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## THE 'UNATTACHED' RINGER.

The correspondence now appearing in our columns, as to whether non-service ringers should be allowed to ring peals, raises an important question of principle and policy. These are days when ringers fully recognise that their first duty is to the Church, and that the bells are primarily for use in connection with the services. Peal ringing is a development of the art, which, while it forms the best training in the making of a good ringer and therefore helps to raise the standard of service ringing, is also a means of maintaining interest, without which the incentive of many ringers would be lost. Time was, of course, when change ringing was purely a pastime and entirely dissociated from the Church services. That state of affairs has been completely changed by the steady endeavour of the ringing associations and guilds, who for the past 60 years or so have made the position of the ringer as a churchworker one of the main objects in their movement towards belfry reform. The primary use of bells is now unchallenged, and never before have the bells of so many churches been rung regularly for Sunday services as are heard up and down the country to-day. All the same, we doubt if the time has yet arrived when, without the opportunities which are provided for peal ringing, all those who take part in Sunday ringing would retain their interest.

The privilege of peal ringing keeps many a band together, not that they are uninterested in the service side of their work, but that alone would not offer them sufficient opportunities for the full development of the art as it appeals to them. It may be all wrong that such an incentive should be necessary; service to the Church should be sufficient inducement, but not all ringers are yet keen churchmen. When they are, it may be, peal ringing will sink into insignificance, but if it does the art of change ringing will assuredly sink with it. Change ringing, as such, is not essential to service ringing, but change ringing well done is the highest form in which a band of ringers can make their contribution to the service. Many ringers, however, are not in a position to ally themselves to a service band, and yet they can be of use in helping to raise the standard of others. A correspondent this week gives a striking example of service thus rendered. Where that happens it would be doing a disservice to the cause of ringing to exclude such a man altogether from peal ringing. And what of those ringers who, although willing to join the nearest band, are given no encouragement to do so by the company themselves? Their position is not of their own making, and why should they be penalised? On the other hand, it must be admitted

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that a ringer who thinks only in terms of peals, who rings on Sunday only to add another tower to his list, or depletes a service company in one tower to serve his own ends at another, is both selfish and undesirable as a ringer. Whether, however, such few of them as there are can be entirely excluded from peal ringing is another matter. It would need not only a boycott by every association, but the co-operation of the authorities in every church as well. Who is there who could draw the line between those who should be excluded and those whose circumstances make them still desirable; who is there, in fact, who could, or would, draw up the 'black list'?

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

*ROBERT W. BARBER ... .. 1	*ERNEST G. SHORTING ... .. 7
*CLIFFORD BIRD ... .. 2	†GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 8
*MISS DOROTHY L. DITCHAM ... 3	†WILLIAM G. MAYERS ... .. 9
†NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	†WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 10
†ALBERT G. WARNES ... .. 5	†BETRIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 11
*GEORGE SAYER ... .. 6	GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Bob Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 1	GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 6
*MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS ... .. 2	ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... .. 7
ARTHUR RADLEY ... .. 3	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 8
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... .. 4	*ARTHUR E. EVERETT ... .. 9
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5	THOMAS BEVAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Frank Smith, for many years an officer of this society.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERIC B. HARTLEY ... .. 1	CHARLES A. HUGHES ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 7
AIDAN J. N. BOYACK ... .. 3	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	FRED. C. MAYNARD ... .. 9
ROBERT J. MAYNARD ... .. 5	FREDERICK C. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Walthamstow, Canon G. D. Oakley, and to E. E. Holman.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, POPLAR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 1	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 6
HENRY G. MILES ... .. 2	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 8
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN MULLINER... ..	Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON ... ..	6
EX-P.S. PETER CROOK ... ..	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... ..	7
*P.C. ALBERT FORD ... ..	3	*P.C. FRANK YATES ... ..	8
P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... ..	4	JOHN WORTH ... ..	9
*THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... ..	5	P.C. RICHARD BENSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

\* First peal on ten bells.

## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER HARRIS ... ..	Treble	EDWARD A. JACKSON ... ..	6
ALFRED BARNES ... ..	2	PETER LAFLIN ... ..	7
FRANK TWIGG ... ..	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... ..	8
G. LEONARD BURGESS ... ..	4	HARRY ASBTON ... ..	9
HIRAM MEAKIN ... ..	5	ALLEN F. BAILEY... ..	Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the 71st birthday of Mr. Hiram Meakin.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

## A PEAL OF WYMONDHAM BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN GODFREY ... ..	Treble	HECTOR HALIDAY ... ..	5
GEORGE MAYERS ... ..	2	HENRY TOOKE ... ..	6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	3	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... ..	7
PHILIP W. J. FRYER ... ..	4	WILLIAM CLOVER... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

First peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the association.

## LODDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 3, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ERNEST E. LONG ... ..	Treble	†REGINALD H. DRANE ... ..	5
†HERBERT C. BOGGIS ... ..	2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... ..	6
†LESLIE H. JERMY ... ..	3	†GEOFFREY A. TAYLOR ... ..	7
ROBERT A. WARMAN... ..	4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 4, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HAROLD WALMSLEY ... ..	Treble	STEPHEN PARRY ... ..	5
JOHN THOMAS ... ..	2	VERNON SYKES ... ..	6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS ... ..	3	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... ..	7
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... ..	4	RICHARD BENSON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

## ROTHWELL, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT WORMALD ... ..	Treble	GEORGE WM. STEEL... ..	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD ... ..	2	PERCY MASSAM ... ..	6
JOSEPH THACKRAY ... ..	3	HAROLD L. JONES ... ..	7
THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY ... ..	4	*HARRY HOMER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY

\* First peal in the method.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND ... ..	Treble	JOSEPH H. WICKS... ..	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... ..	2	JOHN WHEADON ... ..	6
MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ... ..	3	RICHARD A. MUNN ... ..	7
HORACE H. BARDEN ... ..	4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by J. E. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and to Kenneth English, one of the Northfleet young band.

## ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY OVERTON ... ..	Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING ... ..	5
*THOMAS W. LAMB ... ..	2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... ..	6
GEORGE A. PACKER ... ..	3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... ..	7
*EDWARD J. BOFFEY ... ..	4	JAMES W. EDGE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. PACKER.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Edge, son of the tenor ringer.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... ..	Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ..	5
EDWARD LANKESTER ... ..	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... ..	6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... ..	3	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... ..	7
DEREK M. SHARP... ..	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

## ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROBERT H. ROBINSON ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... ..	5
HENRY JENNINGS ... ..	2	†ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... ..	6
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... ..	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	7
†CHARLES E. BASSETT ... ..	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.

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## CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST BENNETT ... .. Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... .. 3	LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## HILGAY, NORFOLK.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WALLACE COUSINS ... .. Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... .. 5
JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 2	WILLIAM BOCKENHAM... .. 6
*ALFRED BACON ... .. 3	CLAUDE COUSINS... .. 7
†ARTHUR H. HOLLIDAY ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

\* 180th peal. † First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

## FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SS. JAMES AND BASIL'S GUILD.)

On Friday, March 11, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

MICHAEL ANDERSON ... .. Treble	†ERNEST WALLACE ... .. 5
*JACK ROACH ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 6
REGINALD H. HEWITT ... .. 3	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 7
†DONALD REAY ... .. 4	†PETER WISHART... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

## GOSPORT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND UNDIVIDED TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. MUNDAY ... .. 5
HENRY JENNINGS... .. 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 4	REGINALD A. REED ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
EDWARD BRADLEY ... .. Treble	†WILLIAM HAWLEY ... .. 5
ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 2	HORACE S. MORLEY ... .. 6
*CHARLES HILL ... .. 3	*LESLIE WOODHEAD ... .. 7
MRS. E. BRADLEY ... .. 4	EDWARD PHILPOT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HORACE S. MORLEY.

