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FALSE PEAL RISKS.

How easy a matter it is to fall into a trap in connection with false peals has again been illustrated by the incident reported last week. A band rang a peal of Bob Major by a composer of repute, and two or three months afterwards discovered that the composition was false. They were furnished with a revised version, which had been vouched for by the original composer, and rang it to 'replace' the original performance. Too late it was found that the altered form of the peal was also false. The first composition was published in 1929; the author, the late Mr. Arthur Craven, pointed out its falseness a week later and printed the revised figures. The peal in its first form was rung in 1937—eight years after its error had been pointed out. To safeguard the position for the future the Yorkshire Association report printed both the original composition as a warning, and the revised figures to show how it had been corrected. It was only when the composition appeared in this publication that the faulty construction of the second version was noticed.

The principal conclusion that emerges from these facts is that once a false composition has been published there is no real safeguard against its being rung some time in the future. We can imagine what happened, or what might have happened in this case. Someone came upon the first set of figures in the pages of 'The Ringing World' and extracted them. He did not see the declaration in the following issue that they were false, and eventually they came into the hands of a conductor, who called them. No one, however, had up to then called attention to the fact that the author's revised figures were also false, and these were passed on to the conductor to enable him to make amends for the first disappointment, only for him to discover, when it was too late, that fate had dealt him another unkindly blow. The whole episode was a series of mishaps, but it goes to emphasise what we have often said, that the truth of no composition should be taken for granted, and it illustrates the danger that always exists when once the figures of a false peal have got into circulation.

Here was a case where the author had himself pointed out the falseness almost immediately, but, despite this, after a lapse of time, the composition was rung. False compositions have many times appeared in the ringing Press and in association reports; there are quite a number among the peals in the Central Council's Collections. As far as they are known they have, at any rate for the most part, been pointed out; but once they have been circulated it is beyond the bounds of possibility to ensure

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that they will never be rung. The truth can never again
catch up with them. It is one of the penalties of pub-
licity. The only remedy lies in the hands of conductors,
and that is to have every composition checked before
they call it, unless it is one which they know has already
stood the test.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*JAMES W. JENNINGS ...	Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	7
†SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ...	2	†HARRY D. LISTER ...	8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	3	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ...	9
HOBART E. SMITH ...	4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ...	10
GEORGE A. FLEMING ...	5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	11
FREDERICK J. SMITH ...	6	†CECIL W. PIPE ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First attempt for a peal of Maximus. † First peal of Superlative Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ...	Treble	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ...	6
*E. DENNIS POOLE ...	2	HARRY OVERTON ...	7
ALFRED S. BAYLEY ...	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ...	8
HARRY F. HOLDING ...	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ...	9
†GEORGE A. PACKER ...	5	WALTER LAGO ...	Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.
First ten-bell peal as conductor. Rung with half-muffled clappers in
memory of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY THOMPSON ...	Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	6
KENNETH THACKER ...	2	HARRY PARKER ...	7
ANDREW THOMPSON ...	3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...	8
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ...	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	9
ALAN D. STEEL ...	5	HARRY THELWELL ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
Rung for the tercentenary of the society.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*J. RIDER ...	Treble	†EDGAR SHARRATT, JUN. ...	6
*W. CARNWELL ...	2	*J. RIDER ...	7
*G. WILKINSON ...	3	R. T. HOLDING ...	8
W. P. DEANE ...	4	*EDGAR SHARRATT, SEN. ...	9
*EDWIN SHARRATT ...	5	*E. A. RIDGWAY ...	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by J. RIDER.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal. Rung in honour of the
installation of the Rev. Kenneth G. W. Millward, and is also the first
peal of Bob Royal for the North Staffs Association.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

*ALBERT E. MILLETT... ..Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 8
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 4	† HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 9
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY 5	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Caters in the method. † First peal in the method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMSTreble	*PTE. P. H. TOCOK, R.T.C. 6
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
WILLIAM E. CHEATER... .. 3	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 8
LESLIE TREMEER 4	HAROLD P. REED 9
EDWARD T. GRIFFEN 5	REGINALD A. REEDTenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

* First peal of Stedman.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST J. KINGTreble	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 6
NORMAN H. MANNING... .. 2	FRANCIS D. BISHOP 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 8
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 4	PHILIP A. CORBY 9
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 5	† HARRY BROOKSTenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Stedman Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

DEREK M. SHARPTreble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
*GEORGE W. FOGDEN 2	PHILIP A. CORBY 6
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 3	JOHN O. WELLER... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNONTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMMERTreble	DAVID VINCENT 5
JOSEPH HALL 2	*EWART MURGATROYD ... 6
WILLIAM H. SHUCKER ... 3	NORMAN HEAPS 7
*JOHN HASSELL 4	ALAN J. BROWNTenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BALDOCK GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 26, 1938, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

*JACK DEARTreble	*WILLIAM COLLINS 5
† JAMES MORLEY 2	*ALBERT C. ROSE 6
EDWIN C. BUCK 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN... .. 7
WALTER D. POOLEY 4	† CYRIL KINCHTenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

* First peal on eight. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

FREDERICK C. GUNTON ...Treble	ERNEST WHITING... .. 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS... 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES W. LOOME 4	FREDERICK ROOPETenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

The composition now rung for the first time.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ...Treble	GEORGE W. FOGDEN 5
JOHN E. LYDDIARD 2	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 6
CHARLES H. WALKER... .. 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
FRANCIS C. SHORTER 4	HAROLD BRASHERTenor

Conducted by H. WARNETT, SEN.

A 21st birthday compliment to Raymond C. Warnett, grandson of the conductor, also a birthday compliment to Miss H. Oakshett.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT RELFETreble	JAMES G. POWELL 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 6
LESLIE K. JARVIS 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS 4	A. PATRICK CANNONTenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in the method by all the band and first on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITBYTreble	WILLIAM ALEY 5
*JAMES WOOD 2	VINCENT TIPTON 6
*EDWIN LARTER 3	EDWARD ROCHESTER 7
BEN COPPING 4	WILLIAM WHEELERTenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. WHEELER,

* First peal.

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On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDISE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOSEPH WITTER Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 6
WILLIAM GRIFFITHS 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
GEORGE F. SPERRING 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Conducted by J. W. GRIFFITHS.

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

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in D.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
FRANK VARTY 2	*GEORGE LEDSHAM 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	RALPH G. EDWARDS 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	*JAMES BARNES 5
*JACK CLEGG 2	*HERBERT HOLDEN 6
*ERIC BRUNTON 3	*LEONARD SCHOLES 7
*LESLIE L. WILLIAMS 4	ARNOLD BRUNTON Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by A. BRUNTON.

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

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 5
REGINALD POSTON 2	WILLIAM T. POSTON 6
CHARLES L. SADLER 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
H. ERNEST COX 4	ALFRED T. POULTON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
HARRY HOVERD 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
*JOHN W. EUSTON 3	*HARRY PARKES 7
*DEREK M. SHARP 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of New Cambridge.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*TREVOR M. RODERICK ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH 5
HAYDEN DOBBINS 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
WALLACE DOBBINS 4	ERNEST STITCH Tenor

Conducted by J. PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Stedman.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
JOHN BASS 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*ALLAN SHORT Treble	RICHARD C. INGRAM 5
†GEORGE H. WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	FRED PRICE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by R. C. INGRAM.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. M. Ingram, wife of the conductor.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	RICHARD A. POST 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... Tenor

Non-conducted.

