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The young ringer of to-day cannot say he is not catered for. Works of instruction seem to be coming rapidly from the Press, and at least one more publication for his special benefit will shortly be issued by the Central Council. The beginner's difficulty now is, not where shall he look for a work that will help him to understand the initial steps in the art, but which shall he select? He has a wide choice, and each publication has its special merits to recommend it. He cannot go far wrong, whichever he chooses as his text book, but he will, of course, make faster progress if his book becomes an adjunct to personal tuition. Nearly every beginner in change ringing finds it necessary to have personal help at some point or other in his primary efforts, and a good deal of his progress depends upon what kind of 'tutor' he gets. Books will help the learner to grasp a whole lot of the subject, but there are difficulties which need explanation, and apparently awkward obstacles to be overcome.

The instructions of beginners is often a very haphazard business, and it is a pity that it cannot be more systematically organised, with some really definite course of teaching wherever it is possible to carry it out. There are some who will probably say such a thing is not practicable, but if there were some kind of text book available showing 'instructors' how to teach properly and intelligently, and setting out a synopsis, if not a series of lessons, of a progressive nature, we believe that it would greatly facilitate tuition. There are no two authors who agree as to the correct way of presenting their studies—it may be well that it is so—but it seems to us that it would be an advantage to the average teacher in a tower if he had some guide to the various stages by which he might best take his pupils from, say, rounds to London Surprise. What we need, now that the market is so well supplied with books for the beginner, is a publication to instruct the teacher. The vast majority of them are left entirely to their own devices; but if they had something to give them hints and guidance they would probably turn out more and better ringers from the pupils that come under their care. There are many men, of course, who have a natural gift for teaching, just as there are many ringers who have a natural gift for the art, but the people we have in mind who need help are the lone conductors, struggling with a company of novices. There are many such who do not know the best way to teach, and who would be grateful for a helping hand. The coming Council publication may prove to be a first step in this direction; perhaps it will be possible to amplify it afterwards, and so build up something which will become a text book for instructors.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble	WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... 7
JAMES A. TEALE ... .. 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 8
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	*JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 9
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 4	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 10
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... 11
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 6	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 7 cwt

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal on the bells since being recast and rebung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the 'tone' and 'go' leaving nothing to be desired.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Treble	GEORGE W. CREASEY ... 7
JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 8
CHARLES MCQUINN ... .. 3	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 9
*SYDNEY J. PROCTOR ... .. 4	JACK BRAY ... .. 10
MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 5	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 11
JOHN WALDEN ... .. 6	*GEORGE LADD ... .. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN

\* First peal of Cinques. First peal on the bells since they were augmented to twelve.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5301 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 7
THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2	ERNEST DAVIES ... .. 8
WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3	ALFRED HANNIS ... .. 9
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 4	J. D. G. HARRIS ... .. 10
*GEORGE GOULDING ... .. 5	JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 11
ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6	LESLIE BARRY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Cinques. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. W. Byland, who has been a Painswick ringer for 50 years.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5051 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*FREDERICK ATWELL ... .. Treble	DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 7
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 3	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 8
CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 4	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ... 9
GEORGE LARGE ... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

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## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints, Poplar,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
HORACE BELCHER ... .. 2	*JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 8
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 9
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5	CHARLES W. GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS', FOLHAM, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints, Folham,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. JODD ... .. 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 8
ARTHUR CUTMORE ... .. 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 9
E. RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 5	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

Rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Hollier, hon. treasurer of the Middlesex County Association (South and West District).

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS MADDISON ... .. Treble	ADAM DEAS ... .. 5
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 2	*GORDON JOHNSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 3	RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 4	WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WM. L. GOFTON.

\* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

## At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*A. REGINALD BLABY ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 2	†WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... 6
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 7
PERCY NEWTON ... .. 4	VICTOR EVANS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 101st peal. Mr. Taylor also rang his first peal on these bells.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

L. ALBERT WARD ... .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5
JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 2	CYRIL F. HOWETT ... .. 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDE ... .. 7
HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung as a farewell peal to Canon T. W. Wright, R.D., who was leaving Wigston Magna on the 15th February to take up duties at Peatling Parva. Also rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. A. Chamberlain, one of the local ringers.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*WILLIAM G. WHITING ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 2	GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7
ALBERT E. WHITING ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHAMMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

\* First peal in the method.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7
*ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4	HARRY HOVERD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## TURNERS HILL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD ... .. Treble	*H. DENNIS FORD ... .. 5
GEORGE LAMBERT ... .. 2	*BERNARD SAUNDERS ... 6
RICHARD D. DIVALL ... .. 3	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... .. 7
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH MARKS ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5
ALFRED PYE ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
ERNEST BRETT ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ... .. Treble	CHARLES LOOME ... .. 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... .. 6
WILLIAM FLATT ... .. 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
GEORGE CURSON ... .. 4	ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	JOHN S. SADDINGTON ... 6
DAVID S. COLLINS ... .. 3	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 7
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6; 3rd never in 6th's, the second never in 5-6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Fidler.

WOOBURN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

GEORGE GILBERT... ..Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 3	RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	ALAN R. PINK ... ..Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the 6th and 7th.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

HAROLD HAMER ... ..Treble	FRED DUNKERLY ... .. 5
FRANK FIELDEN ... .. 2	JOHN NASH ... .. 6
JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. 3	SAM HARTLEY ... .. 7
JAMES CRABTREE ... .. 4	FRANK NUTTAL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NASH.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. John Mitton, also as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... ..Treble	FREDERICK G. GRIFFEN ... .. 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 6
CHARLES J. FRAY... .. 3	*EDWARD C. WHEELER ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in any method 'inside.' Rung as a welcome to the Rev. O. R. and Mrs. Evans, who have just taken up their residence at St. Nicolas' Lodge, Swathling. Mr. Evans being the newly-appointed curate of North Stoneham.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 17, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*HERBERT FULCHER ... ..Treble	*CHARLES ROOPE... .. 5
*WILLIAM FLATT... .. 2	*CHARLES LOOME ... .. 6
CHARLES BAKER... .. 3	*RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7
ERNEST WHITING ... .. 4	*FREDERICK ROOPE ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 17, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD ... ..Treble	ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6
LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINEOFF.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... ..Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
*WILLIAM SOUTER ... .. 2	JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 3	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal in the method.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER ... ..Treble	BERTRAM HEAD ... .. 5
*BERTRAM H. HEAD ... .. 2	WILFRED OVERTON ... .. 6
JOHN ELCOCK ... .. 3	HORACE W. OVERTON ... .. 7
† HAROLD G. THOMAS ... .. 4	ERNEST FOXALL ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. G. Thomas; also to Mr. John Overton, the much esteemed foreman ringer at the above tower, who celebrated his 82nd birthday on February 15th.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FRANCIS MORTON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 2	THOMAS STORER ... .. 6
† EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. 3	HENRY HARRISON ... .. 7
WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... .. 4	†TREVOR M. A. WRAGG ... ..Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS J. FOWLER ... ..Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE ... .. 5
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 2	ROLAND RIGGS ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 7
PERCY NEWTON ... .. 4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

This peal was arranged some weeks ago to be rung by members of the A.S.C.Y., but illness prevented the band meeting. It was a birthday compliment to H. R. Newton, S. Andrews, J. Eldridge and R. T. Hibbert.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES H. LATHY ... ..Treble	†EDWIN P. BAILEY ... .. 5
CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... .. 2	REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. 6
*H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... .. 3	FRANK PRICE ... .. 7
A. THOMAS GUNNING ... .. 4	WALTER G. SARTIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by the Rev. C. CAREW COX.