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

## FRINDSBURY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. 5
EDWARD A. J. ALLEN ... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6
FRANK BELSEY ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... .. 4	WILLIAM COLLISHAW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE W. FOGDEN... .. Treble	*DUDLEY H. P. BOXTON ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... .. 3	*JOHN O. WELLER ... .. 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

## SUNDERLAND.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in F.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble	KENNETH ARTHUR ... .. 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 2	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... .. 6
REGINALD H. HEWITT ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON... .. 7
REV. J. P. PELLOE ... .. 4	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

ALBERT PRYKE ... .. Treble	ROBERT HEAZEL ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... .. 6
HARRY TURNER ... .. 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 7
*ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal of London.

## STOKE MANDEVILLE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Three Hours.

AT THE NEW PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3	JENNE HARRISON ... .. 7
WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.  
\* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mr. William Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, and the tenor man.

## LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK... .. Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... .. 5
JOSEPH LOVETT ... .. 2	*FREDERICK LASBURY ... .. 6
HERBERT DAVIES... .. 3	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 7
FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 4	REGINALD WESTCOTT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. PHILLIPS.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES RICHINGS... .. Treble	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 4
BERT JONES... .. 2	GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 5
BASIL LATHAM ... .. 3	TREVOR PRITCHARD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal.



STISTED, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single Reverse, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

VICTOR MORLEY ... .. Treble	*CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. 4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 2	RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... .. 3	RALPH BIRD... .. Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods.

TILSTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being an extent each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS ... .. Treble	ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... .. 4
JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	WILLIAM CLARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. CLARKE.

First peal as conductor. Rung on St. David's Day.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven extents, viz.: Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford and Thelwall, Childwall, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MISS KATH. M. VESSEY ... Treble	†GEORGE S. VESSEY ... .. 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... .. 2	JACK C. VESSEY ... .. 5
FRANK W. VERNON ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

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

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

*WILLIAM E. J. MOUNTFORD Treble	GILBERT R. GWATKIN ... .. 4
FRANK C. PREECE ... .. 2	ERNEST WILLIAMS ... .. 5
ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. 3	*HAROLD J. B. JAINE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

\* First peal and first attempt.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REV. FRED. S. H. MARLE Treble	*ALBERT G. TAYLOR ... .. 4
*OSCAR JAMES SMART ... .. 2	†JAMES HOLLOWAY ... .. 5
†BERT GARRETT ... .. 3	HARRY BALAAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BALAAM.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. ‡ First peal. First peal on the bells.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGAN.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Consisting of 10 six-scores of Grandsire and eight 240's (two by Pitman, four by Morris and two by Lindoff), and 16 six-scores of Plain Bob, 24 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WALTER L. PROSSER ... Treble	ALFRED HANNINGTON ... .. 4
FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 2	ROBERT COLES ... .. 5
*HOWARD L. MORGAN ... .. 3	†HUBERT BASSETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HOWARD L. MORGAN.

\* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ABRAM PARKER ... .. Treble	HERBERT HEWELL ... .. 4
DENNIS MAUDE ... .. 2	KENNETH SIMPSON ... .. 5
MISS MARY H. WHITE ... .. 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Dennis Maude and Kenneth Simpson.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... .. 4
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 2	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

ORSTON, NOTTS.  
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... .. Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... .. 4
KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ... .. 5
JACK C. VESSEY ... .. 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being seven extents in 19 methods, viz.: (1) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (3) Marple Delight; (4) Braintree Delight; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*CYRIL BOWDEN ... .. Treble	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... .. 4
ALBERT T. BANCROFT ... .. 2	WILFRED WILDE ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 3	C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal in 19 methods. Nineteen changes of method.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... Treble	GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... .. 4
MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS ... .. 2	RONALD W. STEWARD ... .. 5
MISS VIOLET FROST ... .. 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by U. W. WILDNEY.

TYDD ST. MARY, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*LEONARD BILLS ... Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... .. 4
†JOHN W. KETTERINGHAM ... .. 2	THOMAS BUSH ... .. 5
†JOHN SMITH ... .. 3	LEWIS BUSH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. WIGMORE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HARLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.  
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 5, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*NORMAN H. MANNING ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 4
PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... .. 2	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

\* First peal of Minor and in three methods.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Sunday, March 6, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being four 120's of April Day, Plain Bob, Clifford Pleasure and Percy's Pleasure, eight 120's of Canterbury Pleasure and nine 240's of Lindoff's, Pitman's and Morris' arrangement of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 4
*G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
*ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 3	†RICHARD J. GWATKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

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

PLYMSTOCK, DEVON.

**THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

On Monday, March 7, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*EILEEN V. WESTCOTT ... .. Treble	†CECIL L. GUY ... .. 4
*JOHN P. SIMS ... .. 2	ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... .. 5
*ALBERT E. PERKIN ... .. 3	*HENRY N. ROGERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. T. WESTCOTT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells after rehanging.

TICHBORNE, HAMPSHIRE.

**THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Wednesday, March 9, 1938 in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Consisting of seven extents, one of Cambridge Surprise and two each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HENRY NEWMHAM ... .. Treble	REGINALD A. NEED ... .. 4
*LESLIE TREMEER ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	HAROLD P. RYD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Sir Anthony and Lady Doughty Tichborne, of Tichborne House.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

**THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, March 12, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

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

Being four extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

C. KENNETH LEWIS ... .. Treble	*ROY PHILLIPS ... .. 4
ERIC ELLISON ... .. 2	GEORGE A. HMORE ... .. 5
ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... .. 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

\* First peal and rung at first attempt.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEICESTER.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, February 28, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT 98, EVESHAM ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON ... .. 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... .. 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9-10	

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

**PEAL NOTES.**

**RINGING PARSON'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The Rev. Frank Bonner is proving himself one of the most accomplished of the clerical ringers. He began his peal ringing career only twelve months ago, and on March 5th, in celebration of the anniversary of his first peal, he rang a peal of Bristol Surprise. In the year he has rung 19 peals, of which six have been Bristol Surprise.

The peal was rung at Cheadle and was the first on the bells since rehanging. It was also the first peal of Bristol in the tower.

The peal of Minor rung at Tichborne, Hants, on March 9th, was in honour of the birth of a daughter to Sir Anthony and Lady Doughty Tichborne. The Tichborne family was well established in Hampshire long before the Conqueror. What the public knows best about them is the legend of Lady Mabella, and the claim of a butcher from Australia to the estates, on the fictitious ground that he was the eldest son of the tenth Baronet. The claimant lost his case and went to penal servitude.

Lady Mabella, as she lay dying, pleaded with a miserly husband for alms for the poor. He promised to give the poor the produce of the land she could 'encircle.' Since she could not walk, she managed to 'crawl' on her knees round two acres. Hence the origin of 'The Tichborne Dole,' which has been given yearly for six centuries.

Ronald Steward, of Sproughton, Ipswich, did not ring his first peal until August 2nd, 1937, but on March 5th he made his total up to 25, of which 22 have been rung with Urban Wildney. Ronald Steward is only 17 years of age, and is one of a party of young enthusiasts who, we hope, will go on and do great things in the years to come.

Clifford Pleasure and Percy's Pleasure were two methods rung in a six-method Doubles peal at Clifford, Herefordshire, on March 6th.

Mr. Hyett, who called the peal, informs us that he worked out these methods some years ago, but had not rung them until now.