Witness—William C. Porter.

First 'silent' peal in the method by all the band.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 30, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB OND-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER H. DOBBIE ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 6
ARTHUR S. BOAR 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 4	ERNEST DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDISE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*STANLEY WEBB Treble	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 5
TOM FORD 2	ROBERT SMITH 6
LESLIE BAINHAM 3	JOHN W. JONES 7
HAROLD FORBES 4	SYDNEY BAMFORD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Triples as conductor. A silver wedding peal for the Vicar (Canon S. G. Morgan, R.D.) and Mrs. Morgan.

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 23, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 23 cwt.

B. CORNELL Treble	S. H. SYMONDS 4
M. T. SYMONDS 2	L. PRYKE 5
F. F. MORTLOCK 3	L. POULSON 6
L. OFFORD Tenor	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung, after meeting short for Major, to celebrate the 80th birthday of A. Symonds, 'father' of the Lavenham company.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*MISS OLIVE LOW Treble	DENNIS BELL 4
MISS JEAN BELL 2	ERIC DURRANT 5
GEORGE BELL 3	WALTER C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal.

RAINFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 24, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

PETER SHAW Treble	SYDNEY FORSHAW 4
JOHN BROWN 2	GEORGE T. JENKS 5
GEORGE SAINT 3	SAM CADWALLENDER 6

WILLIAM BAGLEY Tenor

Conducted by P. SHAW.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except the ringer of the 2nd.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE H. BROWN Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
HARRY JOHNSON 2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE 5
†ERNEST WILLIAMS 3	JOHN WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. The quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

SYDNEY SMITH Treble	JOHN SUMMERHAYES 4
HARRY PURCHASE 2	ALBERT TURNER 5
CLAUDE TARR 3	EDGAR QUICKE Tenor

Conducted by E. QUICKE.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob by all and also on the bells.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with all 5-6's at backstroke.

EDMUND WAG-TAPPE Treble	C. HENRY HARDING 4
*STANLEY H. WALLIS 2	*FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT 5
REGINARD HOUGHTON 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal of Cambridge.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 29, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH SHELLEY Treble	EDWARD STEELE 4
HAROLD ROSE 2	NEVILLE HOLLAND 5
WILLIAM PERKINS 3	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE Tenor

Conducted by J. G. CARTLIDGE.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. C. Codling, late Vicar of the parish.

SOPLY, CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, February 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM M. STONE Treble	*FRANCIS W. FREEMAN 3
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 2	LEONARD G. STONE 4
FRANCIS G. BLAKE Tenor	

Conducted by F. G. BLAKE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 2, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*R. GOULD Treble	*P. MERRETT 4
*H. BLANCHARD 2	W. A. AVERY 5
E. F. WHITE 3	*H. TROLLOPE Tenor

Conducted by W. A. AVERY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours,

At TRENTWOOD.

A PEAL OF SPICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Thelwall and Lytham; (2) Double Oxford and London Bob; (3) Oxford Bob and Single Court; (4) Double and Reverse Bob; (5) Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (6) St. Clement's and Colledge; (7) Childwall and Wavertree.

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | JACK BRAY 3-4

GEORGE E. FEIRN 5-6

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

There were 170 changes of method, 126 bobs and 14 singles in the peal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	PETER LAFLIN 7-8
HARRY ASHTON 9-10	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

HOLTON-LE-MOOR, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At STOPE HILL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ in C sharp

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2 | JACK BRAY 5-6

FRANK LORD 3-4 | GEORGE E. FEIRN 7-8

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major 'in hand' by all the band and for the Guild. Fiftieth peal as conductor. A birthday peal for Master Bob Feirn, brother of the conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

SPLICED MINOR 'IN HAND.'

The Lincoln Guild is well off for handbell peal ringers. Up in the north of the county there is a band which frequently puts up some noteworthy performances. On January 27th, for instance, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. George Feirn rang a peal of Spliced Minor in 14 methods, and, on the following day with Mr. Frank Lord, scored a peal of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, the first by all and by the Guild.

Both these were called by Mr. George Feirn, and the Major was his 50th peal as conductor.

By the way, the Minor was a bit of real splicing, for there were 170 changes of method in the course of the seven extents, and 126 bobs and 14 singles were used.

The Bells were ringing at Scottow, Norfolk, on January 24th. A peal of Minor was rung at All Saints' Church, and Miss Jean Bell, George Bell and Dennis Bell rang their first peal in four methods. Miss Olive Low scored her first peal.

The first peal of Minor on Lavenham's famous bells was rung on Sunday, January 23rd, to celebrate the 80th birthday of the veteran, Mr. Arthur Symonds, who was Master and instructor at Lavenham tower for upwards of 50 years. Of course, it was not intended to ring Minor for such an event, but the band met short for Major, and so there was no alternative if a peal was to be attempted. The peal was rung with the tenor behind, and Messrs. F. F. Mortlock and M. T. Symonds rang their first peal of Minor on tower bells.

The Lavenham peal was rung with the tenor covering; another with a covering bell has been rung at Rainford, Lancashire. While we know that 'circumstances alter cases,' peals in even-bell methods ought not to be rung with a covering bell.

The first peal has been rung on the five bells at Sopley, near Christchurch, Hants. They are described as a lovely little peal dating from the seventeenth century. The tenor is only $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., and they were restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1925.

In this peal, on February 2nd, William and Leonard Stone rang their first peal of Doubles, and the former has now rung peals of Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

Four first peals and a 'first as conductor' were included in the performance of Doubles at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire, on February 2nd.

ONE HUNDRED TWELVE-BELL PEALS.

Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, rang his one hundredth peal on twelve bells on January 29th, when he called a peal of Superlative Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Tower. It was also Mr. G. A. Fleming's fiftieth peal of Maximus.

Here is Mr. Sedgley's twelve-bell century, which may be taken as a typical example of the twelve-bell records of several members of St. Mary-le-Tower Society: Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung 19 (conducted 8); Superlative Surprise Maximus, 14 (6); Rochester Surprise Maximus, 3 (1); Pudsey Surprise Maximus, 3 (1); Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, 3 (1); New Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 3 (1); Double Norwich Maximus, 2; Duffield Maximus, 2 (1); Forward Maximus, 1; Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Plain Bob Maximus, 2 (1 on handbells); Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 10 (2 on handbells); Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 4 (2 on handbells); Stedman Cinques, 30 (conducted 5); Grandsire Cinques, 3 (1 on handbells); total 100 (conducted 24).

At All Saints', Newport, Mon., a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on January 31st in honour of the silver wedding of the Vicar and Rural Dean, Canon S. G. Morgan, who is hon. treasurer of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. Before the peal the bells were fired 25 times.

A peal of Grandsire Caters by provincial members of the College Youths was rung at Newcastle, Staffs, on January 29th to commemorate the society's tercentenary. It had been arranged to make the attempt last November, but owing to the bad condition of the ropes it had to be abandoned at that time.

