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WHEN THE PUBLIC COMPLAINS.

Not infrequently a member of the public finds church bells a source of annoyance, and ventilates some of his wrath by writing to the papers ' about it. A Shrewsbury gentleman, the other day, found an outlet for his grievance in a London newspaper, which invites readers' views on any subject under the sun, and gives replies to their letters. These replies are usually packed with sound common sense, and the answer given to the correspondent on this occasion, which we print in another column, reflects very accurately the position with regard to the ringing of church bells. The complaint from Shrewsbury is that the writer is awakened at '6 a.m. every Sunday by the hideous din of church bells ringing.' People who grumble at the ringing of church bells are, as a rule, prone to exaggeration. Generally speaking, there are no 6 a.m. services in our churches, except upon the great festivals, and it is quite possible that '6 a.m. every Sunday 'in this case was the isolated instance of Christmas morning. While the gentleman concerned may have resented having his slumbers disturbed even upon such an occasion when, above all others, the public like to hear church bells, he can probably be counted with those who make mountains out of molehills, like the artist who recently complained that a chime in Regent Street kept him awake all night, when actually the chime is silent from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

However, allowing for the feelings of those who do not love church bells, most of whom have no love for the Church either, there is something to be said in favour of curtailing the long chiming of a single bell before an early service. It is seldom the service ringing of a peal of bells that creates annoyance or remonstrance; it is the tedious repetition of a dissonant clang that causes trouble. But when this is the case, bells in general come in for the scourging dealt out in newspaper correspondence. The rubric requires a bell to be rung before service, but the long unbroken spell of a single bell is irritating to the nerves, and every effort ought to be made to reduce this

kind of thing to a minimum in populous areas.

But, after all, we live in a peaceful country, despite our early service bells. On New Year's Day listeners heard the type of 'ringing' which prevails in some other lands, a noisy discordant jangle, which can be heard frequently in the early morning in many continental cities and towns. Compared with this, the bells of England are musical and even soothing to the ear with their rhythmic pealing, and a single bell is but a gentle tinkle. Those who complain that their rest is disturbed in this quiet land of ours are fortunate that they do not live within earshot of some of the noisy clangour set up by the bells in such countries as France or Italy.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor to cwt.

			le George A. Parsons 6
CHARLES T. COLES	***	h 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
GEORGE R. PyB			
JAMES BENNETT			
ROBERT J. MAYNARD	1 = 5	5	FREDERICK C. TAYLOR Temp

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood, Conducted by C. T. Coles,

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Monday, December 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALLISON PURDOM	.Treble	JACK DAFTERS		224	5
WILLIAM GRACE					
FREDERICK E. PITMAN					
JIM HURRELL	. 4	JOHN E. LIDDIARD	***	T	enar
Composed by J. R. PRITC	BARD.	Conducted by J. E.	Lin	DIAR	D.
TN'- 41 -0 35-1	Acres 6 and				

First peal of Major as conductor.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5956 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 gr. 2 lb. in F. WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Troble | GEORGE R. NEWTON 5 LESTER L. GRAY 2 Percy Swindley 6 ROBERT SPERRING ... 3 RALPH G. EDWARDS FRANE VARTY 4 JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except R. Sperring.

> BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCE.)

On Thursday, December 29, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb. ERNEST BRITTAIN Treble | BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... 5 Mrs. J. Bray 2
Jack Bray 3
*Arthur Tomlinson ... 4 GEORGE HOBBINS ... 6 FRED JEFFERY 7
PHILIP BARNES 7

Conducted by JACK BRAY. * First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on the bells. The conductor's 300th peal.

> CHESTER, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-TEE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*FRANK SHELLY		7	reb	ARTHUR PRINCE	4115	5
	110				444	
ERNEST WARING	***	***	3	RONALD G. JONES		
*CLIFFORD BROWN			4	GEORGE F. SPERRING		
0.	- 1-		, '	7		

Conducted by Robert Sperring.

* First peal. Rung with bells half-muffled for the passing of the old Mufflers, Ringing Mats, Matting, Flag Lines, etc., etc. | year and in deepest sympathy for the death of Douglas Barnet, aged 16, a young ringer at this tower.