\* First peal on eight bells and in the method. † First peal. All are resident ringers in West Dorset. Rung in memory of the late T. Hervey Beams, and for the dedication of the Diocesan Guild memorial to him in Bradpole Church, which is to take place on February 25th. Also for the 16th anniversary of the death of the Rev. C. F. Langford, sometime Rector of the parish and a pioneer of the West Dorset Branch. Also rung as an act of sympathy to the Rector (the Rev. C. W. d'Ombraun) on the death of his wife.

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

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6016 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... .. 6
NORMAN C. LEWIS ... .. 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 7
*JOHN W. SYKES ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Treble	SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
JAMES TOPP ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. E. Bassett, Petersfield, who was unfortunately in hospital, and consequently unable to take part in the peal.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CURSON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLAYFIELD ... 5
*GEOFFREY W. CLAYFIELD ... 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 6
*PERCIVAL W. GRICE ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
WILLIAM G. BROOKER ... .. 4	†JAMES CARLTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First 'inside.' † First peal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to treble ringer, which occurred on 10th inst. All are local ringers except the conductor.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 5
ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. 2	WILLIAM PIPER ... .. 6
CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 3	WALTER SMITH ... .. 7
AMBROSE MASON ... .. 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This was the monthly peal for the division. This is the twelfth eight-bell tower which Mr. Keeble has 'circled' as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 5
WILFRED HALLIWELL ... .. 2	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. 6
JOHN POTTER ... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7
*ALBERT EDWARD WREAKS ... 4	†PETER CROOK, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 5th, also as a birthday compliment to Richard Newton, of U.S.A. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 4th, as it was his first peal in the method, and a peal board records a peal rung 52 years ago in which he took part.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE WHYBROW ... Treble	STANLEY G. SHIPP ... .. 4
ROBERT SMITH ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 3	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

S. G. Shipp belongs to Wilburton, and special credit is due to him for scoring this, his first peal, within his first year of ringing. The other ringers are from Over.

BURGHILL, HEREFORD.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-secres, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

W. WILLIAMS ... Treble	I. RAWLINGS ... .. 4
R. RAWLINGS ... .. 2	*F. SANDFORD ... .. 5
*R. PRICE ... .. 3	H. BECKS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by I. RAWLINGS.

\* First peal on a working bell.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

CHARLES TAYLOR ... Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 4
*HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... 2	PERCY L. JOHNSON ... .. 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

\* First peal 'inside.'

ARDLEY.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

BARNARD PATMORE ... Treble	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... .. 4
SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 2	HENRY WALLACE ... .. 5
JEFFREY WILLIAMS ... .. 3	JOHN WELCH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

Grateful thanks are due to Dr. Eck for providing tea after the peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*CECIL A. HARPER ... Treble	ALBERT THOMAS ... .. 4
†THOMAS S. ASTBURY ... .. 2	JESSE BAYLEY ... .. 5
†STANLEY HULMES ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Hulmes on attaining his majority. All are Sunday service ringers.

ST. MELLON'S, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

WILLIAM BOLTON ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 4
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5
ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

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

On Wednesday, February 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,  
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of College Single, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG ... .. Treble	JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. 4
WILLIAM HALFORD ... .. 2	FRED HAWKES ... .. 5
FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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

On Thursday, February 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,  
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

GEORGE WHYBROW ... .. Treble	ROBERT SMITH ... .. 4
CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

HILL FARRENCE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

* WILLIAM A. SIVIER ... .. Treble	PERCY MERSON ... .. 4
WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 2	ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 5
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 3	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. WYATT.

\* First peal of Minor. First in the method on the bells.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

* HERBERT GOAKES ... .. Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... .. 4
FRANK ROWLINSON ... .. 2	FREDERICK COOK ... .. 5
† CHARLES WOODS ... .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

\* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Carlisle, London, York, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
WILLIAM V. BENNETT ... .. 2	ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... .. 3	HORACE M. DAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal of Surprise by ringer of the 3rd, for whom it was arranged, as he was unable to stand in when a similar peal was rung last month.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 1-2	PETER LAFLIN ... .. 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 3-4	ALFRED BARNES ... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HANDBELL CONTEST WON BY ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL.

The annual general meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, February 11th, at St. Clement Schools, Drury Lane, London. Ringing took place at St. Magnus' Church, London Bridge, from 2.30 till 3.45 p.m., and at St. Clement Dances, Strand, from 3.30 till 4.45, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Royal being rung. Service, which followed in the Church of 'Oranges and Lemons' fame, was attended by over forty members, and an interesting sermon, differing from the usual type given at ringers' services, was preached by the Rector of St. Giles-in-the-Fields. After tea at the Willow Restaurant in Essex Street, a hurried retreat was made to the schools in order to get on with the business of the evening, and, most important of all, the handbell competition. Prior to the business meeting, four entries were received by the secretary of hands competing, and these were accepted. The usual routine of ratification of new members, presentation of balance sheet, the secretary's report, acceptance of peals during the year, election of Central Council representatives and the election of officers for the ensuing year was got through. The following retained their office: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; secretary, Mr. C. O. Moore; assistant secretaries, Mr. T. W. Taffender and Mr. Hawthorne; senior steward, Mr. J. Wyatt; treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; trustees, Messrs. F. E. Dawe and Keighley. The only office to change hands was that of junior steward, to which Mr. Harding was elected. A beautiful silver cup, given by Mr. F. E. Dawe for the handbell change ringing contest, was on view during the meeting. The secretary gave the details of the objects and ideas of the competition, which is for the encouragement of local handbell ringing among members of the association.

Amidst loud applause the donor of the cup, named the 'Dawe Cup,' presented it to the association in a characteristic speech. He said he was only too pleased to do whatever he could for ringing and for that association, and it was with great pleasure he presented the cup for competition.

The Master thanked Mr. Dawe for his generous gift to the association. After the necessary arrangements had been made for the umpires, presided over by the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Dances and chaplain of the association) in an adjoining room, the actual competition commenced. The Leytonstone belfry were the first to ring, but, unfortunately, came to grief, and did not like taking another opportunity which was offered them. As two of the remaining three hands were incomplete, the 'Camberwellites' gave their 'show,' and succeeded in giving a very creditable exhibition. As there were no other hands to compete, the chaplain's wife (Mrs. Pennington Bickford) presented the cup to Mr. Taffender, representing St. Giles', Camberwell, Society, for their excellent ringing. The evening's business concluded with the vote of thanks to the chaplain for his services, to the organist and choirboys, also the Rectors of St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Magnus', London Bridge.

LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB.

With reference to the peal of Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, the report of which was published in the issue of 17th inst., in this method the treble hunts to 4th's place and down, double Kent Treble Bob places being made in 5th and 6th, 2nd's place at plain leads and 4th's place bob.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society obtained it from the late Mr. Henry W. Wilde, and it would be interesting to know if he was the author.

There are 16 changes in a lead, and any peal of Bob Major without Belfores and Singles will run to Little Albion Major.

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64128375  
64182735  
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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The members who braved the elements on Saturday, February 18th, to attend the meeting at Shilton, near Coventry, found a very warm welcome awaiting them from the Vicar (the Rev. Harold Smith).