A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, on January 29th, was specially arranged for Mr. Leonard Scholes, of the local band. The rest of the ringers belong to St. James', Church Kirk, and altogether six rang their first peal in the method, while Mr. Arnold Brunton scored his first as conductor.

The first peal by a Sunday service band at Baldock, Herts, since February, 1906, was rung on January 26th.

Two ringers rang Kent Treble Bob at Harlow Common for their first peal on January 29th, and were elected members of the Essex Association before starting.

A 'coming of age' compliment was paid to Mr. Raymond C. Warnett, grandson of Mr. Harry Warnett, sen., of Lewisham, Kent, on January 27th. To celebrate the event, Grandfather called the 'Original'—another proof that ringing keeps the mental faculties young. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Miss H. Oakshett.

Messrs. A. S. Richards and Pat Cannon rang their 25th peal together, when they took part in a peal of Little Bob Major at Buxted, Sussex, on January 29th. The peals have been spread over 23 towers.

It was the first peal in the method by all the band and rung at the first attempt; and Mr. A. F. Lewry's 50th peal.

As a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, on January 29th, by members of the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

Carter's odd-bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Sittingbourne on Sunday, January 30th. It was called by Mr. Louis Head. Mr. A. S. Boar, who took part, has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

The first peal of Bob Royal by the North Staffs and District Association was rung at Leek on January 29th. It was the first peal of Bob Royal by seven of the band.

A NON-CONDUCTED PEAL.

A non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Buckland, Berks, on January 29th. It was Mr. R. D. St. John Smith's 50th peal, and Messrs. F. E. Taylor and W. F. Judge's 100th peal together.

The first peal on the ten bells at Rickmansworth was rung on January 29th. They were augmented some few years ago.

The 150th anniversary of the foundation of Australia was commemorated at Miles Platting, Manchester, with a peal of Grandsire Triples, on January 25th. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. William Branmer, who rang the treble.

After a peal at Draycott, Staffs, on January 29th, rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Rev. C. Codling, late Vicar of the parish, the band were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Perkins.

Mr. Ernest Stith has 'completed the circle' for the third time at Aberavon, Glam., on January 29th, when he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples. Trevor Roderick, who rang his first peal in the method, belongs to a six-bell tower where only Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles are rung, and deserves credit for this performance, which has been achieved by learning the method from books and taking every opportunity to practice.

It should be pointed out, in regard to the compositions of Treble Ten that appeared in these notes last week, that Mr. Golden only claims the full extent properties for the 5,000.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH OFFICERS.

On Saturday, January 29th, the annual meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Cheadle. Early in the afternoon the recently rehung peal of eight bells was busily employed and a variety of methods rung before the service. The Rector (the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson) officiated, assisted by his curate, and a very interesting address was preached by the Rev. S. May. Tea was served in the Parish Hall and 63 members and friends enjoyed an excellent repast. The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Rector, and what threatened to be a very lengthy programme was speedily and ably disposed of under his guidance.

He gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Cheadle and hoped that they would find a considerable improvement in the bells.

The secretary (Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis) reported that he had received confirmation of the dates of the meetings for the year from the respective incumbents.

The statement of accounts and report for the year just ended were presented and adopted, and showed a sound financial position and a certain amount of advancement in other directions, but much still remained to be accomplished in the direction of weekly practice nights. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft; vice-chairman, the Rev. F. Bonner; representative on General Committee, Mr. A. Barnes; auditor, Mr. T. Wilde; instructors, Messrs. Hartley, Hough, Milner and Wilde; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. K. Lewis. — A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to all the retiring officers.

Five new members were elected, two from Northenden and three from St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne.

On hearing of the illness of Mr. E. Davies, of Rostherne, a ringer of over 50 years' standing, the meeting unanimously resolved to send him their best wishes for his speedy restoration to health. It was also decided to write a letter of congratulation to an old member of the branch, Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, on the achievement reported in the issue of 'The Ringing World' of January 28th, the ringing of the first double-handed peal of Bob Major in the Dominions.

Various other topics were discussed, and the meeting concluded with hearty votes of thanks to the Rector and wardens for permission to hold the meeting and their services, the curate (the Rev. S. May) for his excellent address, the ladies who prepared the tea, the local ringers and the organist. Further ringing was then enjoyed, both on tower and handbells, until late in the evening.

BOB TRIPLES AT GRUNDISBURGH.

On Sunday, January 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Grundisburgh (1,260 by Shipway): L. J. Last 1, O. J. Kidby 2, F. J. Crapnell 3, J. R. Crooks 4, C. W. Pipe 5, C. W. Parker 6, W. Dye 7, W. Barker 8. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung at Grundisburgh and first quarter in the method by all the band. It was rung as a 78th birthday compliment to the conductor.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. DORCHESTER BRANCH.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, at which, as reported last week, a discussion took place on the introduction of a gramophone and amplifiers at a church in Weymouth for broadcasting bell records.

The meeting was presided over by the branch chairman (the Rev. A. W. Markby), and the hon. secretary, in his annual report, said the membership remained about the same.

The balance sheet showed that there were 119 ringing members, 13 associates, nine honorary members and five life members. The income totalled £34 0s. 7d. and the expenditure £24 18s. 1d., leaving a balance in hand of £9 2s. 6d., compared with £15 9s. 1d. with which the year began.

This year's quarterly meetings were fixed to be held at Charminster, Bradford Peverell, Frampton and Wool, and the annual meeting at Dorchester.

New members were elected as follows:—

Ringing members.—Abbotsbury: Messrs. J. Trevett, A. W. Ellery, C. J. Ford and H. Claxton, the youngest of whom is 14. Wyke Regis: Brian Swaffield. Frampton: The Rev. E. George and Mr. C. Hill. Wool: Messrs. W. and L. Burt. Dorchester St. Peter's: Messrs. F. Hawkins and T. Tetsill. Preston: Mr. S. C. Slade. Upwey: Miss Gwenda Notley.

Associate members: Mrs. H. Chalker (Upwey), Miss Gill, Miss Hudson, Mrs. Mowlam, Miss Mowlam, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cornick, Mrs. Swaffield.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Chairman, the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby; vice-chairman, the Rev. R. P. Farrow; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Smart, in succession to Mr. P. Field, who had intimated his definite decision to retire; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. P. Toccock; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Jennings.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

NEW RECTOR'S INDUCTION.

On Wednesday evening, January 19th, for the institution and induction of the Rev. J. Russell Howden, B.D., to the living of St. Andrew's, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, E. F. Pryor 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, C. H. Vitler 8.

On Sunday evening, January 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. C. Alford 1, R. W. Green 2, E. Brett 3, W. H. Seabrook 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, A. C. Darnell 6, U. Wildney (conductor) 7, T. Bannister 8. This was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Bullock.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MASTER TO ADDRESS RURI-DECANAL CONFERENCE.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Horley on Saturday, January 22nd, when a gathering of 35 assembled. Most of the district towers were represented, and ringing friends were present from Uckfield and Hartfield, Sussex, Beddington, Croydon and London. Ringing in the afternoon was followed by a service, conducted by the Vicar of Horley. Alderman Temple Newell read the lesson.

The Master of the association (Mr. D. C. K. Birt) presided at the business meeting, when the following district officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. W. Clayton; secretary, Mr. K. Tuffin; treasurer, Mr. M. Northover; auditor, Mr. A. Gear; committee, Messrs. A. Bull, A. Willett and B. Wells.