CRAYFORD, KENT.	ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,	THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST, PAULINUS,	On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 124 cwt.	HALBY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART, Tenor 23 Cwt.
ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble DEREK M. SHARP 5 PHILIP A. CORBY 2 EDWIN A. BARNETT 6	THOMAS TABRETT Treble WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 5
"DENNIS G. BROWN 3 HARRY PARKES 7	HENRY C. CASTLE 2 ERNEST W. POWELL 6 ARCHIBALD C. KAY 3 CHARLES W. EVERETT 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4 EDWIN BARNETT Tenor Composed by E. Barnett, SEN. Conducted by Edwin Barnett.	PERCY PAGE 4 WILLIAM H. E. SINCLAIR Tenor
* First peal in the method. The conductor's 450th peal.	* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled to
TAUNTON, SOMERSET.	bid farewell to the old year.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,	THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,	(Northern Branch,)
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;	On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
Tenor 84 cwt. *William S. Clarke Treble *Sidney A. Wyatt 5	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
*DUDLEY F. SHELDON 2 *RONALD W. HAYWARD 6	Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).
ARTHUR H. REED 3 ALFRED J. WYATT 7 ARTHUR H. HAYWARD 4 S. GBORGE COLES Tener	JOHN LLOYD Ireble Bernard Lawton 5 JOHN BASS 2 BERNARD ASHFORD 6
Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Alfred J. WYATT.	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3 ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
* First peal in the method. OVER, CHESHIRE.	JOHN PAGETT 4 PERCY RICHARDS Tonor Composed by G. Hughes. Conducted by C. Skidmore,
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.	* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal on the bells since they
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Feve Minutes, At the Church of St. Chad,	were rehung and the tenor recast. FROME, SOMERSET.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES:	THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
Tenor 14 cwt.	On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes, At the Parise Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
CHARLES SHAW Trible REGINALD W. WORRALL 5 ALBERT H. BOOTH 2 ALBERT CRAWLEY 6	A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;
DAVID SMITH 3 HARRY W. HOWARD 7	Tenor 31 cwt, in C sharp.
Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, Conducted by H. PARKER.	EDGAR HUMPHREY Treble Rev. Alfred G. Thurlow 5
First peal on the bells since they were relung.	MISS MARIE R, CROSS 3 REV. C, ELLIOT WIGG 7
DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE. THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4 A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
(Western Branch.)	The first peal of Major on the bells. Rung for the festival of the Holy Nativity and as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. W. J.
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,	Torrance, M.A.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;	EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE, THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION,
J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 13. Tenor 184 cwt.	On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
CHARLES R. SMITH 2 WALYER H. RAXTER 6	AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE, A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GEORGE E, LARGE 3 REGINALD WOODYATT 7	Washerook's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
JOHN H. COLLEY 4 FREDERICK G. YATES Tenor Conducted by George E. Large.	Tenor 12 cwt.
EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.	ERNEST E. PICEERING Treble GEORGE A. NEWTON 5 ALFRED BALLARD 2 *WILLIAM NEWTON 6
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.	RICHARD F. ROB 3 FRANK K. MBASDRES 7
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,	*REUBEN WIGHTMAN 4 ERNEST V. CHESTERTON Tonor Conducted by Frank K. Mrasures.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,	* First peal in the method.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb. in A flat.	CHESTER. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY Treble RICHARD C. INGRAM 5	On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
PRONALD SHEPHERD 2 MORRIS J. MORRIS 6 DANIEL T. MAZEIN 3 THEODORE RUSSELL 7	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
NORMAN G. GOODMAN 4 JOHN S. MASON TSHOT	HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.
Composed by E. Morris. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN, * First peal of Major.	PERCY SWINDLEY 5 JOHN HAYES 2 WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
	GEORGE LEE 3 HARRY PYE 7
THE RINGERS' HANDBOOK	HARRY LEWIS 4 EDWARD PRICE Tenor Conducted by JOHN HAYES.
by E. S. and M. POWELL.	Rung with the bells half-muffled for the departure of the old year.
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On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,	AND THE BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,	On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;	AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12½ cwt.	A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
"STANLEY BEDWELL Treble EDWARD TIMPSON 5	Being 720 each of Ipswich, Surfleet, Beverley, York, Durham, Bourne
ROLAND BIGGS 2 FREDERICK G. BIGGS 6	and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 3 PERCY NEWTON 7	ROLAND HILL Treble ERNEST BROOKES 4
JAMES W. WILKINS 4 VICTOR EVANS Tenor Conducted by Percy Newton.	JOHN THOMAS WHITE 2 HAROLD CHANE 5
* First attempt for a peal.	CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3 DANIEL SMITE Terror
GUILDFORD, SURREY.	Conducted by DANIEL SMITE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.	First Surprise peal on the bells.
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minute	MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,	THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;	AT THE CHURCH OF SY. LEONARD,
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.	A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
FREDERICK OLDROYD Trible RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5	Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.
CHARLES HAZELDEN ' 2 GEORGE W. STEERE 6	WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble JOSEPH L. STAINIER 4
HENRY HUTTON 3 CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7	*E. DENNIS POOLE 2 WALTER LAGO 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 4 ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by A. H. Pulling.	ALFRED S. BAILEY 3 *JOHN W. HUMPHRIES Tomor
Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.	Conducted by J. W. Homphries.
OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.	* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.	WELLAND, WORGESTERSHIRE.
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,	THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,	(WESTERN BRANCH.) On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10 cwt,	A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble WILLIAM JOHN DUMOLO 5	Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.
ALBERT G. RICHARDS 2 JOSEPH W. COTTON 6	'STANLEY MACHO Trebls Joseph Lawrence 4
*CYRIL TABERNER 3 HOWARD HOWELL 7 BARNABAS G. KEY 4 HAROLD CURSON TEMOP	FRANK LAWRENCE 2 CHARLES CAMM 5
Conducted by B. G. Key.	EDWARD MAUND 3 HENRY BISHOP Tenor
* First peal of Triples 'inside.'	Conducted by Charles Came.
DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.	* First peal.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.	BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
(PEAR DISTRICT SOCIETY.)	THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,	On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Iwenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,	AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;	A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
A. B. CARPENTER'S SIX-PART (No. 24 C.C.C.). Tenor 17 cwt.	Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Court
*DENIS SCOTT Trible Victor E. Taylor 5	Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and St. Clement's.
ROBERT ALLSOP 2 RONALD ALLSOP 6 BERNARD ALLSOP 3 GEORGE H, PAULSON 7	Tenor 64 cwt.
HERBERT E. TAYLOR 4 HUGH W. GREGORY Tonor	GEORGE S. VESSEY Treble PERCY HOLMES 4 KENNETH W. MAYER 2 MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 5
Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.	JACK C. VESSEY 3 JACK L. MILLEGESE Tenor
* First peal.	Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOOSE,
SIX BELL PEALS.	WELLINGORE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
	THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
MARKET DEFFING, LINCOLNSHIRE.	(NORTHERN BRANCH, LINCOLN DISTRICT.)
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.	On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
On Saturday, December 10, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC,	AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;	A PEAL OF MINOR, 5046 CHANGES; Being an extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and
Consisting of 14 methods viz.: (1) Beverley and Surfleet; (2) London	Single Court, and two extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
and Waller (A) Cambridge, Nortolk, Inswall, Fillingse, Little and	Tenor 11½ cwt.
Bourne; (4) Wearmouth and Lightfoot; (5) Durnam; (6) York; (7)	MRS. L. L. NEAL Treble JOHN F. PEARSON 4
HORACE M. DAY Trebie WILLIAM OLDMAN 4	FREDERICE W. STOKES 2 Moses Billings 2 Amos Ingall 3 Walter Tomlinson Tono?
CHARLES WOOD 2 HARRY GIBBARD 5	Conducted by Walter Tomlinson.
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3 THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Temor	* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as con-
Conducted by H. M. DAY.	ductor.