The light ring of six was made good use of during the afternoon until a halt was called for tea. Twenty-five sat down to a splendid meal, kindly arranged by ladies of the parish. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his very kind welcome and interest was proposed by Mr. W. Stote (Coventry) and seconded by Mr. L. J. Hinde (Bulkington).

Handbell enthusiasts remained in the tea room for a time, while others returned to the belfry for further ringing. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Cambridge and London Surprise. Members attended from Allesley, Arley, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Nuneaton, Stoke, Warwick, together with the local band.

**DEATH OF MR. THOMAS JOYCE.****A RINGER AT ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN.**

The death took place at Whipps Cross Hospital on Monday morning, February 13th, of Mr. Thomas Joyce after three weeks' illness, pneumonia supervening on an attack of influenza. His death came as a great shock to his many ringing friends. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The funeral took place on Saturday, February 18th, at the City of London Cemetery, Ilford. St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild were represented by Messrs. J. S. Hawkins and W. J. Norton, and St. Dunstan's, Stepney, band by Mr. E. J. Sampson.

Mr. Joyce was 42 years of age and leaves in bereavement a widow (who is seriously ill) and two sons, with whom much sympathy will be felt.

On Sunday evening, February 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled at St. Andrew's, Holborn, by the following members: J. S. Hawkins 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, W. S. Langdon 6, R. T. Newman 7, E. Brett 8.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SHERWOOD YOUTHS.****WARM WELCOME ON A COLD DAY.**

A joint meeting of the Northern Branch of the Ladies' Guild and the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at the Church of St. Leodigarius, Basford, Nottingham, on Saturday, February 18th.

The attendance of the ladies was somewhat disappointing, but this was chiefly due to illness. To those who would like to have been present and were thus prevented, the members extend their sympathy and hope they will soon be restored to health. The gentlemen turned up in good numbers in spite of the inclement weather.

The bells, a splendid peal for the ladies, were kept going in good style, and touches of Stedman, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford, Forward, Duffield, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Plain Bob were successfully brought round.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Barks, who, at very short notice, provided a very excellent tea for the visitors, which was partaken of at their home and added greatly to the comfort of those present. They also thank Mr. Harrison for making the arrangements and for the 'warm welcome' in the belfry, which was a happy contrast to the cold outside, and much appreciated by those who had of necessity to take turns at sitting out.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Long Eaton on Saturday, March 18th.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****READING BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Reading on Saturday, February 11th. During the afternoon the towers of St. Laurence's, St. Mary's and St. Giles' were open for ringing, touches of Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Cinques, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, Bob Major, Oxford and Bob Minor being rung.

A well-attended service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Farham, M.A., who preached an appropriate sermon. Dr. Daughtry presided at the organ. Afterwards 67 members sat down to an excellent tea in St. Mary's Church House.

At the business meeting the chair was occupied by Mr. Leonard Joyce (chairman of the branch), supported by the chief officers of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary) and Miss Hopgood (hon. branch secretary). Visitors attended from London, Oxford, Slough, Chertsey and Yateley.

The Chairman first referred to the great loss the branch had sustained in the death of Mr. Frank Hopgood, who had been the hon. branch secretary and treasurer for the past 14 years.

The balance sheet was read and adopted. The secretary's report showed another successful year, and mention was made of enjoyable and successful quarterly meetings at Checkendon and Henley.

The election of officers then followed. Mr. Leonard Joyce was unanimously re-elected to the chair. Miss Hopgood having decided not to carry on, Mr. E. G. Foster was elected hon. secretary and treasurer, Messrs. A. Wiggins and A. D. Cullum auditors, and Messrs. Swain, Rusham and Humphrey representatives to the General Committee.

Quarterly meetings for 1933 were arranged to take place at Ship-lake, Nettlebed and Tilehurst.

Satisfactory tower reports were given from most of the branch towers, good Sunday ringing having been maintained throughout the year.

The meeting was addressed by the chairman, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Mr. A. J. Wright and Mr. R. T. Hibbert. Mention was made of the very good work done by Mr. F. Hopgood and the very excellent way in which Miss Hopgood had helped the branch both during the time her father had been secretary and since his death, and it was decided to show in some tangible way appreciation of her good work.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the Vicar and organist of St. Mary's Church for the beautiful service which had been held.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Letters on the Rev. H. Drake's article on 'Striking,' with a commentary on English bellringing by a Frenchman, are held over until next week.

The peal at Eynsford on February 4th was the 700th rung by Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. We hope to publish his peal list at an early date.

The Loughborough Memorial Carillon will be broadcast on March 1st. Mr. Eric Jordan, the carillonneur, suggests that when listening the receiver should be tuned in to full volume and that listeners should be in some other part of the house or even outside with a window or door open. Then, he claims, with a little imagination, the effect of the bell music from the 162ft. high tower will be fully appreciated.

It says something for modern bell hanging that a boy of 14 can turn in a tenor of 12½ cwt. to a peal—it also says much for the ability of the boy. Young 'Teddy' Barnett rung Crayford tenor to a peal of Bob Major last week.

Members of the Middlesex Association should note that Clerkenwell has been chosen for this year's annual general meeting, the date, April 22nd.

The peal of Stedman Triples recorded in our issue of February 3rd as having been rung at Moorside, Oldham, was rung at Leesfield.

The peal at Egham, Surrey, on February 8th was not the first peal of Bristol on the bells as recorded in the footnote. This was discovered after the report was in print, and Mr. W. Pye now writes to say that a peal in this method was rung there on April 1st, 1914.

The Ladies' Guild, Southern District, who met at Ottershaw last Saturday, hope to hold their annual meeting at Seale in June and the next quarterly meeting at Aldershot in October.

## UNMUSICAL CHANGES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are many excellent points in the letters of the Rev. F. L. Edwards and the Rev. H. Drake in the current issue of 'The Ringing World'; and it is essential that we should ring changes that the average listener can understand and appreciate. How many ringers realise that, on any number of bells above six, unmusical changes are inevitably produced as the changes succeed one another in mechanical order?

With any number of bells up to six we are using what Sir Walford Davies calls 'a peaceful family of notes,' none of which are liable to 'high words' with each other; but, when we come to eight bells, we have two unmusical pairs of bells, viz., 1-7 and 2-8, which do indulge in 'high words' when they meet; and, for example, 2-8 come together 720 times in a peal of Triples.

In ten-bell ringing, there are only the fifth and sixth bells which cannot come to 'high words' with some of the others; and, with twelve bells, all are liable to 'high words' with their unmusical neighbours. The quickness of the striking on the higher numbers adds to the discord, and the tones of the bells are somewhat drowned by the incessant tintinnabulation.

It is doubtful if many laymen distinguish the sounds of twelve bells when rung in anything other than rounds or call changes. The Rev. H. Drake is quite right in saying that the ordinary listener appreciates the lower numbers best, although it is questionable if they like patches of bad striking!

Ringers in eight, ten and twelve bell towers would do well to ring short touches of Doubles and Minor occasionally if only for the sake of variety; and there is plenty of scope for our composers to produce touches on the higher numbers in which unmusical changes are reduced to a minimum.

FREDERICK SHARPE.

Launton, Oxon.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### PROPOSED NEW BRANCH.

A meeting to form a new district of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, February 18th, when members were present from Cambridge, Chatteris, Sutton, Wilburton, Great Staughton, Stretham, Over and the local band. The business meeting took place in the hall after tea, the Vicar being voted to the chair.