The next annual meeting (1939) was fixed for Godstone, and other meetings for the year were arranged for Charlwood, April; Lingfield, July; Limpsfield Chart, September; Redhill, December.

The Master stated he had written to the Rural Dean asking him to bring to the notice of the Ruri-decanal Conference what can be done by the clergy in their towers in regard to ringing.—A reply had been received stating that the Rural Dean would be pleased for the Master to give a talk at the next meeting of the conference.

A vote of thanks was passed to all who had made the meeting a success.

A committee meeting was held after the general meeting, and the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

MUFFLED BELLS.

STANDISH RECTOR'S DEATH.

The death took place suddenly on January 5th of the Rev. C. W. N. Hutton, Rector of Standish, Lancs, for over 51 years. He was curate of Maidstone from 1882 to 1885, and of Westham, Sussex, from 1885 to 1886. Mr. Hutton was nearly 80 years of age and was one of the best known clerics in the Blackburn Diocese, of which Standish forms part. A man of diverse tastes, he had cricketing interests in his younger days, while he also had business and financial interests. That he had a real affection for the church and parish of Standish was evident from the many improvements effected during his Rectorship, and in which he played a leading part. Indeed, the years of his Rectorship have probably been more progressive than any other era in the church's long history.

Fully muffled touches were rung at Standish on Thursday and Friday evenings, Jan. 6th and 7th, and for the funeral on Jan. 8th. For evening service on Jan. 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by J. W. Grounds 1, T. Grounds 2, J. Gray 3, T. Mellington 4, J. Booth 5, A. Morgan 6, E. Birchall (conductor) 7, E. Fairclough 8.

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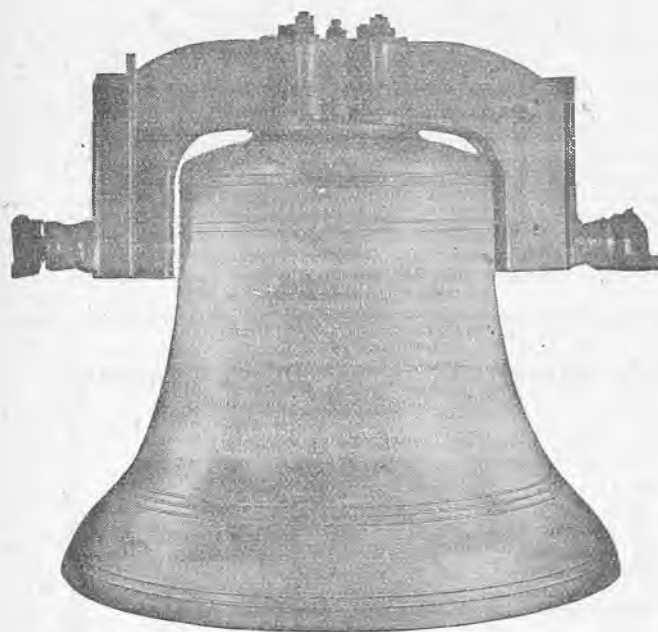
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A correspondent in a London paper a few days ago wrote that three parts of the metal used by English bell founders consists of the tops of old bicycle bells. Hence the inferiority of English to Continental bells.

The bell founders will be interested to know that, in the opinion of the same authority, their profits are 75 per cent. of their charges.

BELL BROADCASTS.

THE RINGING AT MERTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is a pity such a fine man as Mr. G. E. Symonds should criticise Merton ringers for their broadcast. I feel sure he has overlooked 'the other side.' I well remember my only visit to Merton when about 30 ringers attended a meeting some time ago. I was unable to handle any of the bells, and some of the more experienced and noted members were in difficulties. In fact, the locals were the only ones who could 'strike 'em.' These bells are very light, and the long ropes, stretching to the church floor, will crack like whips if not handled rightly. Then the bell just drops and in about six blows is 'down.' Some friends of mine, non-ringers, reside near the church, and they praise the 'lovely ringing and tone.' Surely we could not condemn those who keep going a difficult five when nearby 'eights' are meeting short. Good luck to Merton. I haven't forgotten.

JOHN EUSTON.

Balham, S.W.17.

MR. SKIDMORE'S EXPLANATION.

Sir,—I feel that to justify the reason which prompted me to write re B.B.C. and ringing makes it necessary for me to reply to Mr. Bennett.

It is a very great pity that these subjects oftentimes lead to a lot of controversy, and things are deduced from them which were never intended, causing in many cases unpleasantness.

I wish to assure Mr. Bennett that I had not the least intention of 'slating' the ringers of St. Peter's, otherwise the matter would have been brought up immediately after the occurrence; in fact, it was quite the opposite—they had my sympathy, knowing, as I did, how they were placed.

My letter in 'The Ringing World' of the 28th ult. was entirely in support of the president of the Central Council with reference to our relationship with the B.B.C., and I still adhere to my original statement that the two local cases mentioned were flagrant instances of 'lack of efficient organisation,' otherwise they would never have happened.

I sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when these matters, which are of great importance to Exercise generally, will be placed on a sound footing, thereby eliminating any chance of a recurrence.

I thank Mr. Bennett for mentioning that I was one of the ringers who 'taught them to pull,' and am still willing and anxious to give any assistance to young ringers, as he personally knows.

FRANK SKIDMORE.

Bristol.

ONLY THE VERY BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH.

Dear Sir,—Regarding the two letters which have appeared in your columns on the subject of the broadcast from St. Peter's, Bristol, it seems that the respective writers are at cross purposes.

Mr. Skidmore did not say that the ringing was in any way discreditable to a band of beginners; he said it was a disgraceful piece of ringing to be broadcast—which is quite a different matter.

I am sure that neither Mr. Skidmore nor anyone else would wish to damp the enthusiasm of a keen band of beginners such as that at St. Peter's, Bristol. But the whole point is surely this: that *no* broadcast (either of bellringing or anything else) should, under any circumstances, be undertaken by a band composed 'entirely of learners.'

I wonder what would be said if an orchestra, or a dance band, 'composed entirely of learners,' were allowed to put their efforts over the air. The very idea is unthinkable. And it is every bit as important, both for the ringing fraternity and the B.B.C., that any ringing which is broadcast should be of the highest possible quality.

When ringing for a broadcast service is under consideration the local band is the natural and proper one to undertake the job—*provided that they are capable of putting up a first-class performance.* But if, for any reason, they are not, they should have no hesitation in importing a band of experienced ringers for the occasion. After all, there is no discredit in admitting that one cannot do something quite well enough for broadcasting purposes; and it should be remembered that ringing is nervous work—even for experts—when they know that the slightest mistake or bad blow they may make is going to be heard by thousands of critical listeners.

It is far better for the bells not to be rung at all before a broadcast service than that they should be rung badly, or even 'fairly well.' Nothing but the very best should be considered good enough.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Bristol.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—5.

ALBERT WALKER.

The man who has rung more twelve-bell peals than any other ringer is Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, whose genial personality has made him a popular figure in all the chief ringing centres in the country. Mr. Walker has rung no fewer than 314 peals on twelve, of which 211 have been on tower bells and 103 on handbells. It is a wonderful record, even allowing for the fact that circumstances have favoured him.