Clifford Pleasure is Canterbury Pleasure, with a Grandsire single used as a bob. Percy's Pleasure has a Grandsire start and Grandsire single for the plain lead, with a Canterbury plain lead used as a bob.

Mrs. C. J. Matthews took part on March 5th in a peal of Stedman Caters rung half-muffled at Shoreditch as a token of respect to her late father, Mr. Frank Smith, who was for many years an officer of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

St. David's Day was celebrated with a peal in seven Minor methods at Tilston, Cheshire.

**GOSPORT'S 'CHIMNEY STACK.'**

The peal of Bob Major rung at Gosport, Hants, on March 12th, was not only the first peal of Major on the bells, but also only the second peal rung on them. The previous one (Stedman Triples) was rung over 41 years ago, on January 12th, 1897. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson attempted Stedman Triples there with G. Williams and others many years ago, but the bells were allowed to run home at the half-way owing to the 'go.'

The tower is a tall red-bricked campanile, dubbed by some as the 'chimney stack,' and at times the oscillation of the building causes the front four bells to drop if not carefully handled. In fact, peal ringing there is far from a pleasure, and the one rung on Saturday would probably not have been attempted had it not been for a bit of leg-pulling.

There was a coincidence about the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on March 5th, for the birthday of the Vicar (Canon G. D. Oakley) and Mr. E. E. Holman (one of the ringers). After the peal it was discovered that the odd changes in the peal of 5,067 corresponded with the Vicar's age.

Kenneth Simpson, of Shipley, Yorks, rang his 17th peal on March 5th for his 17th birthday. It was a peal in three Minor methods at Haworth. Kenneth is a promising young ringer. He was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association when only 12 years of age, and his peals already included Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Two sisters and two brothers of the Vessey family took part in a peal at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, on March 3rd. It was Miss Kathleen Vessey's first peal. The band wish to thank her for standing in at the last moment in place of Thomas Vessey, another member of this wonderful ringing family, who was indisposed. The peal was the 25th which Miss Dorothy Vessey and Mr. Frank Vernon have rung together.

Four 'first peals' and a 'first as conductor' were scored when the first peal on the bells at Plymstock, Devon, since the bells were rehanging, was rung on March 7th.

Nineteen Treble Bob methods were rung in a peal at Marple on March 5th, but it was not technically a 'spliced' peal, as there was only one change into each method.

When Mr. H. L. Morgan, of Whitchurch, called a peal for the first time—it was rung at Bonvilston, Glam., on March 5th—he used 24 different callings in ringing 16 six-scores of Plain Bob, 10 six-scores of Grandsire, with six of the conglomerations by Pitman and Morris, and two of Lindoff's spliced 240's. As an initial effort at conducting it was a good performance. After the peal Mrs. R. Coles and her mother entertained the band to tea.

There are many interesting plain Major methods among the Central Council collection which deserve much more attention than they receive. One of them, Wymondham Bob, was rung at the church from which it gets its name on February 26th, the first peal in the method in Norfolk, by the Norwich Diocesan Association and by all the band.

(Continued in next column.)

**A DIFFERENT 5,040 OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.**

(Continued from previous column.)

The peal of Treble Ten rung at Poplar on March 5th contained some unusual features. The composition was by Mr. G. W. Debenham, who called the peal, and it contains all the 567089's, 468079's, 658790's and 567890's. A call is made in every possible dodging position of the tenor. The 468079's and 658790's correspond to the Middle and Home positions respectively of 5478 and 6578 in Major.

The composition is as follows:—

	M	B	W	H
234567890				
342567089		x		2
532467089			1	
523468079	A			
263458790	B			
234658790			1	2
542376890		4th's & In		1
324657890	C			
64235		1 In & 5th's		2
25346		1	1	2
234567890			1	2

A is produced by bobs at 7, 9, 11, 13, 14.

B is produced by bobs at 2, 6, 7, 13, 14.

C is produced by bobs at 2, 4, 7, 12, 13.

Mr. Hiram Meakin has completed 40 years' service as a ringer at St. George's Church, Stockport, and in honour of his 71st birthday a peal of Bob Royal, in which he took part, was rung on March 12th.

Police-Sergt. Peter Crook, hon. secretary of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association, has retired from the Bolton Police Force—at least that is what the report of a peal of Grandsire Caters at Manchester Cathedral indicates, for the 'Ex' appears in front of his name for the first time. Four other members of the Force took part.

Ernest W. Pye rang his first peal of London Surprise at Brentwood on March 12th. He is the only son of the late Mr. William Pye.

Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles are a favourite combination among some ringers in Gloucestershire. Another peal was rung at Haresfield on February 5th, a delayed report of which has just come to hand. Bert Jones is the first ringer to ring every bell in Haresfield tower to a peal.

When the first peal was rung on the bells of Goodworth Clatford bells, Hants, on Saturday, five of the six ringers gained 'stars'—one first peal, three first in the method, and one first of Bob Minor away from the treble. The Rev. F. S. H. Marle was one who rang his 'first in the method.' He is hon. secretary of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and is Rector of Deane, where the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was incumbent for a number of years.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.****LT.-COL. C. F. JERRAM RETIRES FROM RINGING MASTERSHIP.**

The annual business meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Bodmin on Saturday, March 5th, and presided over by the Archdeacon of Bodmin, Canon Williamson. Others present included Canon Windsor (vice-president), the Rev. F. Gilbert (hon. secretary, Mid-Cornwall Association), Messrs. W. H. Southeard (vice-president), H. Dunstan (treasurer), C. Lanxon (peal secretary), Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (retiring Ringing Master), the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (hon. secretary), Messrs. P. Williams (secretary of Truro Branch), E. H. Ransom (secretary of Launceston Branch), H. J. Clark (secretary of South-East Branch), H. Lander (Mid-Cornwall Association).

The hon. secretary reported that five towers had joined the Guild during the year 1937, viz., Bodmin, Lanivet, Lanteglos-by-Camelford, Lawhitton and Mawgan-in-Meneage. Each branch and the Mid-Cornwall Association had held two minor festivals, while the Diocesan Festival had been held at Truro on August Bank Holiday. The new Guild badge of membership had proved very popular, and had cost up to the present £16, which had been obtained from the deposit account. The current account showed a balance of £4 12s. 9d., and each branch secretary had a balance in his account except the Truro Branch, which has no fund.

The peal secretary reported that six peals had been rung for the Guild in 1937. He also produced a book he had compiled recording in illuminated lettering all the peals rung for the Guild since its formation, the number being 111. The book was much admired and is of great value to the Guild.

The Secretary said that only 29 towers had sent in reports of their Coronation ringing in response to the request made. It was a pity that the others had not done so.

The following elections were made: President, Dr. Symons; vice-presidents, the Archdeacons of Cornwall and Bodmin (ex-officio), the Rev. R. Hocking. Messrs. Southeard, Treffry and Wood.

Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram stated that he did not seek re-election as Ringing Master, and Mr. W. H. Southeard was elected to this office, Col. Jerram being appointed Deputy Ringing Master. The general secretary (the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella), the peal secretary (Mr. C. Lanxon) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. Dunstan) were re-elected.

It was agreed to hold the Diocesan Festival at Liskeard, subject to permission from the Vicar, and the Archdeacon was thanked for presiding.

Members then adjourned to Bodmin tower, where ringing took place on the eight bells, consisting of 'rising and falling,' 'rounds,' 'call changes' and Grandsire Triples, the new Ringing Master being in charge.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. G. F. Woodhouse's ringing machine grows more wonderful than ever. His latest development is the provision of a double panel, by which the mechanism for one method can be set, while another is being rung.