Mr. F. Warrington, in proposing the new district, outlined the territory, which would include the following places: Fenstanton, Swavesey, Over, Longstanton, Histon, Cottenham, Stretham, Wilburton, Haddenham, Willingham, Somersham, Ramsey, Warboys, Chatteris, March, Sutton, Holywell, Soham, Daddington and Ely.

It was intended to include St. Ives, but Mr. Lack opposed this suggestion, as this was the only light ring of eight in the Hunts district.

Subject to the approval of the annual meeting, it was decided that the new district be named the Haddenham and District Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association.

The officers elected were: Secretary, Mr. F. Warrington; committee, Mr. A. J. Ginn, Mr. F. Thurbon, Mr. S. G. Shipp, Mr. G. Few, Mr. W. Seekings and Mr. H. Collins.

The next meeting is fixed for Ely on March 25th if suitable.

Some good ringing took place, the methods rung including Plain Bob, Single and Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, London and Norwich Surprise.



## A CAMBRIDGESHIRE RESTORATION.

### HISTON BELLS REOPENED.

The bells of Histon Parish Church of St. Andrew, which have been tuned and rehung in a new steel frame on ball bearings, were rededicated on Sunday, February 19th, by the Lord Bishop of Ely. The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' followed by shortened evensong, and after the singing of the Cantate Domino, the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were recited.

The bells were then rung in rounds by the local band.

The Bishop based his address on I. Corinthians xiv., 10, making mention of the various uses of bells and their place in our daily life.

By the kindness of the local band, a 360 of Plain Bob was rung after the service by F. Camps (Cottenham) 1, C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 2, C. Robinson (Over) 3, T. R. Dennis (Cambridge) 4, F. Warrington (Over) 5, F. Collins (Croydon, conductor) 6. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the 'go' being perfect. Mr. C. F. Johnston represented the firm at the dedication of the work.

The restoration has been carried out largely as the result of the efforts of Mr. Kenneth Oates, who is head ringer at Histon, and one of the churchwardens. But for his energy the bells might still have been in their old and dilapidated condition.

In connection with the rededication an interesting pamphlet on the history of the church and parish was compiled. From this it appears that there were probably two earlier churches on the present site, the first a wooden building and the second a church built of stone which unquestionably existed in the 12th century. The church on its present plan is assigned to the 13th century, and some of the original features have come down to us unaltered.

The earliest mention of bells at Histon is contained in an inventory made in 1553.

### HYSTON ANDREW

Belles—Itm in ye Steple there iii great belles and one Sanctus bell.

Two of the three mediæval bells were recast in the 17th century and two new bells added. The sanctus bell was recast in 1781 by Thomas Osborn, of Downham.

In 1866 the five old bells, three of which were cracked, were recast, and in 1873 a new bell was added, making a total of six.

The inscriptions on these are: 'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London.' They also bear the Royal Arms (Patent) with the date. These are the present bells.

The old bells had the following inscriptions:—

- 1.—Tho. Newman made me 1723.
- 2.—Cantabo Laudes Tuis Domine Per Atria.
- 3, 4.—x Ricardus Bowler me fecit 1604.
- 5.—William Peck and Robert Read Church Wardeps 1683, W.R.

The old 14th century frame for three bells, with additions of 17th and 19th centuries, making it a weird and wonderful arrangement for six bells, with one bell carried in a rider frame above the others, has now been removed and a modern cast-iron frame built on sound engineering lines and supported by rolled steel joists has taken its place.

The ringing room has also been much improved by moving the works of the clock, which formerly took up a large amount of the small space available. A double sound-deadening floor has taken the place of the old and decayed reed ceiling under the bells.

The following quaint lines, embodying the ringers' code, hung in the tower in 1860, but have been lost:—

'We ring the Quick to Church, the Dead to grave,  
Good is our use, such usage let us have.  
He who wears Spur, or Hat, or Cap, or breaks a stay,  
Or from the floor does from a bell rope sway,  
Or leaves his rope down careless on the floor,  
Or nuisance makes within the Belfry Door,  
Shall sixpence forfeit for each single crime,  
'Twill make him careful at another time.'

The present Ringers' Guild was reorganised in 1922, with the Vicar as president.

A special meeting of the Ely Association is to be held at Histon on Saturday, March 4th.

### SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of February 10th you published a peal of Superlative rung at Stansted on February 1st, the composition being a reduced three-part with bells reversed in 5-6, and the footnote says it was probably the first of its kind.

The following composition was rung at Ashby Folville on July 24th, 1920, and has the five pairs reversed: 5,120, B.3H.2W. five times. Also at Market Harborough on April 21st, 1932, 5,600 (the extent): i.e., W.2H.M.W.H.2W. five times. The latter was rung as a 5,152 by the omission of 3Ws. I presume Mr. Dench meant the first of its kind as a three-part. The above compositions were composed by—

Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

## PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE.

### BISHOP FAVOURS SEPARATE GUILD.

The tower of the Parish Church at Alton has, unfortunately, been declared unsafe for ringing, and so it was thought inadvisable to hold the annual meeting of the Alton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild there, and arrangements were accordingly made to hold it at Liss. The attendance was not very large, partly on account of the prevalence of influenza. To the great regret of all, the Rector of Liss (the Rev. S. N. Sedgwick) was laid up with this complaint and unable to be present and give the address as he had promised. For this reason, and also through some delay being caused by the breaking of a slider, it was decided to cancel the service and continue ringing till tea-time. Tea was served in the Spread Eagle and there were present the Rev. F. G. Eyres (chairman), Messrs. G. Williams (Guild Master), F. W. Rogers (Guild hon. secretary), W. Andrews, G. Pullinger, Hardman, the Rev. B. C. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Read, and other ringers from Alton, Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Liss, Steep and Portsmouth. 23 in all, and, in addition, two lady ringers from Alton arrived after tea.

At the meeting the hon. secretary's report for the year dealt with the revival of the Alton band and the disappointment at ringing being stopped there; the proposal for the transfer of certain towers to the district, and the meetings during the year. The membership now totals nine honorary, 32 ringing and one unattached.

Mr. F. W. Rogers read some correspondence between himself and the Bishop of Portsmouth on the transfer of these towers, and the Bishop seems rather against the proposal, as tending to destroy diocesan unity. He looks forward to a separate Guild for the Portsmouth Diocese.

After the balance sheet for the past year had been adopted, the officers were all re-elected, viz., the Rev. F. G. Eyres, chairman; the Rev. B. C. Taylor, hon. secretary; the Rev. T. N. R. Griffin, hon. auditor; and Mr. W. Read, representative on the Central Committee. Twelve new members were elected and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman.