Mr. Walker, who was born in Birmingham, took up ringing rather casually while living at Taunton, where, at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on February 1st, 1896.

When he returned to Birmingham he became associated with the band at St. Martin's Church, and except for a short period when he lived in London, he has ever since been attached to the famous tower in the Bull Ring and been one of the mainstays of the Guild.

It was this association, of course, that gave him his twelve-bell opportunities, but it is due largely to his own enthusiasm and the enthusiasm he created in others that twelve-bell ringing has had in this century so successful a period in Birmingham.

He was Deputy Ringing Master of the Guild from 1904 to 1909, and again from 1921 to 1935, when he resigned, and in 1936 was elected a vice-president in recognition of his services, as well as receiving a grandfather clock, while Mrs. Walker was presented with a gold wristlet watch. While in London, Mr. Walker was, for a year, Junior Steward of the College Youths, being elected in 1910. In 1932 he was made an honorary member of the Central Council, and is now a member of the Standing and the Literary and Broadcasting Committees.

Mr. Walker rang his first peal as conductor on Jan. 19th, 1904, a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Martin's, where he has rung, altogether, 157 peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells, of which he has conducted 70. Of these, 137 have been peals of Stedman Cinques, of which he has conducted 64. He has called peals at St. Martin's from treble to tenor several times, as well as taking part in a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

In one thing Mr. Walker has a unique distinction. He is the only man to call a peal on 14 bells. At the height of their handbell ringing fame, the Birmingham men rang, in 1922, a peal of Stedman Sextuples, to which Mr. Walker rang 3-4. Another notable performance was a silent peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells, in which the ringers 'drew' when they met for the pair they were to ring. He has also taken part in one other silent peal of Cinques on handbells.

Mr. Walker has rung peals in 31 twelve-bell towers, including St. Paul's Cathedral, and conducted peals in 26 of them. He called the first peal on the twelve bells at Exeter Cathedral (Stedman Cinques) and rang in the famous peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus there. He has taken part in the only two peals at Buckfast Abbey, the first, rung from the narrow gallery round the central tower, and the other the first peal on the new bells, which he conducted. Other noteworthy performances in which he has shared have been peals at St. Paul's Cathedral, the first on the twelve at St. Mary's, Taunton (Stedman Cinques, which he called), the first peals of Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin's and Worcester Cathedral. He once organised a 'twelve-bell week,' when, travelling across the country from Leicester to Cirencester, the band rang five peals, and only lost the peal at Wolverhampton through a rope breaking after two hours.

Of his total of 485 peals on 8, 10, 12 and 14 bells, Mr. Walker has conducted 193.

Next week: Mr. George R. Pye.



MR. ALBERT WALKER.

YOUNG CLERGY AND RINGING.

A BEGINNING AT LICHFIELD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the remarks made by Mr. Lewis at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild concerning ringers and the encouragement of young clergy to take an interest in the art.

There is no doubt it is partly true that the real reason why the number of clergy ringers is falling off is because the period of training for an ordinand is far more exacting and allows of far less free time at the present day than it used to do. It is important that most of the spare time a man may be lucky enough to have should be taken up in obtaining necessary exercise, and for that purpose activities like football, badminton, fives and such like take primary place.

At this college we are able to spend about one hour a week, through the kindness of the Vicar and local ringers of a certain six-bell tower, practising with the bells open. These practices have to be carried out in the afternoons, when local ringers, who would be a great help to us, are of necessity at work, and so we are left entirely on our own. However, we are making progress, if only slowly.

We had been fortunate in borrowing a set of handbells, but these are no longer available. At Christmas we were able to ring double-handed Grandsire Doubles and several tunes on the twelve, four-in-hand. Our greatest need at the moment is a set of handbells (even six would be better than nothing), so that we can make use of them in the college at odd moments. If there are any of your readers who have unwanted bells in their possession, I need hardly add how grateful we should be to receive them.

It is not our intention to make skilled change ringers of the men at this college: that is impossible when we only have two or three years here. What we set out to do is to create an interest for ringing both in its practical and theoretical aspects, so that when these men go out into your parishes they will not be entirely ignorant of bells and ringers; and this, in turn, will, we feel sure, lead to greater co-operation and understanding between the clergy and the ringers.

MALCOLM MELVILLE.

Theological College, Lichfield.

STUDENTS' INTEREST AT KELHAM.

Sir,—I was very interested in the letter of Mr. Stephen Wood, re ringing at Kelham, which appeared in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.'

I had the pleasure of visiting this college last June, when I shared a room with one of the students. In the course of our conversation the subject of bells and ringing came up, and after some talk his interest was so aroused that he went to the college library and borrowed the only two books they had dealing with the subject—Ellacombe's 'Practical Remarks on Belfries and Ringers' and Walter's 'Church Bells.' I promised to send him one of my ringing books when I returned home, and fulfilled my promise by sending Troyte's 'Change Ringing' and a bundle of old copies of 'The Ringing World.' As I had not heard from him since he acknowledged the receipt of the books, I wondered whether anything further had been done at Kelham, and, as you may suppose, Mr. Wood's letter was a pleasant surprise to me.

It is a pity they have no facilities for tower-bell practice. There is a ring of three bells in the little church on the college estate, which appeared to be in good order, apart from the bell chamber being somewhat dirty, when I saw them last June, but the ropes were in very bad condition. Perhaps, if the college authorities would provide them with new ropes, Mr. Sargent and his fellow-pioneers could get some tower-bell practice in ringing on this 'peal,' and, provided permission can be obtained, further practice at Newark and Southwell.

As a point of interest, over the door leading to the bell chamber at Kelham (the ringing chamber is on the ground floor) someone has scratched in the stone-work the six three-bell changes.

In conclusion, may I, though only a young ringer, support Mr. Wood's remarks re clergy ringers, and wish the band at Kelham every success?

Harborne, Birmingham.

WILFRED E. BOX.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We hope to complete the presentation to Mr. W. T. Cockerill at The Coffee Pot on the next St. Paul's meeting night, Shrove Tuesday, March 1st. If any more members of the society wish to subscribe, will they please send their contributions to me as soon as possible?

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

Moorcocks, Brasted, Sevenoaks, Kent.

BISHOP WELCOMED

When the newly enthroned Bishop of Bath and Wells paid his first visit to Taunton, the ringers of St. James', St. George's (Wilton) and Trull combined to give him a welcome to the town. They rang a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. S. Pike 1, S. A. Wyatt 2, T. W. Jeanes 3, J. Hun 4, H. Bungay 5, A. H. Reed 6, H. Churchill 7, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major for ringers of 1 and 7.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT'S SATISFACTORY YEAR.

Record Meetings.

The good attendances which were characteristic of the meetings of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association throughout 1937 were maintained when members met for their annual meeting at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 29th, 75 members and friends attending from Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Carshalton, Croydon, Cotingham (Yorks), Chertsey, Epsom, Ewell, Kingston, Leatherhead, London, Merton, Mitcham, Putney, Reigate, Streatham, Twickenham and Wimbledon.