As a result the machine can produce spliced method ringing, and we have received from Mr. Woodhouse the diagram of a touch of nine leads, made up of Bristol, Ealing, Cambridge, Bristol, Ealing, London, Bristol, Superlative and London Surprise.

The diagram, of course, is made by the machine, as the changes are rung, and it is perfectly distinct and definite. It is 2½ inches wide, and the nine leads (covering 288 changes) take up a strip 29½ inches long.

The Backwell band would like to thank all the ringers who sent them congratulations on their recent broadcast.

It may not be generally known that the band is more or less new to change ringing. When it was organised 18 months ago they could ring Grandsire Doubles fairly well. Now they can ring four methods of Doubles and six Minor methods.

## PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. J. J. PARKER.

### FARNHAM ROYAL BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

As intimated in 'The Ringing World' recently, a scheme has been inaugurated at Farnham Royal, Bucks, to restore the bells of the Parish Church in memory of the late Mr. Joseph J. Parker, the composer, who died at the end of last year.

Mr. Parker's contribution to the art of ringing need not be enlarged upon here, but thousands of ringers have benefited by his work and should desire to mark their appreciation of what he did.

The bells are to be retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at a cost of something over £200, and a suitable tablet is to be placed in the tower to the effect that the restoration was carried out in Mr. Parker's memory.

The Parochial Church Council have approved of the scheme and have appointed the Rev. R. Crawley-Boevey, The Rectory, Farnham Royal, as local treasurer. Contributions may be sent direct to him or through the hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough. Every ringer who has had the pleasure of ringing one of Mr. Parker's compositions will, we hope, send a contribution to this memorial fund.

## COMPLYING WITH THE RUBRIC.

### THE SERVICE BELL.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your excellent article on derelict bells, you say that one bell would suffice to comply with the rubric. No doubt you are referring to the General Rubric, entitled 'Concerning the Service of the Church,' where at the end we read: 'The curate . . . shall cause a bell to be tolled thereunto a convenient time before he begin, that the people may come, etc.'

What is usually done is to chime a single bell for two or more minutes before the service begins, only stopping when the minister enters.

This does not seem to meet the requirements of the rubric. Here, we reckon five minutes to be the convenient time mentioned in the rubric; and before all services (except the two chief Sunday ones) we stop the bell five minutes before the time for the service to begin; the bell having by then been chimed for just over twenty strokes.

On Sundays the bells are rung in changes, beginning three quarters of an hour before the service. At five minutes before, in the morning, the tenor is lowered, taking about three minutes, followed by the treble for the remaining two minutes. The other bells, not being needed till the evening, are left up. At five minutes before the evening service, change ringing having ended, all the bells but the treble are lowered in peal: this takes five minutes, leaving one minute in which to lower the treble.

Since our bells have been rehung, we have never been without change ringers twice on Sundays. Previously they did very occasionally go elsewhere. Then we chimed twenty or so strokes on one bell at half an hour, at a quarter of an hour, and at five minutes before the service.

It is a strict rule of this church that under no circumstances whatever must more than thirty strokes be chimed continuously on a single bell at any one time. If only this were a universal rule in every church (and especially where there is only one bell) there would not be anyone to complain of the noise of church bells. Can we not all talk about it and urge it on every church as a matter of good taste?

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAXIMUS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the Peal Notes of March 4th the statement is made in regard to the peal of Double Norwich Maximus at Ipswich that 'the majority of peals have been rung there.' As a matter of fact, all the peals rung in that method have been rung there, except for an unauthenticated one rung at Norwich in 1817. It is somewhat surprising that this beautiful and interesting method has never been practised elsewhere.

Ipswich.

CHARLES J. SEDGLBY.



**LEADING CONDUCTORS—10.****GEORGE E. SYMONDS.**

Although in these days, perhaps, Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, is generally regarded as one of the foremost conductors on twelve bells, he is, nevertheless, among the most versatile of bob callers, for his conducting has ranged all the way up from seven 720's of Bob Minor to the most advanced methods of Maximus. As secretary of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, he has worthily fostered the spirit of enterprise which has marked the ringing at this famous belfry and has conducted peals in no fewer than 13 Maximus methods.

Born at Oakley, a remote parish in North Suffolk, on July 11th, 1875, Mr. Symonds learned to ring in December, 1886, on the light peal of five bells in the adjoining parish of Brome, where he rang for Queen Victoria's first Jubilee in 1887. In 1895 he removed to London and rang his first peal at St. Giles', Camberwell, Kent Treble Bob Royal, on February 13th, 1897. His first peal as conductor was rung on February 5th, 1898, at St. Margaret's, Barking, Essex, where he called Holt's Original. He took part in the same composition rung silent at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on June 4th in the same year. Whilst in London he frequently rang the ninth at St. Paul's Cathedral, deputising for the late Mr. Ezra Carter, and before returning to his native Suffolk in 1900 he had rung in 30 different steeples in London.

In 1919 he succeeded the late Mr. James Motts as secretary of St. Mary-le-Tower Society and also became assistant district secretary of Ipswich District of the Suffolk Guild.

Altogether, Mr. Symonds has rung 328 peals and conducted 212. Thirty-four of the peals have been on handbells, of which he has conducted 27, and 294 on tower bells, of which he has conducted 185. No fewer than 98 have been rung on twelve bells and 106 on the bells of St. Mary-le-Tower.

Mr. Symonds conducted 24 of his 'first peals' on tower bells, viz.: In one, two, three and six methods of Minor, Bob Triples, Major, Royal and Maximus, Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Double Norwich Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, New Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Maximus, Oxford Treble Bob Royal, Forward Maximus, Duffield Maximus, Little Albion Treble Bob Maximus, Superlative Surprise Maximus, Pudsey Surprise Maximus, Rochester Surprise Maximus and Royal. He also called 13 of his 'first peals' on handbells, viz.: Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Stedman Caters.

These peals included the first ever rung of Superlative, New Cambridge, Pudsey and Rochester Maximus, and Royal, and the only peal of Little Albion Treble Bob.

He has called Holt's Original three times from each working bell, twice from the treble and once from the tenor. Peals of Maximus have not usually many bobs, but in 1926 Mr. Symonds called 448 bobs and six singles in three peals of Maximus alone, viz., Forward, Duffield and a short course peal of Plain Bob. Among the other peals he has conducted have been the only peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus rung in five courses, peals of all lengths of Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise Major up to 5,184, and of Maximus, with a Treble Bob Hunt, up to 5,280, including the first peal of Surprise Maximus (New Cambridge) containing only 5,040 changes. He has conducted a 'George' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and rung a peal with a band all named 'Symonds.'

**Next week: Mr. R. Sperring.**

**4th SUFFOLK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE.**

At St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, on March 13th, on half-muffled bells, for a memorial service in memory of the men of the 4th Suffolk Regiment who fell at Neuve Chapelle, 560 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. R. Finch 1, J. G. Rumsey 2, G. Berry 3, F. W. Corney 4, J. M. Bailey 5, H. Hall 6, H. Vince 7, E. S. Bailey (conductor) 8. For even-song, 1,024 in the same method by E. S. Bailey 1, J. Berry 2, J. G. Rumsey 3, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 4, G. R. Finch 5, H. Hall 6, H. Vince 7, F. W. Corney 8.



**MR. GEORGE E. SYMONDS.**

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****CUP-TIES REDUCE ATTENDANCE AT WESTERN MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Michael's Church, East Ardsley, on Saturday, when about 50 members were present from a wide area. This attendance was rather disappointing in view of the excellent weather, but was no doubt affected by the numerous cup-ties which were being fought out in the neighbouring towns.