### INSTRUCTION ON A DIFFERENT PLAN.

#### ANOTHER NEW ELEMENTARY BOOK.

Another helpful little book of instruction for beginners in ringing has made its appearance. It is entitled 'Village Bells,' and deals with four methods of Doubles and six methods of Minor. The author, the Rev. R. Howes, Rector of Cold Higham, Towcester, describes himself as 'a duffer who began to ring when he was 50 years of age.' His exposition of the elementary principles of applied change ringing, however, belie his self-applied title, for he has an apt and concise way of explaining how the methods dealt with should be rung, and, as the book deals with Plain Bob, St. Simon's, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, the beginner is able to break a good deal of ground in the art. But the book has a claim to a further mark of merit in its originality. For the first time, we believe, in any publication, the author has adopted the idea of a staircase for showing the movement of his bells, and the figures of the rows are printed vertically instead of in the customary horizontal lines. The figures begin at the bottom so that the idea of hunting up or down is clearly conveyed by the diagrams. In a foreword, Canon Coleridge says the work, 'starting on a different plan will be welcomed by many a beginner.' The book has the further advantage of being enclosed in stiff covers and within the reach of everyone at the post free price of 9d. from the author.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

### CENTRAL DISTRICT MEET IN THE CITY.

On Saturday last a very enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at the interesting old Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, London, about 40 members and friends attending. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire Triples for the beginners to London Surprise. The service was kindly conducted by the Rev. Brewer, of St. Luke's Church, Old Street, in the absence of the Rector. After the service, the company adjourned to a nearby 'A.B.C.' where the wants of all were ably catered for. The ladies then held their business meeting in the church while the gentlemen returned to the belfry for further ringing.

Miss Radley, of Broxbourne, was elected a member, and it was proposed that the district annual meeting should be held at St. Clement Danes, providing permission was granted for the use of the bells.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Brewer, and to Mr. H. T. Wilson for his many kindnesses. This concluded the business.

At the suggestion of Mr. Wilson, the visitors were shown many objects of interest in the church, a very historical one, dedicated to Olaf, a Norwegian King of the 11th century, and associated with Samuel Pepys. Further ringing afterwards took place.

**HOLBORN.**—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. C. Alford 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, C. J. Choct 5, T. Langdon 6, R. T. Newman 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8.

## BELL TOWERS.

MR. E. H. LEWIS' LECTURE.

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Continuing his lecture, Mr. Lewis referred to the ordinary type of timber frame. In this shrinkage of the timber would change the angle of the bevel at the ends of the struts and might set up a rocking motion in the frame when the bells were rung. In such cases steeplekeepers used sometimes to put in a wedge between the frame and the wall. Unless such wedges were regularly attended to, they would always work loose, and the movement of the frame would set up a hammering effect on the stone. While the average tower could stand a large amount of finite force, if properly applied, it would not stand a hammering action. A force of two tons pushing horizontally was nothing—it was less than the wind pressure on the tower—but a hammering action of even a few foot-pounds would soon loosen the stone and start a crack which would begin to creep. A lot of these old timber frames have, through neglect, been responsible for a great deal of damage to towers. The remedy was simple. It was easy to insert steel, wrought iron, or preferably non-corrosive bolts vertically through the frame and screw the nuts up tight. By that means they could get the wooden frame to stand quite well, if the nuts were screwed up in periods of dry weather.

There was something to be said for the æsthetic argument put forward by Mr. Powys, who preferred to use a timber frame in an old church tower. For many reasons he (Mr. Lewis) rather agreed with him, especially as it was possible to remove one of the troubles, which concerned the ringers more than the tower, namely, the effect of twisting due to shrinkage of the upper members of the frame. The bad 'go' of bells due to this cause could now be overcome by the use of self-aligning bearings.

In illustrating the relative strains on a tower caused by wind pressure and by the ringing of bells, Mr. Lewis quoted as an example a tower like St. Benedict's, Cambridge, 70ft. high, 20ft. square and with the bells hung 50ft. from the ground. In bridge structures the Board of Trade called for a resistance of 56lb. to the square foot. This was excessive, but 14lb. wind pressure to the square foot was not at all unusual, so that even on this figure the pressure on the top 20ft. of the tower of St. Benedict's would be approximately 2½ tons above where the bells were hung. Even if they put the maximum force due to the bells at 1½ tons, it was much less than the wind pressure.

## KNOWN AND UNKNOWN FORCES.

Sometimes, continued Mr. Lewis, they heard of people being frightened of a tower being rung over. The walls of St. Benedict's were 3ft. thick, and the tower would weigh something like 10 tons per foot of height. That meant that the tower weighed approximately 700 tons. Assuming that the tower had no foundations, it would require a force of 140 tons applied at a height of 50ft. to topple it over, or the ringing of a bell of 70 tons weight (if the bell were hung out from the headstock). If the tower were built of good masonry, without any reinforcement, it might require a force of 300 tons to break the walls. They need not, therefore, be worried about the actual amount of the forces set up in ringing. What might be worrying, however, was to have these forces in tune with the natural movement of the tower, when there was a danger of progressive increase of stress in the walls. It so happened that the period of half a second of the forces set up by bells of average weight coincided with the average period of the average church tower swinging by itself. Practically every tower could be regarded as an elastic structure, which moved in proportion to the amount of force applied. When the force was removed, it returned to its original position, and it was the coincidence between the maximum forces set up by the bells and the natural period of the tower that caused some towers to move rather more than was comfortable and some to be regarded as unsafe. Just as when a bell was mounted in a spring frame they did not know what forces were acting on the tower, in the same way, if the tower was acting as a spring and they got it in time with the oscillation of the forces acting upon it, they did not know what stresses they were getting in the structure. There are some towers in which the bells go well at certain speeds. If they had rung at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, with an entirely strange band and had rung the sixth or seventh, they would probably have found a difficulty in striking either of these two bells. If, however, they had rung with the local ringers, who rang on Sundays, they would have wondered what on earth they had previously complained about, for they would have had no trouble in ringing either the sixth or seventh with the local ringers. The secret was that those who knew them rang the bells rather faster than the average stranger, and thus missed getting the forces set up by the bells in tune with the tower. The difference between a beat of 28 changes to the minute and 25½ was quite enough to get them out of tune with the tower. Holborn was a fairly tall tower, and he should imagine that the natural beat of it was rather more than half a second, and that was the reason why in that tower they had to ring the bells rather quickly. He had been to a tower that afternoon (Alton, Hants) where the natural beat of the tower was distinctly slow, and it so happened that they had some round ringing that was distinctly slow. The question raised was whether it was safe to go on ringing. In

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## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A SALFORD CHURCH REVISITED AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

The February quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, on Saturday, February 18th. The bells were set going prior to the service, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. L. Hussy, M.A.).

The Rector, in his address, gave some very interesting facts concerning the church, the original of which was built in 1635 by Humphry Booth, founder of the now well-known Booth Charities.

After the service the Rector escorted the members through the church, pointing out things of interest, and exhibited the church's collection of silver, some of which dates from the early 18th century.

Tea was afterwards served in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting.

The chair was taken by the Rector, and the meeting was representative of 13 towers of the branch, and included the branch president (Mr. C. Ollier) and members from Bolton. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Hagan, treasurer of the association, Mr. D. Clarke, Swinton, and Alderman Lees, Salford, the last-named having been connected with the church for many years and father of the present chief ringer.

Five new members were elected, including the chairman.

A committee of six was formed to consider the best means of carrying out the proposed branch social, and the feature, adopted at the last meeting, of holding special practice nights for higher method ringing is to be continued.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the chairman, the organist (Mr. J. H. Latchwood, D.F.C.), the ladies and to Mr. Lees and the other local ringers.—The Chairman, in responding, said he hoped the branch would visit Salford more in the future than had been the case in the past.

A special feature of this meeting lies in the fact that it is seven years since the branch last visited this church for a meeting. It had been almost placed 'out of bounds' by previous incumbents owing to the close proximity of an open market. The special thanks of the branch are due to the Rector for 'running the gauntlet of possible complaints.'