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January 15th, 15601	
BISHAMPTON, WOBCESTERSHIRE, THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Sulurday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,	RANWORTH, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;	Az THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN, A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 104 cwt.	Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in F. Miss Brenda Bayles Treble ‡George H. Allen 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 1 reble GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 4 'ALLEN'MORGAN 2 THOMAS W. LEWIS 5 WILLIAM RANFORD 3 CHARLES CAMM' Tenor Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT. * First peal in seven methods.	*Mrs. R. W. Barber 2 †Miss Joan Greenham 3 Conducted by D. A. Bayles 5 * First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal and first attempt. First peal of Plain Bob Minor by all the band and on the bells.
NEATH, GLAMORGAN. THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,	WILLESBOROUGH, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Raymond Grant Treble Roland Keev 4 "Leslie Hurford 2 Harry Boyce 5	Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.
William Gear	ALBERY J. LANCEFIELD Treble CHARLES L. SMITH 4 RAYMOND G. CARLTON 2 WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5 KENNETH J. CARLTON 3 EDWARD S. RUCK Tomor Conducted by Edward S. RUCK.
BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE. THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.	First peal in seven methods by all the band and by the Ashford District of the association.
(SOUTHERN BRANCE.) On Salurday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,	KENILWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE. THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL, A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being 720 each of Cambridge, Norfolk, Primrose, Bourne, Durham,	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
York and Ipswich. JOHN POLLARD Treble JOHN W. LARE 2 *R. WILLIAM FAYERS 3 TEDOT 15 cwt. 4 1b. JAMES OSBORN 4 FREDERICK W. FRENCH 5 THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor	Seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. John W. H. Smith Treble Dodglas F. Ellender 4 George F. Cantrill 2 Frank Brassington 3 Frank E. Pervin Tenor
Conducted by John W. Lake, * First peal. GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.	* First peal. First peal on the bells.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Three Hours,	HILMARTON, WILTSHIRE. THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. (Calne Branch.)
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;	On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, At the Church of St. Laurence,
Consisting of one extent of St. Clement's and two extents -each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.	A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5640 CHANGES; Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.
MRS. L. WRIGHT 4 LESLIE WRIGHT 3 MISS ELBANOR REEVE 3 Conducted by Alan R. Andrews Tenor Conducted by Alan R. Andrews Tenor	*W. Hacker 2 L. A. Wilson 3 Conducted by A. O. Wrintmore
BUXTON, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.	* First peal. First peal on the bells.
On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, At the Church of St. Andrew,	HANDBELL PEALS. WOODDITTON, CAMBS.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12; cwt.	THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, December 28, 1938, in 7 wo Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT SUNNY VIEW,
ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE	A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor, size 16½ in B flat. SIDNEY BROWN 1-2 WALTER AYRE 5-5
Conducted by William C. Duffield. WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4 CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-5 REGINALD C. SHARPE 9-10 Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by Walter Avre.
()n Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary,	SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. REGINALD C. SHARPE Treble ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	On Friday, December 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes, AT 21, DEBDEN ROAD,
FRANK E. HAYNES 2 EDWARD H. FINCH 5 *CECIL N. AUSTIN 3 *WALTER AYRE Tenor	A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES; Tenor, size 15 in C. LEONARD E. PITSTOW 1-2 WALTER AYRE 5-6
* First peal of London Surprise. † First peal of London Surprise Minor.	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4 ALFRED SIMMONDS 97-8 Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Walter Ayre.

