.A., Vicar of Ince Parish Church. Tea in school at 5.30. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells. Good company. So don't forget the date. Worsley Mesnes bus from station to the church, 2d. return.—Norman Brown, Wigan Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 18th, at St. Werburgh, Bristol. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please make a special effort to attend, and notify me for tea not later than the 15th inst. Bus No. 139 from Old Market at 15 minutes to and past the hour. — Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea provided for those who let me know by Feb. 15th.—A. S. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Proposed Haddenham and District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6), recently rehung in ball bearings, 3 p.m. Meeting for the election of officers, pro tem. Subject to approval, annual meeting in the Schoolroom, following tea, at 5 p.m. Please notify Mr. H. Collins, tailor, Haddenham, Cambs, for tea. All past and present members welcome. Come and make your presence known. — Frank Warrington (proposer).

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Storrington on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5.15, at the Old Forge, Church Street, at 1s. 3d. each. — A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, E.C.3, on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. Those requiring tea (1s.) please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 15th. Gentlemen cordially invited. — M. L. Cross, 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 15th? (important). — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells, just overhauled, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. A p.c. to me by the previous Wednesday, please. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by 14th inst.? —Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Corby on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Usual arrangements. Service 4.15. Kindly notify me by Feb. 14th as to numbers for tea.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hardingstone on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Report of balance sheet for 1932 will be presented. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 14th? — F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylestone on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each, for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

BARNBY, NEWARK.—The ring of 4 bells, recast and augmented to 5 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6.30 p.m.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Swindon Village on Saturday, February 25th. Bells open 3 p.m.; Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. R. Pugh). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know early in that week.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon Village, Cheltenham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 45th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Barking on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, 22nd? Subscription for 1933 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. A good attendance requested.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea in St. Michael's Hall at 4.30, at 1s. a head. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney on Saturday, February 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at The Eight Bells. Secretaries should notify the undersigned, not later than Wed., Feb. 22nd, how many may be expected from their towers. Half rail fare maximum 1/5.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10). Tickets 2s. 9d. each, to be applied for by Wednesday, March 1st, latest.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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LAMBERTHURST, KENT.—On January 12th, 720 Spliced Double Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford: E. Woodage 1, T. Fuller 2, A. Rolfe (conductor) 3, A. Marshall 4, J. Waghorn 5, J. Bassett 6.

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