Ringling during the afternoon was followed by a shortened form of evensong, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Scrutton). The lesson, taken from I. Corinthians 13, was read from a revised version, in which the words 'mirror' and 'love' are substituted for 'glass' and 'charity' respectively. In his subsequent very eloquent address the Vicar pointed out that St. Paul's words, 'sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal,' might well apply to bells or organ pipes or any other musical instruments, which have no virtue of themselves, and which, without love on the part of the ringer or player, profit nothing. He requested his congregation to remember St. Paul's words when in the belfry and so avoid all wrangling and jangling, but work together in harmony and love.

The Vicar welcomed the association to Kingston and invited them to come again. He regretted his inability to remain for the tea and the meeting, as he had further duties to carry out in church, but his two wardens would take his place as deputies.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the District Ringing Master, Mr. D. Cooper, took the chair, and 18 new members were elected, viz., 3 honorary and 15 ringing. Eight of these new elections were local ringers, and, in welcoming them as members, the district secretary called to mind the old days at Kingston and some of the achievements of the old band, which included such men as J. Strutt and his two sons, John Wright, John Howes, James Frossell, George Naish and his son, James Chandler and John H. B. Hesse. They had a most enviable reputation for good tapping, and the secretary invited the new band to aim at the same high standard and put Kingston back again on the campanological map. On behalf of the association he wished them all good luck in the days ahead.

The committee's annual report was read and adopted, and the meeting congratulated the committee upon the production of so satisfactory a statement, which revealed a healthy condition in the district.

ANOTHER GOOD YEAR.

The district, said the report, had had another good year. Speaking generally, ringing had been well maintained at all towers both for Sunday services and at practices. At Croydon Parish Church progress had been phenomenal, whilst at other towers some steady work had been put in on the instruction of beginners. The general level of Sunday service ringing had been high. The stagnation in evidence at one or two towers had been due chiefly to shortage of ringers and failure to obtain recruits, and not to any lack of interest in the work of the association.

Five district meetings were held during the year, with an average attendance of 60, probably the highest average attendance for any year in the life of the association. In this connection a meeting held at Mitcham Parish Church on November 27th deserved special mention, when a peal board memorial in remembrance of the late Master, Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., was unveiled. About a hundred ringers attended to honour his memory.

Seventeen peals were rung during the year, an increase of two on those recorded for 1936. All attempts for peals at Croydon Parish Church were successful, and Mr. Cooper was to be congratulated upon ringing his first peals as conductor of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman Cinques and Grandsire Cinques. During the year four members rang their first peal, eight their first peal on twelve, six their first of Maximus, three their first of Stedman Cinques, two their first of London Royal, whilst many members had scored their first in other methods. Grandsire Cinques was the method chosen by one member for his first peal.

Two members had been lost by death during the year—Mr. Alan Gower, of Epsom, and Col. T. F. Parkinson, of Banstead, both much respected members of this association.

At the last annual district meeting the total membership of the district was 184. Fourteen new members had been elected during the year. Two members had been lost by death, three members had notified their desire to be transferred to the compounding list, and eight members had allowed their subscriptions to lapse, leaving a total district membership of 185, made up of honorary members 5, ringing members (representing 18 towers) 153, ringing members (unattached) 27. The treasurer's report, showing a balance of £11 7s. 8d. in hand, a slight increase on the previous year, was passed.

The places decided on for district meetings during the year were as follows: Easter Monday, April 18th, Dorking; May 28th, Carshalton; July 23rd, Rannmore (joint meeting with Leatherhead District of Guildford Guild); September 24th, St. Martin's, Epsom; November 26th, Wimbledon and Merton; January 28th, 1938, St. Peter's, Croydon.

(Continued in next column.)

RECOLLECTIONS OF LIVERPOOL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The record and photograph of Mr. George R. Newton in your issue of last Friday was of special interest to me, as it recalled the time when, as a 'Tommy' in 1917, I was stationed at Mossley Hill, Liverpool, and at the first opportunity I had my first ring in Lancashire (Woolton).

News that a ringer was stationed at the 'local barracks' must have travelled fast, as, during the following week, on arrival at my billet one evening I found a gentleman awaiting me, who proved to be Mr. G. R. Newton, and had specially made the journey to find me, with the invitation to a meeting at Rock Ferry on the following Saturday.

That was the beginning of a happy friendship during the 12 months I was in Liverpool, and included visits to almost all the towers around that district, not to mention the very kind hospitality I often received at his mother's and sister's home in Oxtan, both before and after ringing.

On one occasion Mr. Newton bearded our O.C. in his den and obtained leave for me one afternoon for a attempt at Garston, which unhappily came to grief near the end. The fact of the O.C. granting me leave to go 'pulling bells' caused rather a stir in the company.

Another little event during my stay at Mossley Hill was associated with Sergt. E. Waite (who came from Guiseley, Yorks). He was drafted to the depot some time after I arrived and went one Sunday to a neighbouring tower for a ring. On telling the ringers where he was stationed, he was informed there was another ringer at the same depot, but his informant did not remember my name, only that I came from Kent. The next day the sergeant was inquiring all over the depot, 'Do you come from Kent and are you a bellringer?' I was eventually 'run to earth' and another friendship was made.

Although 20 years have now passed, I still, through 'The Ringing World,' follow with interest the performances of Mr. Newton, and trust that in the near future I may again visit that city and renew our acquaintance.

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence, Kent.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the second part of Mr. Horridge's letter, I must plead ignorance of the true facts concerning the Liverpool Branch. It is some years since I attended any of their meetings, but I made inquiries at a recent joint meeting and was assured that at least St. Nicholas' was doing well. Again a district which can ring peals of Stedman Cinques can hardly be called a 'distressed area.' However, the facts which Mr. Horridge gives relating to closed towers are not pleasant.

With regard to the third part of his letter, there is certainly some truth in the assertions made. But I must let it stay at that, as Mr. Horridge is evidently suffering under some grievance. The last sentence is a challenge, viz.: How about it? Now that the subject has received such wide publicity, could not each branch discuss the matter at the next meeting?

It is some eight months from the annual meeting, but the agenda is generally too big to allow proper discussion in the time allotted. Now, therefore, is the time to begin and see if we cannot put the old association back on the map once again.

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

(Continued from previous column.)

In addition to the above, it was suggested that the combined meeting of members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Middlesex County Association and Surrey Association, held in previous years at Staines and Egham, might with advantage take place this year at Kingston-on-Thames, with the Surrey Association as host.—After some discussion this suggestion was put to the meeting in the form of a proposition, and unanimously carried.

It was also suggested that mid-week meetings should be arranged for those who could not attend Saturday meetings. This question was referred to the District Committee for decision and report.

All the retiring district officers and members of the District Committee were re-elected.

The following nominations were received for general officers: President, the Lord Bishop of Croydon; Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt; treasurer, Mr. H. F. Wallis; secretary, Mr. Edward G. Talbot; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. John Hobden; hon. auditor, Mr. George W. Steere. In order to give members an opportunity of obtaining practice on 12 bells, it was decided to hold a combined practice of Cinques and Maximus at Croydon Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 19th, from 3.30 to 7 o'clock.

The meeting concluded with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and organist for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne for making all necessary arrangements for the meeting. The tower was again visited, where ringing continued until 9 o'clock.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION BRANCH SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

Presentation to Mr. C. Stacey.