## A QUERY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Can any of your readers please give brief particulars of a first peal of Stedman Cinques rung by twelve parishioners in their own tower?

GEORGE TWITCHEN.

17, Tolleridge Road, High Wycombe.

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his opinion it was safe to give the ringers permission to ring, provided they would not ring slower than 28 changes per minute. Once they got the beat of the bells away from the beat of the tower, the actual single forces were nothing much to worry about, but they were something to worry about if the two got into tune.

## EFFECT ON THE RINGER.

One interesting point was how these movements affected the ringers. If they got a frame or a tower that moved, the gudgeon of the bell moved. Such an amount of movement might be serious from the ringers' point of view. In one tower examined there was a bell of 30 cwt., and the force acting on the gudgeons was double that, i.e., 6,720lb. The gudgeon was certainly moving a quarter of an inch, and the work done in moving the gudgeons was  $\frac{1}{4} \times 6,720 \times 1/48$  foot-pounds. This would occur twice in each revolution, so that the ringer had to provide an additional 140lb. pull on the rope through the distance of one foot of his pull at every stroke to keep the bell up. The tower might, if he were lucky, lurch back and help the bell in the second half of its swing—it might or it might not—but, judging from the perspiration that came out of the ringer at this particular tower, he did not think he was one of the lucky ones (laughter).

Mr. Lewis mentioned one case where the tower seemed to refuse to have anything to do with the church. A crack between the tower and the church developed, and as soon as it was pointed, the tower shook itself free again. He was asked if he could suggest a sufficiently elastic cement to fill the cracks and bind the church and the tower together again. He sent for a plan of the bell frame, and, on examining it, he was able to send, through Mr. Powys, a message to the incumbent and say that if he would spend a few shillings on roping the tenor on the other side of the wheel, he need not worry about elastic cement. The advice offered was taken, and there had been no more trouble. The tower and the church were reconciled.

In answering questions, Mr. Lewis showed how greatly the strength of tower walls was affected by the presence of doorways or windows, or the western tower arch of a church, the walls of a tower with both a western arch and a western window being approximately (in some cases) ten times as stiff from east to west as from north to south.

At the close the hon. secretary of the Guildford Guild, under whose auspices the lecture had been given, thanked Mr. Lewis for his interesting and instructive address, and mentioned the great work which Mr. Lewis was doing in many departments for the benefit of the art of ringing.

The motion was carried by acclamation and acknowledged by Mr. Lewis.

### A VICAR'S REPLY TO AGITATORS. 'DO NOT APOLOGISE FOR RINGING.'

'Ring the bells more often and ring them louder,' was the reply of the Rev. H. B. Coleridge, Vicar of Leatherhead, to those who agitate for the silencing of church bells. He was addressing the ringers at the service held in connection with the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. 'In an age when there is more hideous noise in the world than ever before,' he said, 'there has been criticism of your glorious music. Those who have been the mouthpieces of this agitation are partly the same as those underlying the agitation against all that is true and good, pure, holy and divine. Do not,' he added, 'ever for one moment be ashamed of your ringing or apologise for it. The ringing of the bells is part of the Voice of God calling those who hear them to a realisation of the fact that Jesus is our Saviour and our King.'

The business meeting followed tea at Leatherhead Institute, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston and the district officers. Over thirty ringers were present, representing most of the towers in the district, and there were visitors from London, Croydon, Beddington and Guildford.

Those present stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of Mr. William Cook, of Ashted, who had recently passed away.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Johnston to the meeting, and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) then presented the accounts, which showed that 57 ringing members and three honorary members paid subscriptions during the year, and that the balance in hand had increased from £5 14s. to £6 10s.

The committee's report stated that the number of members who paid their subscriptions was below that of last year. The meetings had not been attended as well as might have been expected. The committee felt the members might do more in this respect to encourage the officers, and, while it was realised that some members could not afford to attend every meeting, they thought that every member might attend at least one meeting each year. The combined practices had been better attended, and it was hoped that this would continue. The Ashted practice on Thursdays attracted ringers from outside the district, and members were reminded that they were welcome every Tuesday evening at Leatherhead. The district was badly placed at present for extra ringing. Ewell and Dorking bells needed attention, and both Epsom towers were closed to outside ringers on account of objections raised to ringing by local householders. The number of peals had fallen off and only eight had been rung, as a consequence of the difficulty in getting towers and the removal of Mr. Alan Pink from the district.

The balance sheet and report were adopted.

Two new members attached to Cobham tower (Messrs. A. Holding and A. Moore) were elected, and the election of Messrs. N. Hobden, W. Hobden and A. Wooloff (Banstead) was confirmed.

Mr. A. Harman was elected District Ringing Master and Mr. A. H. Smith hon. secretary. Messrs. G. Marriner and A. Whiting were elected on the Executive Committee, and the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge was elected the hon. members' representative.

The retiring general officers of the Guild were again nominated, and four nominations for three Central Council representatives were put in, viz., Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. C. Hazelden, G. Grover and R. Whittington.

The Walker Memorial Scheme was explained by the general hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), and the sum of £12 was voted from the district funds.

Newdigate was selected for a meeting in June, Rammore Common for a joint meeting with the Surrey Association in July, and Leatherhead for the annual meeting in 1934. Other meetings will be arranged as towers are available.

Thanks were accorded to the officers for their services, to the Vicar for the use of the bells and particularly for his encouraging address, and also to Mr. Arthur Dean and the local band for their welcome.

The ringing during the day covered the standard methods on eight and ten bells, and also included a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at West Ham and Pevensy (two six-bell towers) on Saturday, January 28th, when about 20 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Uckfield, Lewes and members of West Ham band. Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, was also present. The Vicar of West Ham (the Rev. J. A. Davies) was waiting at the church to welcome the ringers as they arrived. He also conducted the service and gave a most interesting address. The Vicar of Pevensy was unable to be present owing to illness.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Rev. J. A. Davies occupied the chair. Two members were elected, Messrs. A. H. Funnell and W. Levett, both of All Saints', Hastings.

Mr. G. W. Stokes proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of West Ham for the use of the bells and also for presiding at the meeting. The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the association to West Ham, and stated that he hoped to attend the next meeting, which will be held at Eastbourne. The ringers kept the bells of Pevensy going until about 8 o'clock.

### 'PEAL GRABBERS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Gilbert's interesting letter he mentions those ringers who come under the term, 'peal grabbers.' A ringer who comes under this heading is of little or no use to the fraternity at large.

In all parts of the country there can be found 'Surprise peal cliques.' Week after week they meet and ring peals in the higher methods. Sometimes these are well struck, but more often than not they are the opposite.

If asked to stand in a peal of Plain Bob, the majority of these ringers would, strange to say, be 'otherwise engaged.' Which is the greater performance, a peal of Doubles, including one or two 'first peals,' or a peal of Surprise Major which is rung by ringers whose names are familiar to all change ringers? Surely the former.

If some of the 'Great I Ains' would spend some of their time helping learners to ring their first peals, they would be making use of their time and not wasting it. Every ringer's motto should be 'Learners first.'

One's ability as a change ringer should not be judged by the number of peals rung in the higher methods, but by the number of times the words, 'First peal,' appear under performances in which they have taken part.

NORMAN G. LEECH.

Dudley.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### CANTERBURY DISTRICT MEETING AT CHILHAM.