A short service was held, at which the Rev. Dan Walters gave a most interesting address. He reminded his hearers of the importance of their work in ringing the bells, and urged everyone to see that the belfries were always fully manned.

Tea was served in the schools by the local company and upwards of 30 members sat down. The business meeting followed, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, and supported by the Rev. D. Walters.

The three retiring members of the committee and the hon. secretary were re-elected for a further period of three years, and the Chairman spoke appreciatively of their work during their period of office, which had just expired.

Mr. Johnson, in a characteristic speech, thanked the Vicar and wardens for granting the association the use of the bells and their hospitality, and spoke of the unique history of the East Ardsley peal.—This was supported by Mr. W. Barton.

The Vicar, in replying, spoke of the pleasure they had in welcoming the association. He himself was taking an interest in ringing and was already learning the art, and he hoped that the association would visit them again in the near future; there would always be a ready welcome.

Mr. W. Barton proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company and ladies for their splendid arrangements, and expressed the hope that they would be able to take full advantage of their kind invitation on some future occasion. This was seconded by Mr. Senior, and Mr. E. Watson replied for the local company.—The Chairman pointed out that some of the members were extremely fortunate in obtaining tea, seeing that only half the number sent in their names. He urged all to see that this act of discourtesy was remedied in future.

It was decided to hold the summer meeting at Giggleswick in June, and a special appeal is made to all members in that area to give their fullest support to the effort.

Five new members were elected as follows: E. W. Brown, C. Rawsthorne and C. Harrison, of Giggleswick, Richard Roberts, of Silsden, and D. Thorpe, of Pudsey.

Ringling continued throughout the day in a wide variety of methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative. The following towers were represented: Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bolton (Bradford), Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Hunslet, Keighley, Kirkburton, Leeds Parish Church, Oxenhope, Pudsey, Ripponden, Rothwell, Shipley, Silsden and the local company.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****SOUTHERN BRANCH VICE-PRESIDENT LEAVING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Hinton-on-the-Green on Saturday, March 5th. It was originally intended to be held at Stoulton, but the arrangements had to be altered only a few days before the meeting, owing to the illness of the Vicar of Stoulton's sister at the Vicarage, which is very close to the church. Consequently the meeting was a small one. Those present included Mr. J. W. Heath (Master), Mr. J. E. Newman (hon. secretary), Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and, amongst the visitors, the Rev. H. Benson, of Quinton.

Ringling began at 5 p.m., and the business meeting was held later in the church, the Rector (the Rev. V. C. Blyth) presiding. Having opened the meeting with prayer, he said how sorry he was to be leaving Hinton. During his 14 years there he had presided at several ringing meetings and made friends with many ringers. He regretted that the Parish Church at Weymouth (to which place he was going to retire) had no bells and he would be summoned to church by a gramophone record.

It was reported that the last quarterly peal had not yet been rung. Mr. Johnson proposed that the next quarterly peal should be rung at Hinton and the arrangements left in the hands of Mr. J. E. Newman.

It was proposed that the next quarterly meeting should be held at Stoulton, if possible, or at Bishampton.

One life member (the Rev. H. Benson), one honorary member (the Rev. J. Cathcart Davies, of Cropthorne) and 19 performing members were elected.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. V. C. Blyth for allowing the meeting to be held at such short notice, for presiding at the meeting, and also for his kindness to ringers during the time he had been in the district.

Mr. J. D. Johnson reminded the meeting that the branch would have to nominate a new vice-president in the Rev. V. C. Blyth's place.

The secretary was requested to send a letter of sympathy from the branch to the Vicar of Stoulton.

Ringling was resumed until 8.30 p.m., the methods including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

### NO COMPULSORY RETIREMENT OF OFFICERS.

#### Service Ringing at Southwark Cathedral Discontinued.

Nearly 80 members attended the Surrey Association's annual general meeting, held on Saturday, March 5th, at Reigate, one of the oldest boroughs in the county. The Rev. R. Talbot (Vicar) conducted shortened evensong and took for his text Psalm 119, part of verse 160, 'Thy word is true from the beginning.' In again welcoming the members to Reigate, he said he had purposely avoided the subject of bells, and intended saying a few words about the Bible. He said that few people knew the origin of the word 'Bible,' which meant 'the' Book, and there was no other to be compared with it. He stressed the importance of the verse he had taken (believed to have been written by Ezra, the Scribe), which implied that every word of the Bible was true from the beginning. The worst crime a man could do was to rob a person of his belief in the Bible. The Bible should be installed in everybody's home, and children should be persuaded to read it.

Mr. D. K. C. Birt (Master of the association) presided at the business meeting, supported by Mr. E. G. Talbot (hon. secretary), Mr. C. H. Kippin (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. H. F. Wallis (hon. treasurer) and the curate at Reigate Parish Church. The Vicar, before leaving, expressed his regret at his inability to stay to the meeting.

Arising from a recommendation by the annual meeting last year that the committee should consider compulsory retirement of officers every three years, the secretary stated that the committee did not consider this course practicable, but they were fully alive to the desirability of adding new blood to the committee, and expressed the hope that recommendations would be made of the names of promising junior members to fill the posts on the District Committees.

#### THE YEAR'S RECORD.

The annual report expressed satisfaction at the manner in which the association played its part on the occasion of the Coronation. Two peals were rung on the day, and four others were rung during the month. Ringing took place at nearly all the affiliated towers, two quarter-peals were rung and four unsuccessful attempts were made for peals.

During the year 23 peals were rung, viz., Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 1, Grandsire Cinques 1, London Surprise Royal 1, Cambridge Royal 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 4, Stedman Caters 1, Grandsire Caters 2, Superlative Major 1, Cambridge 1, Double Norwich 1, Stedman Triples 2, Grandsire 1, Minor in four methods 4. Five members rang their first peal, eight their first on 12 bells, three their first on 10 bells, and 32 their first in the method.

In the North-Western District five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 60, probably a record during the life of the association. At the meeting at Mitcham, a peal board was unveiled to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, a former Master of the association. All Saints', Kingston, tower showed great promise, eight ringing and three honorary members having been elected at the last annual district meeting. Unfortunately, in the Southern District it had been necessary to delete an affiliated tower, as there were now no members. Steps are being taken to remedy this deficiency. Four members passed away during the year, viz., A. Gower, Col. T. F. Parkinson, J. Batters and T. Whitmore.

The association still progressed financially, balances in the bank being £50 18s. 11d., an increase of £5 over last year. Membership showed a decrease of 10, all in the Southern District, and it was hoped this would be remedied during the coming year.

There had been no ringing at Southwark Cathedral on the first Sunday in the month since August, and the committee recommended, owing to the adverse effect on Sunday service ringing in the county, that further ringing at Southwark Cathedral be discontinued.

Mr. C. Parks (Croydon) said it was a great pity the ringing at Southwark was to be discontinued. He thought it raised the prestige of the association by ringing at the Cathedral. Ringing in the past seemed to have gone very well, and he could not see any adverse effect on Sunday service ringing.

Mr. G. F. Hoad (Reigate) said the ringing at Reigate had been affected, and they could not afford to send members to Southwark.

Mr. C. H. Kippin said he would not take part in any further ringing there.

After some discussion, it was decided to endorse the committee's action to suspend further ringing at the Cathedral for the present.

Mr. T. Bulgin (Croydon), Mr. C. E. Smith (Godalming), Miss A. Fountain, Messrs. C. Goulding, T. Petchey and J. Pink (Beddington) were elected ringing members.

Croydon, Southwark Cathedral and Epsom were proposed for the next annual meeting. The assistant secretary explained that it was usual to visit Southwark once every three years, and upon a vote being taken, this venue was selected by a large majority.