The members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in the Dunster Deanery, at their annual meeting at Minehead, made a presentation to their hon. secretary, Mr. George Stacey, in recognition of his devoted service for 35 years. There was a large gathering of clergy and ringers, among the visitors being the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Devon Guild, and the Rev. C. Carew Cox, of Lyme Regis. A service was conducted by the Vicar, who afterwards entertained the entire company to tea.

Mr. Stacey thanked the Vicar for his hospitality and welcomed the gathering to Minehead.

A brief financial statement was presented by the hon. secretary, who recorded subscriptions from performing members to the total of £7 6s. The year had finished with a balance in hand of £6 18s.

In the course of his annual report, the hon. secretary mentioned that during the year successful meetings had been held, the average attendance having been 41, and at each of these places tea and the use of rooms had been provided free by the clergy and Church Councils, who were thus deserving of their best thanks. Nine performing members, one life member and four honorary members had been elected during the year. There were, however, a few towers in the deanery which were still not affiliated to the association, and the general body of members would like to see these joined up. After noting with regret the death of Mr. Jesse Tout, who had been a very useful member of the Huish Champflower tower, Mr. Stacey said he was afraid that Rule 6 of the association had not been strictly followed, since out of 20 towers affiliated only four had paid their affiliation fees. Although there had not been any peals in the deanery during the year, the ringing for Sunday services had been generally maintained. Thanks, he concluded, were due to the Ringing Master, Mr. J. Pugsley, for his untiring efforts at practices in giving instruction in the art of change ringing.

The Rev. F. M. Etherington was unanimously re-elected president. In spite of his desire to vacate the office after 35 years in it, Mr. Stacey was cordially re-elected as hon. secretary and treasurer, and was also appointed deanery representative on the committee of the Diocesan Association. The Rev. T. S. Dawson was re-elected hon. auditor and Mr. Pugsley Ringing Master.

New members elected were Messrs. C. Buckland (Carhampton), W. Challice (St. Decuman's), James Hole and N. Dibble (Dunster), R. Thomas (Exton) and W. Hawker and H. Pershouse (Withypool).

At the invitation of the Rev. T. S. Dawson, which was heartily accepted, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Carhampton.

MR. STACEY'S VALUABLE WORK.

Referring to 'a conspiracy afoot of which everybody here except the secretary knows a great deal,' the President introduced the next business, a presentation to Mr. Stacey, of which he had been kept in ignorance. A good many of the members had felt for some time that they did not want to wait until the secretary retired—or really brought into effect the threat he hung over the annual meeting every year—to show their appreciation of his services. They felt they wanted to make some little presentation to him to show in a material way something that everybody who had anything to do with the branch felt in his heart. They knew very well they had heard people say that theirs was a very good branch and that it set a good example to the rest of the world, but at the same time they knew that that was not due to what they themselves had done, but that it was the result of work which had been given by Mr. Stacey for 35 years as secretary. It was a humble gift, but they would ask Mr. Stacey to accept it as a gift which had been subscribed to by every tower in the deanery. He (the president) was sure that Mr. Stacey was gratified that so many—both laity and clergy—had attended the meeting, and he was quite sure he would take that circumstance to heart as a token that his good work had been appreciated by those who had benefited so directly from his work—the clergy (applause).

Tribute to the services of Mr. Stacey was also paid by the Rev. T. S. Dawson, a past president of the branch, the Rev. R. A. W. Newman, the Rev. A. P. Lance and Mr. J. Pugsley, while the congratulations and thanks of the Diocesan Committee were conveyed by Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton).

The Chairman then presented Mr. Stacey with a wing easy chair, bearing a silver plate, in the form of a bell, with the following inscription: 'Presented to Mr. George Stacey by all the towers of the Dunster deanery in grateful thanks for 35 years' unselfish service as secretary. January 22nd, 1938.'

Admitting that the presentation had taken 'the wind out of his sails proper,' Mr. Stacey expressed his admiration of the chair (after sitting in it to a roar of applause), and thanked the company very much for its kindness, its sympathy, and its generosity, adding that he did not know he was 'so well liked.' Owing to Mr. Pugsley's 'artfulness,' he had not had the slightest notion that the presentation was coming about, and it had been one of the biggest surprises in his 35 years in the office. Mr. Stacey said that what he had done for the branch had been for love of it. He had done what he thought was best for the branch and the association.

Those who had helped to make the afternoon's reunion such a pleasant one were the subject of grateful reference from the chair.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox, who is Vicar of Lyme Regis, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be at the meeting as an interested visitor, and said he was sure that Mr. Stacey, above all men, deserved recognition of his long service (applause). Affirming that he had never seen so many clergy at such a meeting, Mr. Carew Cox said he hoped that state would continue. In his own association they had to complain that their clergy were not often at their quarterly meetings or the annual meeting, and he considered it—if he might say so—one of the most important duties of the parish priest, if he took any interest in his ringers at all, to attend their annual meeting at least of the branch or the Guild. He himself had not always been in orders, and before he was he had been a ringer, and he had felt then what a lack there had been of the clergy's interest in what the ringers were doing. It seemed to him that there should be a great movement on the part of ringers in all towers to interest their own parish priests in the work being done in the tower, and especially in the essentials of change ringing. Speaking of views expressed in the Press concerning 'canned bells,' Mr. Carew Cox went on to assert that no ringer was going to lend his support to the introduction of any mechanical device which is going to take the place of the ringing of bells as they were accustomed to ring them, or the introduction of bells not hung for ringing in their towers. He was perfectly certain that in all parts of the country they would be at one in that. The present movement he described as 'a little passing stunt, perhaps,' and he invited them not to take seriously what might be said in some quarters about the introduction of mechanical devices for producing the sounds 'which we can produce much better by swinging the bells to their full height' (applause).

During the day Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters and Bob Major were rung on the bells of Minehead Church.

CARY DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Evercreech on January 22nd, when 38 members and visitors attended from West Lydford, Templecombe, Stoke Tristor, Cucklington, Bruton, Ditchat, Evercreech, Castle Cary, Maperton, Charlton Mackerell, Ilminster, Chilcompton, Bath, North Cadbury, Milton Clevedon, Frome, Beckington, Drayton and Langport.

A service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. E. Ogden officiated and gave an address.

Tea at the Bell Hotel was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. F. H. Lang presiding.

The secretary's report for 1937 showed an increase of 35 members, and two towers, Milton Clevedon and Queen Camel.

Places of meetings for 1938 were selected provisionally as follows: Annual meeting, Castle Cary; quarterly meetings, Cucklington, Marston Magna and West Lydford.

All the officers were re-elected, and votes of thanks accorded to the churchwardens and local captain of Evercreech for the use of the bells, the Rev. E. Ogden for taking the service and address, the organist and blower, and to the ladies who prepared the tea.

Ringings took place during the afternoon and evening.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A WELCOME TO NORTH ALLERTON.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association held a very successful meeting at Northallerton on Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 8.30 with only a short interval for tea at Russell's Cafe. This was presided over by the president (Mr. J. C. Pollard), who proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for granting the use of the bells and also welcomed the Vicar to the meeting.