A most successful meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Chilham on Saturday, February 18th. Upwards of 40 members attended from Canterbury Cathedral and St. Alphege, St. Peter's, St. Lawrence, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Wickhambreaux, Littlebourne, Dover, St. George's, Gravesend, Queenborough, Northfleet, Wye, Sturry, Home, Kennington and the local tower. The bells were ringing soon after 3 o'clock, and later a short service was held in the church, the Vicar of Chilham (the Rev. J. Hilton-Spratt) officiating.

Subsequently the ringers adjourned to the Vicarage, where the Vicar entertained them to tea. In replying to a speech of thanks, made on behalf of the company by Mr. E. Spice, the Vicar said he hoped the association would soon come to Chilham again and ring the bells as merrily as they had done that afternoon. Chilham, he said, was an hospitable place, a sentiment with which the entire company heartily concurred.

After a short touch on handbells, 'Auld Lang Syne' was sung, and the ringers returned to the church vestibule for the business meeting.

Mr. Spice was voted to the chair. Two new members were elected, namely, Miss L. Wickens, St. Lawrence, and Rupert Barden, St. Alphege, Canterbury.

Hernhill was chosen for the next by-meeting, and an intimation was given by Mr. French, of Sturry, that it was probable the Romney Marsh Guild would hold a meeting at Sturry in the near future. Ringing continued in the usual methods until 8.30 p.m.

### DEVON GUILD. EXETER BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Ide on Saturday, February 11th, and was well attended, about 50 being present. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Millett), who in course of his address welcomed the members. Tea followed in the Church Institute, arranged by the ladies of the parish. The chairman (Mr. C. G. Glass) presided at the business meeting, when Upton Pyne was chosen for the next meeting, on April 29th, subject to the Rector's approval.

Mrs. Powell (wife of the president of the Guild) presented certificates to three members.—Mr. Ridler, of Thorverton, suggested that the branch ought to have a Ringing Master to take charge of the ringing at the meetings, and proposed that Mr. W. Richardson be elected.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Sandover and agreed to.

One new member was elected from the Heavitree band, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his excellent address and the use of the bells, to the organist, to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea, and also to the Rev. H. C. Bennett (Rector of Alplington) for granting the use of Alplington bells. The meeting was a very enjoyable one.

### 5,184 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

BY NOLAN GOLDEN.

23456 M. In B. 5ths W. H.

42356					
62534	—	—	2		2
55321				1	2
46253				2	2
63254	2			1	2
23564	1				1

Twice repeated.

4, 5 and 8 the extent in 6ths.

Rung at Holberton on February 6th, 1933, conducted by the composer.



### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. LIVERPOOL BRANCH AT BENEDICTION SERVICE.

On Saturday, February 11th, the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association held a very successful meeting at the Roman Catholic Church of St. Francis Xavier, which possesses a very fine ring of eight bells by Taylor and Co. The ringers received a wonderful welcome, and everything was done for their comfort.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m. under the direction of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. H. Ludkin, and various touches were brought round. At 4 p.m. the ringers attended Benediction for the first time in the history of the association.

Benediction was imparted by the Rev. Father Minister J. Noon, S.J., assisted by Father W. O'Kelly, S.J., after which Father C. Cooksey, S.J., addressed the congregation in the Sodality Chapel.

In the course of his sermon (for the report of which we are indebted to the courtesy of the 'Catholic Times'), Father Cooksey said that church bells were among the oldest relics we possessed, and made special mention of St. Patrick's bell in Dublin. The most venerable and precious bell we had, he said, was a church bell. That was the bell of St. Patrick in Kildare Street Museum, Dublin. The bell was quite a little thing, made of beaten iron riveted together and dipped into brass. Its history was vouched for because it had been in the same family for centuries, handed down from father to son. St. Patrick had used the bell to call the people together for instruction, to call order in the church and to call attention to what he had to say. There were many ancient bells in Dublin, but none had the antiquity of that.

The beauty and symbolism of a bell, he continued, had always been linked to Christianity. If a man objected to the ringing of a bell, it was because he wished to stop in bed when other people were serving God. The friends of God were always associated with the ringing of bells, the enemies of God were always against them. It was the custom of those who lay in bed on Sundays to decry them, but a bell meant prayer and was intended to be a prayer. We ought to follow the idea of the bellringers of olden times, of those in Italy, who, when tempest or thunder came, rushed to the bells and rang and rang.

'In the same way,' he added, 'you ought to make the bells a prayer to God. You are giving the best you have got to Almighty God, and He will bless you for it. The language of the bells is your language, and God will surely hear the prayer of the bells as readily as He hears them in any other tongue.'

After the service the ringers returned to the tower for further ringing until 6.30 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Refectory, where a sumptuous tea was both welcomed and appreciated.

At the meeting which followed, the Rev. Fr. Cooksey, S.J., presided. The usual business was disposed of, and three new members (including the Rev. D. P. Roberts, curate at St. Clement's, Toxteth) were elected.

The branch secretary (Mr. C. I. Davies) was instructed to write to Mr. William G. Mann congratulating him on attaining his 80th birthday. Mr. Mann is one of the founders of the association.

A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of Mr. W. Horan, the late treasurer, the members standing in silence.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector, the Very Rev. Fr. I. Ireland, S.J., for granting facilities for the meeting and for providing such a beautiful tea, and to the Rev. Fr. Cooksey, S.J., for his inspiring address and for so ably presiding at the meeting.

In his reply, the Chairman expressed his pleasure in having been asked by the Rector to welcome the ringers to St. Francis', and hoped that he would have a similar privilege at a future date.

### DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN DERBYSHIRE RINGER.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. E. Robbins, of Palterton, near Bolsover, Derbyshire, after only eight days' illness. Mr. Robbins, who passed away on February 15th, succumbed to double pneumonia. The deceased was a regular Sunday service ringer and at Bolsover will be sadly missed.

The local ringers acted as bearers at the funeral, which took place on Saturday, February 18th, and as a last token of respect a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by John Flint, George Lewis, Sydney P. Palmer and Jesse Moss. Many of Mr. Robbins' ringing friends attended at the funeral, and afterwards joined in ringing the bells of the Parish Church in muffled touches of Treble Bob, Little Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative as a last tribute to one whom all loved and admired.

Deceased came to Palterton about 28 years ago, and joined the Bolsover band as a regular member. Although he had to walk two miles to the church and back twice each Sunday, he never was a slacker. He had rung well over 100 peals in all the standard methods and a few in Surprise methods. Previous to coming to Bolsover he took part in the record peal of Bob Major (10.464) on tower bells for the Yorkshire Association at St. Leonard's, Wortley. Mr. Robbins was 56 years of age and leave a widow, three sons and two daughters in bereavement.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AT ISLEWORTH.

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild took place last Saturday week at Isleworth. Although the weather was kind, the attendance was somewhat disappointing, and it is hoped that it was due to reasons other than lack of enthusiasm. Many members, it is to be regretted, have been affected by the industrial depression, and its repercussions have been observed in the general attendance at meetings during the past year. Some 40 members and friends were present, and the ten bells were rung in a variety of methods, including Cambridge Royal, under the superintendence of Mr. H. C. Chandler, the Ringing Master. A shortened evensong was held, when the district vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) read the lesson, and the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith) preached an eloquent sermon. It was gathered from this discourse that ringers seldom attend the church service, a view which, of course, is erroneous and was later pointed out to the Vicar.