The Secretary stated that owing to the departure of the president, the Rt. Rev. E. S. Woods, Bishop of Croydon, for Lichfield, the Lord Bishop of Southwark and the new Bishop of Croydon had kindly consented to allow their names to be submitted for the offices of president and vice-president respectively, and they had written expressing regret at their inability to attend the meeting.

The following officers were duly declared elected, no other nominations having been received: President, the Lord Bishop of Southwark; vice-president, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Croydon; Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; treasurer, Mr. H. F. Wallis; hon. secretary, Mr. E. G. Talbot; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Hobden; auditor, Mr. G. W. Steere.

Mr. D. Cooper said the present Bishop of Croydon was very interested in ringing and hoped to find time to learn ringing himself.

The Master said he was pleased to welcome Mr. Hobden as assistant secretary, owing to the retirement of Mr. Kippin. The latter he regarded as a 'father' of the association and did many years of wonderful work for it. He did not wish him to slip out of work for the association as he was no longer an officer, and expressed the hope that before long he would be in harness again.

#### ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

The committee recommended the following amendments to the rules:

(1) That the second sentence of Rule 8 be altered to read as follows: 'The subscription of a ringing member resident in the county of Surrey (or not so resident if elected before 1938) shall be two shillings annually.'

(2) That the following rule be added after Rule 8:— 9. A ringer not resident within the county may be elected a member of the association. He shall be a 'compounding member' and shall pay a donation of five shillings.

(3) That Rule 9 shall be renumbered 10, and the words 'elected before 1938' shall be added in that rule after the words 'a non-resident ringing member.'

(4) That the present Rule 10 be deleted altogether.

The Master pointed out that at the present time ringers outside the county were accepted on the same terms as those in it. Ringers had been known to join to ring a peal, and after a lapse of time rejoin, paying only the current subscriptions. To prevent that happening a 2s. 6d. re-election fee had been introduced. In many cases the arrangement was thoroughly justified, but there were other cases where it told against the ringer.

Mr. C. E. Smith asked whether the association covered the whole of the county of Surrey. Members in the Guildford area refused to pay two subscriptions.

Mr. Birt, in replying, pointed out that the question of overlapping boundaries had been considered by the committee at various times, and they were unable to provide a solution owing to similar complications that would arise in another part of the county if alterations were made. It must be assumed, therefore, that the association covered the same area as when it was founded, i.e., the county of Surrey.

Mr. F. E. Collins formally moved adoption of the amendments to the rules. Mr. H. V. Young seconded and the motion was carried without dissent.

It was agreed to hold a dinner again at the Greyhound, Croydon, if possible in early October.

Mr. F. G. Woodiss proposed that a donation of £2 2s. be made towards the memorial peal board erected in Mitcham Parish Church to Mr. J. D. Drewett. This was agreed to, Mr. J. Beams pointing out that Mr. Drewett was elected Master of the association in that room in 1914.

It was resolved that the peal books should remain in Reigate belfry for another 12 months.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of Reigate and Redhill and the towerkeepers for the use of the bells, the organist and Mr. G. F. Hoad for his assistance in making arrangements, to the caterers (Messrs. Claydon, Claydon, Willett and Claydon), the chairman for his services, and the retiring officers.—Mr. Talbot briefly replied.

Ringling took place during the afternoon and evening on the ten bells of Reigate Parish Church and at Redhill (8) in the afternoon. Members attended from Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Bletchingley, Buckland, Burstow, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Godstone, Horley, Kingston, Linsfield, Limpsfield, Chart, Mersham, Merton, Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul's and Christ Church), Redhill, Reigate, and visiting members from Uckfield, Lindfield, Brighton and Shoreham.

#### FIFTY YEARS AS CHURCHWORKER.

##### DEATH OF VETERAN FRENESHAM RINGER.

On Saturday week there was laid to rest under the shadow of the 700 years old church at Frensham, Surrey, Mr. Henry Mills, who passed away at the age of 83, after 50 years' service to the Church in various capacities.

For nearly 40 years Mr. Mills was a ringer at Frensham Church and for many years he acted as captain of the local band.

Sunday by Sunday he was at his post, and, despite the difficulties which are to be found in a country parish, he kept a band together. Never a great ringer, he took part in one peal of Minor in 1912 for the old Winchester Guild, ringing the treble. Shortly after his retirement from the belfry, he was appointed churchwarden, an office which he held for five years, and till his death he acted as a sidesman.

For 15 years he was in charge of the churchyard as hon. superintendent, doing much of the work himself after his work as a gardener had come to an end.

After the funeral a short touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by the following service ringers, all of whom are members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild: T. A. Stroud 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss D. Aslett 3, D. Dadson 4, L. Heath (conductor) 5, E. Case 6.

## SIR HENRY TULSE'S FONT.

### COLLEGE YOUTHS TO TAKE PART IN CEREMONY.

Next Wednesday evening a ceremony, in which ringers will be interested, is to take place at St. Dionis' Church, Parsons Green, London. The Bishop of Kensington is to dedicate a new font cover in memory of the late Rev. W. S. Carter and Mrs. Carter, and the Ancient Society of College Youths is to be officially represented.

Ringers' interest in the proceedings arises from the fact that the font itself was originally given to the Church of St. Dionis Backchurch, in the City, by Sir Henry Tulse, Lord Mayor of London and Master of the College Youths in 1684. The font was removed to the new church, when the old one was demolished.



The Font Presented by Sir Henry Tulse.

It will be remembered that Sir Henry Tulse's tomb was restored and a memorial tablet attached as part of the society's tercentenary commemoration last November.

The new font cover has been designed by Mr. Martin Travers, A.R.C.A. It is in the form of a sort of miniature of the old St. Dionis' Church, with the tower as the centre of the composition and the church as a Greek cross.

At the dedication service, which is to commence at 8 p.m., the Master of the College Youths will read the lesson, and a course of Stedman Triples will be rung on handbells round the font. A framed photograph of the ceremony at Sir Henry Tulse's tomb on November 6th is to be presented by the Society.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION NECESSARY.

The St. Albans District made a new departure on Saturday, March 5th, by combining Essendon and Northaw towers for a meeting. The attendance at both was very encouraging.

At the business meeting, Mr. G. E. Debenham, the hon. treasurer, sounded a warning note by informing the members that the association could not pay its way on the present subscription of one shilling without drawing on the reserve fund, and that they would hear a proposal of raising it to one shilling and sixpence at the annual meeting at Easter.

This statement was remarked on by the chairman, Mr. D. Ellingham (Hatfield), who said that shillings do not go as far to-day as they did 50 years ago, and that if their association was to go forward they would not have to grumble at the extra sixpence.

The next meeting of St. Albans District will be at Wheathampstead and Sandridge if available on April 30th. Ringers and secretaries are asked to note.

## 'FREE LANCE' PEAL RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When replying to Mr. Housden's letter re non-service ringers, it was with no intention of starting a lengthy discussion.

Much could be written upon this subject, but for the sake of unity, the least said of this small minority of so-called 'free lances' the better.

Rather, let us take heed 'lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.'

F. S. MACEY.

Sutton Valence.

## INFLUENCE OF A 'FREE LANCE' IN CHESHIRE.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that it is very unwise to discourage the activities of the so-called free lance ringer? Some years ago a very highly talented ringer came to reside in Cheshire. He showed no desire to become a service ringer with us, but attended our practices regularly. I gave him every encouragement to do this, realising that under his instruction we had a splendid opportunity of making real progress. In quite a short time, from a very ordinary band, we were ringing peals in quite a few Surprise Major methods. In addition our standard of ringing greatly improved, and two of our members became good conductors.