The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Northallerton. As that was the first meeting held at Northallerton during his ministry and not previously having been to a meeting of ringers, he did not really know what to expect, but he had certainly learnt a lot during the short time he had been amongst them and wished they could hold a meeting there again soon. He was sure such meetings could only result in much good for both ringers and the Church. He wished them every success in their work and assured them of a hearty welcome at any time.

Ringers were present from Middlesbrough, Darlington (Holy Trinity), Headingley, Ripon, Ormesby, Thirsk, Middleham, Saltburn, Skelton, Guisborough and the local company, and ringing in the following methods was very successful: Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and rounds for the learners.

The next meeting will be held at Richmond on April 30th.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practices at St. Clement Danes, February 14th and 28th, at 7.30, also St. Mary's, Lambeth, March 1st, 8 p.m. Annual meeting, February 12th; ringing, St. Giles', Cripple-gate, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 3.30. Service St. Clement Danes 4.15; preacher, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. Tea, Perdy's Restaurant, 5 p.m. Names by February 10th, please. Ringing, St. Clement's, 6 to 7 p.m. Business meeting St. Clement's Schoolrooms, Clare Market, 7.15. Handbell competition 8.45 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. Bring food, tea provided. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Come and hear the Watford handbell record. Non-members welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton (6 bells) on February 12th. Arrangement for tea will be made to all who notify Mr. J. Jollyis, Church Cottage, Broughton. Reports to hand.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton Parish Church on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends. Please come along and give us a hand with Double Norwich and Stedman.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 12th. Heston Bells available from 3.45 and 7 p.m.; St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow (near Hounslow West Station) bells, 3 to 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaforth, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner at the George Hotel, Burslem, on Saturday, February 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Hanley, 3 p.m. to 4.30; Tunstall, 4 p.m. to 5.30; and Burslem, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Asfordby (6 bells) on February 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Schoolroom.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is at North Muskham (6 bells) on February 12th. Please look up the method you can't quite ring, whether it is Bob Minor or York Surprise, then come and try to ring it. Send a postcard for tea to R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. They are a peal worth ringing.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 12th. Ringing from 3. Evensong 4.15, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 12th, at St. Luke's, Liverpool. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in School, price 6d. Those requiring tea inform Mr. F. S. Owen, 36, Beaconsfield Street, Liverpool.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Great Linford to-morrow, Saturday, February 12th. 2.30 ring up. 4 service. 4.45 tea. Business.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BANWELL, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Feb. 13th, the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at 3 p.m. Two trebles added and the augmented peal of eight hung in new framework by John Taylor & Co.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for Evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, Feb. 13th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, Feb. 24th. Everybody welcomed.—Norman Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for February: 15th, *St. Mary-le-Bow or St. Michael's, Cornhill; 17th, St. Magnus'; all at 7.30 p.m.; 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles mem-

bers who have not attended twenty times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Chertsey, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Church Hall. Will those intending to be present for tea please send me a line by Thursday, February 17th? All ringers and friends welcome. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, February 19th. (Please note date.) Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, by kind invitation of the Guild president (the Rev. Dr. C. Golding-Bird). Business meeting to follow. Everybody welcome. Please notify by the 16th if you require tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A combined 12-bell practice will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7 o'clock. Arrangements for tea at 7.15 p.m. will be made for those who notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Thursday, February 17th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held in the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, February 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley, Branch Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ombersley on February 19th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea (at small charge) in the Parish Hall 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting and more ringing. Don't forget that card by Tuesday, the 15th. Buses from Worcester and Kidderminster pass church.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Shalford on Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Sea Horse. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 15th?—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15, and tea, which is provided free by Mr. Clarke, at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible so as to enable me to make necessary arrangements for tea, etc.?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—On February 19th, the Burton District will hold its first meeting of the year at Winshill (Tutbury bells not available). Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Room 5 p.m. Do not forget postcard to me by Wednesday, February 16th. Methods to suit all comers, including Cambridge Surprise. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

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ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, February 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at North Stoneham on February 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names by February 16th. A bumper meeting please.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Ashbury on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify by Thursday, February 17th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pytchley (5 bells) on Saturday, February 19th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Bromyard District will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and Business meeting 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall. As this is a country tower, will those attending please let me have a card by Wednesday, 16th inst., so that arrangements can be made for catering?—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The peal of eight bells at St. Peter's, Portishead, will be available from 5 o'clock for a good evening's practice on Saturday, February 19th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends to spend an enjoyable afternoon.—E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, February 19th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on February 19th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting near the church after. All ringing friends heartily invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at Hackforth's Cafe, at 5.30 p.m., for those who notify Mr. C. Hill, 120, Weatherill Street, Goole, by Thursday, February 17th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., Grange Farm, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorkshire.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at Beeston, February 19th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea may be had near the church. No. 4 bus from the Council Square, Nottingham.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

CROWCOMBE, SOMERSET.—A thanksgiving service to be held on Sunday, February 20th, at 3 p.m.; preacher, the Right Rev. Bishop de Salis, Archdeacon of Taunton, following the restoration of the ring of six bells by John Taylor and Co.

THE LITTLE ADVENTURE. Try Langley Bury (6 bells) Herts (Association), Saturday, February 26th. Particulars next week.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 5th. Full details later. Please note that any nominations for general officers or notices of motion must be in writing and should reach me before February 19th.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the Hotel Victory (near the L.N.E. Railway Station) at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 5th. Tickets, 3s., to be applied for not later than March 2nd.—H. W. Perkins, 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

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ALTON AND PETERSFIELD DISTRICT.

The fifth annual meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at St. Laurence's Church, Alton, on Saturday, January 22nd. Those present included Mr. George Williams (Guild Ringing Master), the Rev. C. Minton-Senhouse (district vice-chairman), the Rev. T. N. Rathbone Griffin (Vicar of Alton), and members from Alton, Alresford, Blackmoor, Hawkley, North Stoneham, Portsea, Petersfield, Milland, Priyett, Steep, Soberton, Wonston, Winchester and one unattached. Visitors were present from Haslemere and Cottenham (Yorks), making a total of 38. The bells were rung in the afternoon and evening from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major. The Guild's service was held at 4.30, at which the Rev. T. N. R. Griffin officiated, giving a short address.

Tea was provided in the Parish Room, and at the business meeting, in the absence of the district chairman (the Rev. F. G. Eyres) through illness, the district vice-chairman presided. The hon. secretary (Mr. C. E. Bassett) read his report for 1937, in the course of which he said the membership was now 103, the highest since the new district was formed.

The hon. auditor presented the balance sheet, which he said was most satisfactory and showed a balance in hand of £11 13s. Mr. H. Collis (Petersfield), Mr. L. Noakes (Alton) and Mr. F. Windybank (Blackmoor) were elected ringing members.

The district officers were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of Mr. A. Hardiman as second representative on the Central Committee.

The next annual meeting at Petersfield was fixed for January 28th, 1939, and the next quarterly meeting to be at Froxfield (provisionally) on April 30th, 1938.

An appeal was received from Canon S. N. Sedgwick, Rector of Warnford, for a grant towards the restoration of his tower and bells. The meeting decided that when the work was nearer commencement they would make a grant, but no sum was decided upon.

The meeting made a grant of £1 to the fund for new ropes at Alton tower.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, after which the meeting terminated.

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