Tea followed in the Mission Hall, and a very enjoyable meal it was, too. The subsequent business proved rather lengthy, and the Vicar had to hand over his duties as chairman to the vice-president before the conclusion. Reference was made to the loss of Henry Edgeley by death. He had been churchwarden at Isleworth for many years, and he had always supported the association in its work during this period.

The secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow), in his report, said that the average attendance at the monthly meetings had been 30, which was slightly lower than last year. The total number of new members elected was 33. So far as finance was concerned, the receipts had been lower and extra expenses incurred, with the result that the total balance, some £14, was lower than the previous year. The question of the Heston Bell Augmentation Fund was brought forward, the scheme providing for the installation of two new trebles to make a ring of ten. It was agreed that a sum of £5 5s. be subscribed when required. Seventeen peals were rung in the year and two others were rung on handbells.

As is the usual custom, the offices of Ringing Master and Deputy Ringing Master changed hands, Messrs. E. C. S. Turner and I. Collins being elected respectively. The other principal officers were re-elected.

It was agreed that the supper, which was successfully introduced this year, be held in January, 1934, with the addition of a social and dance. It was also agreed that the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) be invited to hold a joint meeting at Hillingdon in October.

The hon. secretary said he would be glad if members could attend the practices at Harlington on Fridays. The church authorities were anxious that change ringing should be taught to the young band that had been formed there.

Thanks were accorded to all the officers for their services in the past year, and to the Vicar of Isleworth for allowing the meeting to be held, etc. Mr. Liddetter was also thanked for having the bells ready. An enjoyable meeting concluded with a lengthy touch of Stedman Caters (it is thought the conductor was dreaming he was at Appleton!).

Will members please note that the next district meeting is at Chiswick on March 11th?

### RINGERS BEAT POLICE.

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On Saturday week the 'half-yearly' feud between bellringers and Bolton Police was carried on at the latter's club in Old Hall Street, Bolton. The police had again invited the ringers to a billiards match and 'free and easy' social, and a large number, along with their wives and friends, accepted the invitation, filling the club to its utmost capacity. It had been hoped that this year the event would have been held in the new police quarters, but they are not quite ready.

When these functions were first inaugurated the police were invariably the victors, but this year the tables have been turned, the ringers taking the honours.

Following the games was a most enjoyable social. Eleven artistes sang solos and duets and gave recitations. These were inter-mixed with community singing (everybody being supplied with a song sheet) and touches on handbells.

P.C. Hayhurst extended a hearty welcome and another invitation to the bowling green in the summer. He said they all looked forward to the ringers coming, as they were then assured of a good night's entertainment.—Mr. Cutsforth moved a vote of thanks to the police for their invitation to the club. It gave them, he said, an opportunity of meeting together under pleasant conditions for a 'chin wag,' and allowed the womenfolk to know more of each other. He thanked Sergt. Crook for the trouble he had taken in making the evening successful.

EXETER.—On Sunday, January 29th, at St. Sidwell's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Hosgood 1, F. Wroford 2, A. Monkley 3, W. Wills 4, W. Drake 5, E. Shepherd (conductor) 6, E. Hill 7, W. Richardson 8, A. Trimmer 9, A. Goad 10.



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**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.,

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**DEVON GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Outstanding subscriptions for 1933 are due at this meeting.—M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George Rectory, Exeter.

**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.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon Village, Cheltenham.

**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. Subscriptions 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.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, February 25th, at the two six-bell towers of St. Michael's and St. Stephen's. St. Michael's bells available at 3 p.m., St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bassingham, Saturday, February 25th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9.—Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Framlingham on Feb. 25th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea in St. Michael's Rooms at 4.30, at rs. 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. Half rail fare, maximum rs. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reepham on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3.30 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec., Reepham.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.**—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford-Beams Memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, February 25th, when the choir stall erected as a memorial to the late T. Hervey Beams will be dedicated. The preacher will be the Rev. L. Edwards, secretary of the Guild, and the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) will dedicate the memorial. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Forster Institute at 5.15, to be followed by meeting. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers for this dedication.—C. H. Lathey, Sec. and Treasurer, 10, Newfoundland, Bradpole, Bridport.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 25th. City bells available afternoon and evening. Service St. Nicholas' 5 p.m. Tea Booth Hall 5.30 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5. Please make an effort to attend. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden, Beds.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea (rs. each) at 5 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. A good attendance is desired.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at West Wycombe on Saturday, February 25th, at 3. High Wycombe bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**ELY ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Denver on Saturday, February 25th. Bells (\*) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, February 25th. The bells of St. Cuthbert's (8), St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available after 3. Committee meeting at 4.30, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Cameron Hotel, Skinnergate. Tea 1s. 3d. each.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The annual meeting for election of officers will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, February 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—D. Clarke, 36, Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on March 2nd and 30th at 8 p.m. \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Magnus on the 9th and 23rd; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The 115th anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available all day. At 3 p.m. the Grandsire Caters record tablet will be unveiled by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. Dinner at the Thatched Tavern at 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks, not later than February 28th?

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Bungalow, Ormesby, at 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. Those intending to be at tea must notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, March 1st.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch is to be held at Chilton Foliat on March 4th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—A. W. Deane, Hon. Sec., Blowhorn Street, Marlborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at Wye. Tower opens at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting for business following. A hearty welcome to all ringers, and a good attendance hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—Next meeting at Sketty on March 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea please advise by Tuesday, February 28th.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**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. 6d. each, to be applied for by Wednesday, March 1st, latest.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, March 4th, ringing commencing 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the new Vicar of Dudley, Rev. Dr. Shepherd, who will also give an address. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me by March 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Birkenhead, St. Mary's (six bells), on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open at three o'clock. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who advise me by Tuesday, February 28th, at a charge of 9d. per head.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 33, Church Street, Bentley, near Doncaster.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, March 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. First meeting since the restoration of the tower. All ringers welcome. Please come and bring your friends.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Old Bradwell on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify in good time. Heartily welcome to all ringers. Good attendance desired.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Names for tea must reach me not later than Thursday, March 2nd. A good attendance is requested. All welcome.—A. Sharp, Dis. Sec., 194, Uxbridge Street, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bury, on Saturday, March 4th. Tower open for ringing from 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Meeting, committee only. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend ringing.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.45 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by March 7th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham Parish Church, on Saturday, March 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Sat., March 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 8th.—F. S. Hawkes, Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice. The annual committee meeting will be held in Reading (D.V.) on Saturday, April 22nd. Will all branch secretaries and representatives please note? Details later.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The name and address of the secretary and treasurer of the above branch is now E. G. Foster, 401, London Road, Reading, to whom all communications should be addressed.

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**EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, January 29th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Gower 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, A. Gower 3, G. W. Stokes 4, H. S. Hobden 5, P. H. Dallaway 6, A. C. Pankhurst 7, L. W. Faulkner 8.

**RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, January 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): E. E. Whitmore 1, F. Stubbs 2, W. J. Whitmore 3, J. Stubbs 4, F. Kirk 5, C. M. Whitney 6, S. G. Robinson 7, W. Copperwheat (first quarter-peal of Major as conductor and first attempt) 8.

**HERTFORD.**—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service on Sunday, January 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*M. Pughman 1, C. Rush 2, D. Dyer 3, \*G. Freestone 4, H. J. Gray 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6, J. Ladley 7, \*G. H. Dilton 8. \* First quarter-peal and first attempt.

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