I soon realised that the interest of a ringer of his class could not be confined to one tower. In a short time he made his influence felt over the greater part of two counties. There are many ringers in this area to-day who would readily admit that their success in ringing the higher methods was due entirely to Mr. Edward Jenkins. Having been a regular service ringer at one church for 50 years, I consider I know what a service ringer should be. Even so, I have no regrets for the encouragement I gave to this particular 'free lance,' and would welcome the opportunity of repeating it.

W. BIBBY.

Frodsham.

## A 'FREE LANCE' EXPLAINS.

Dear Sir,—I agree with Mr. Housden that a reform is needed amongst ringers, but that reform should commence amongst the so-called 'service ringers.' Some years ago, on coming to reside in this district, I went to the nearest tower for both Sunday service ringing and practices. Although I attended whenever possible, I was never asked to become a member of the band at this church, presumably because they were paid ringers and another member would mean so much the less for each ringer.

Removing to a different neighbourhood, I frequently cycled four miles each way to make up a band at another church for service ringing, and also on practice nights to assist the beginners. Again I was not asked to become a member of this paid band, presumably for the above reason.

Latterly I have been in the habit of attending at another church (there is no ring of bells in my neighbourhood) for service ringing and also the week-night practices, again with no invitation to become a member of this paid band, although I am able to ring methods much in advance of those practised there.

If Mr. Housden and Mr. Lee had had wider experience they would not talk of debarring 'free lances' from peal ringing or membership of associations. They would know what the result would be. I may add that the majority of the 'service' ringers at the above-mentioned churches seldom attend a guild meeting, unless at their own particular towers; it would cost them a few pence to go elsewhere. For the above reasons and others I am still

'A FREE LANCE.'

## WHERE THE 'TOWER GRABBER' DOES GOOD.

Dear Sir,—I have read with considerable interest Mr. Housden's two letters in recent issues of 'The Ringing World.' I, for one, and no doubt many others, support his view of the primary importance of regular service ringing.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of taking part in a number of peals and a certain amount of 'tower snatching,' but I do realise bells are not hung for these purposes alone. I believe the great majority of ringers, including many of our leading peal ringers, share this view.

Undoubtedly there are exceptions, but how are we to check the activities of such individuals as Mr. Housden suggests? Some incumbents have little or no interest in their bells and ringers, and would not be likely to care if 'free lances' were occasionally helping to ring their bells, and, in so doing, grab a tower. Incidentally, often a 'tower grabber' makes just that one more which is a help when he visits a tower on a Sunday, and is in this way doing a little good, although he may be adding one more to his list.

One other factor should be considered, when a ringer visits another tower he or she expects a welcome, whether an unattached peal and 'tower grabber' or not. A warm welcome is freely given nearly everywhere; is not this as it should be? Ringers of the type just referred to are not likely to get a good reception at Mr. Housden's tower. They may be undesirable, but they are our fellow-ringers, and, out of common courtesy alone, they should be given a welcome.

I hope Mr. Housden and his fellow-ringers will conscientiously practise what they preach, as indeed we all ought to. Service ringing can be raised to a higher standard in many towers, and St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, is probably no exception.

A. W. DURHAM.

Lamberhurst.



**DEVON GUILD.****EXETER BRANCH AND THE CATHEDRAL BELLS.**

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Crediton, when, favoured by a fine afternoon, some 60 members from neighbouring towers attended. The grand ring of eight bells in the central tower of the Collegiate Church of the Holy Cross came into constant use before and after the service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Holmes-Gore, assisted by the Rev. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild.

In the Church Hall members subsequently reassembled for tea and the business meeting under Mr. C. R. Lilley, chairman of the branch.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Thorverton on Saturday, May 14th. Two new members were elected and four certificates presented by the president.

Mr. E. W. Biffin asked the chairman if he could state when the Cathedral bells might be available for practice.—The secretary of the Cathedral band, Mr. T. Laver, replied that the Dean and Chapter could only allow the bells to be rung on certain conditions, while the work to the tower was in progress.

Mr. Biffin said he understood that the Chapter had given Mr. F. E. Dave, of Woking, permission to attempt a peal on the bells on Easter Monday, which was causing a bit of uneasiness among some of the local ringers, as they had been refused an attempt quite recently.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. A. Holmes-Gore and the organist, to which the former replied, apologising for the absence of the Vicar owing to another engagement. To give all the members present an opportunity to have a pull, the methods rung were mainly Triples, with a course of Plain Bob and Kent Major. Newton St. Cyres and Bramford Speke towers were also visited.

**MID-DEVON RINGERS AGAINST BRANCH PARTITION.**

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild, which was to have been held at Kingskerswell on February 12th and had to be postponed, was held in the Parish Hall, Collaton St. Mary, Paignton, on Thursday, March 3rd, in the evening, when there was a large number of members present, as well as visitors from the Exeter and South-West Branches. The chair was taken by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills, of Collaton, chairman of the branch.

The Chairman announced that the branch secretary (Mr. A. L. Bennett) had withdrawn his decision to resign and had consented to continue in office.

The secretary's report was unanimously adopted. It showed that three meetings had been held during the year. A large number of non-resident members had been elected, and out of 26 peals rung for the Guild during 1937, ten had been rung in the Mid-Devon District. These comprised a variety of methods, including the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major and the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major for the Guild by a band resident in the county of Devon.

The treasurer's report, also unanimously adopted, showed that the branch commenced the year with a balance in hand of 2s. and had ended with a balance in hand of £1 19s. 8d.

Mrs. A. M. Gover, of Torquay, wrote resigning her membership of the branch owing to ill-health, and this was received with great regret.

A letter was read from the general secretary regarding the partitioning of the branch, but it was proposed by Mr. C. R. Walker and seconded by Mr. R. Whiting that the branch be continued.

The following officers were unanimously elected: Chairman, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills; secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. C. R. Walker; three representatives on the General Committee, Messrs. H. C. Collyer, C. R. Walker and R. Whiting. The following were proposed and seconded as members of the branch: Messrs. L. Pollard and Hoopell, of Collaton band, and Mr. Roberts, of Cockington band.

It was resolved that the next meeting be held on Saturday, April 23rd, and that it be held at Kingskerswell, if the necessary permission can be obtained.

The question of providing assistance to the Cockington band came up for discussion, it being suggested that some combined practices there would be helpful to the members, and the matter was left to the secretary to deal with.

The president of the Guild, in addressing the meeting, touched on the importance of advertising meetings in 'The Ringing World,' remarking that it was the only ringing newspaper in existence, and he suggested that the towers should take 'The Ringing World' if possible. In a few well-chosen remarks he wished the branch every success in the future.

On the proposition of Mr. B. H. Cooper, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the branch officers for their past services, this being carried with acclamation.

When the business had been completed, some of the members adjourned to the tower for ringing. The more experienced members visited Paignton Parish Church, where the ringing consisted of touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. An enjoyable evening was spent by all.

**LATE NOTICE.****HOLLESLEY, NEAR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK.**

—At 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 26th, the Bishop of St. Albans will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co.

**LEICESTER DISTRICT SOCIETIES.****ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT ANNUAL DINNER.**

The annual dinner of the Leicester District Societies was held at Leicester on Saturday, March 5th. During the afternoon the bells of St. John the Divine (10) and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), were rung to various methods.

The company assembled at the Hotel Victory for the dinner, to which 110 sat down. Visitors were present from Coventry, Kirkby Mallory, Lincoln, Loughborough, Melton, Nottingham, Oakham, Rugby, Sheffield, Stoke Golding and nearly all the local towers were represented. The Very Rev. C. L. Matthews, M.A., Archdeacon of Leicester, and the Rev. W. Groome-Merrilees, Vicar of Ellistown, were present.

After an excellent repast, Mr. H. G. Jenney, chairman of the Leicester District, extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors. In welcoming the Archdeacon, Mr. Jenney referred to the importance of goodwill between the clergy and the ringers, and said that, generally speaking, excellent relations existed, but this was not so in all cases. He thought more might be done by the clergy to get amongst the ringers and by this means see the conditions under which the ringing was carried out.

In replying, the Archdeacon said how pleased he was to be present at the gathering. He thought he might be considered the 'baby' of the party, as only half an hour before had he been made a member of the ringing association. He wished the ringers and their association every success and was delighted to see such enthusiasm existed amongst the bellringers, who did a splendid work for the Church.

The entertainment opened with a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells, and later a course of Stedman Caters was rung.

Other items included violin solos by Mr. A. Sampson, accompanied at the piano by his wife, and songs by Mr. Smith and Mr. A. Chiswell. Handbell selections were given by Messrs. S. Harrison, C. Hammswley and J. Hill, comedy numbers by P. C. Mowl and Mr. W. Bromley, and last but not least a very fine conjuring performance by Mr. A. Riddington, a member of Leicester's Magic Circle. Some of his tricks were really amazing and held the audience spellbound. In one case hen eggs were produced through the mysterious handkerchief from nowhere and rolled into a hat. These eggs, by the way, had no connection with the 'Dexter chicken,' which, as is only too well known in Leicester, has a very large breast of the latest streamline design.

The last item, of course, was the barman's song, 'Time, Gentlemen, please,' which came all too quickly and so put an end to another very enjoyable evening.

**GOOD START AT KELHAM.****THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.**

An excellent start has been made with the handbells at Kelham Theological College. On a recent Sunday, at the House of the Sacred Mission, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung by four students: A. Robson 1-2, T. B. Brown 3-4, A. F. Sargent (conductor) 5-6, A. T. Bartlett 7-8. Witnesses: P. Boulsover and J. Trainer. It was the first quarter-peal by all except the conductor, and A. F. Sargent's first quarter-peal as conductor.

The first peal on the handbells recently presented to the College was rung on February 24th, two members of the College, with Mr. Ralph Narborough, of Nottingham, as conductor, taking part in seven 720's of Bob Minor.

**WEDDING BELLS AT AMERSHAM.**

Another ringing romance has recently resulted in a wedding. On Saturday, January 29th, 'Bill' Redrup was married to Miss Beryl L. M. Audley, the bridegroom being the foreman of the tower at Amersham and the bride one of the recruits.

The bride, charmingly dressed in white satin and carrying a shower bouquet of red roses, was attended by the Misses Ethel and Mary Redrup as bridesmaids, in mauve and pink respectively.

In the unavoidable absence of relatives, the bride was given away by Mr. A. D. Barker. Mr. Donald Boreham acted as best man.

Many relations of the bridegroom and friends of both the happy pair were present, and after the ceremony they left the church to the tune of London Surprise Minor and under an arch of cricket bats, 'Bill' being wicketkeeper for Amersham.

Over 50 persons sat down to 'breakfast,' and afterwards the 'party' spirit prevailed. Some tune ringing on handbells by the 'usual three' was enjoyed, and a good course of Stedman Triples 'in hand' was also rung during the evening.

A peal of London Minor was attempted by the local band, with some assistance, but it came to grief in the fifth 720. Afterwards 720 London Surprise Minor was rung by C. Chalwin 1, G. H. Guttridge 2, E. C. Ayres (conductor) 3, F. J. Bolton 4, W. Edwards 5, H. Wingrove 6.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. each. Meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea, and a good attendance would be appreciated. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1937-8 are due.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**EPWORTH, Nr. DONCASTER.**—The new ring of 8 bells (tenor 17 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co. will be dedicated by the Bishop of Grimsby on Sat., March 19th, at 3.30 p.m.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Charlwood (6 bells) on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please note, the annual meeting will be held at Warwick on April 9th.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, March 19th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington Ashford, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Swinton, on Saturday, March 19th. Bells from 5 to 7.30 p.m.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Saturday, March 19th. The bells of Great Wymondley (6) will be available at 3. Tea at the Green Man at 5. St. Ippolytt's bells (6) will also be available, but please note, meet at Wymondley. The members may split up after tea. Don't 'let the side down, chaps!'—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Tilsworth on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. You are all welcome to an enjoyable afternoon.—F. J. Plummer, Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Empingham on Saturday, March 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, to-morrow, Saturday, March 19th, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing: St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., 3-4 o'clock; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 4-5; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 5-6.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice during March: \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 24th; St. Magnus', 31st. \*Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m., at Five Bells Inn, Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock until 8.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. It is important that I should know by March 23rd if you require tea. Special method for learners, Kent Treble Bob Major. Other methods as required. A practice meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Wednesday, March 23rd. Ringing from 7.30 until 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkwood 1959.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Goodnestone on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 1s. Will you please send your names to Mr. G. Hammond, Clay Pitts, Goodnestone, near Canterbury, not later than Tuesday, March 22nd?—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The ninth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, on Saturday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. prompt. (The Rev. E. C. Prichard, Rector of St. Michael's, will preside.) The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Michael's (10), 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 3s., now ready. Ringing friends invited. Will those requiring tickets kindly notify me, with remittance, not later than the 24th inst., if possible?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Bridgnorth Branch).—Joint meeting at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to respective secretaries by March 23rd.—W. A. Farmer and H. G. Thomas, Hilldon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Northern District) **AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 26th. Nos. 14 and 15 tramway cars from Leeds, fare 2d., alight Moorfield Road. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send in names by Thursday next. Business meeting to follow tea.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly and H. Lofthouse, Hon. Secs., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Godalming on Saturday, March 26th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Names for tea to be sent to Mr. C. Childs, Hethersett, Queen Street, Godalming, by March 23rd.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingsford Grey on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (six bells) on Saturday, March 26th, at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, March 26th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by March 23rd.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A special business meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, March 26th. Ringing, 3 till 5. All Guild members are asked to attend. Those requiring tea must notify me by the 22nd.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Hilgay on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry (6 bells), on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 6d. per head provided for those who notify me not later than the 23rd. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ashover on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea can be had close to the church. Subscriptions are due.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Main Road, Stonebroom, Alfreton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, March 30th?—Hilda G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Heddingham Road, Halstead, Essex.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (12) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea not later than Wednesday, 30th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 41.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Oxford, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, March 30th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District calling.—Measham is the tower chosen for meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, and a hearty welcome awaits Loughborough District members and Birmingham friends to try this octave again. Tower open at 2.45 p.m., and a very short service will be arranged before tea and meeting. Please inform me by Wednesday, March 30th, how many to expect for tea. Everybody welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Dis. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Margate on Easter Monday. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting Easter Monday, April 18th, at Bristol. Full details will be given later. Any proposals concerning rules, etc., must be given in by March 21st.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 23rd. Further details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. W. A. Farmer is secretary to the Shropshire Association, and now resides at 70, Oakfield Road, Shrewsbury.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, general secretary of the Yorkshire Association, has removed to 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford, Yorks. Will all Y.A.C.R. members please note?

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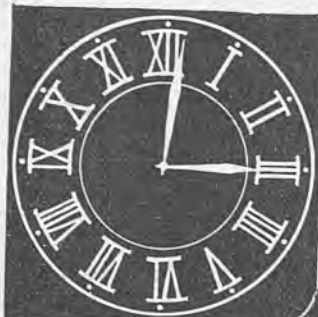
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