EAST CHESHIRE PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.							
	T	rebla	ALBERT FORD	***	4=+	6	
P 4 h	449	2					
ands	ire C	aters.	First peal of Caters	3 3 S	ondu	ctor.	
	WAL	T	Treble 2 3 4 5 WALMSLEY. (Z JOHN WORTH ALLEN S. GORDON	

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes, AT THE PARISE CHURCE OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF BOR MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES:

Tenor 264 cwt,								
*C. KENNETH LEWIS Treble .	TLIONEL CLOUGH 7							
*WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	*ALBERT FORD 8							
	JOSEPH WHITTAKER 9							
WILFRED MATTERWS 4	1DAVID VINCENT 10							
†ALAN D. STEELE 5	†GRORGE W. BIDDULPH II							
†FRANK REYNOLDS 6	JOHN WORTH Teno							
Composed by John Reeves.	Conducted by JOHN WORTH.							

* First peal in the method on twelve bells. † First peal on twelve bells. ‡ First peal of Maximus.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor LL; cwt.								
ERNEST BAYLEY								
ETROW DIONAA	***	444	2	JOHN WORTH	***	***		6
"WILLIAM H. HEAP	415		3	†ERNEST HAIGH	***			7
†GERALD FARRER		***	4	†JOSEPH WHITTA	KER	***		(ana)
Composed by John		/ JOE	N N	ORT	H.			
* First peal. † Fir	rst I	eal i	n the	method.			2	

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Twesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being seven extents.		2 gr. 22 lb.
GEORGE W. BARNARD Treble	STANLBY NOBLE	4
*ARNOLD WORTH 2	JOHN W. L. SLACK	*** *** 5
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	Tenos
Conducted by Ion	SEPH WHITTAKER.	

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

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, four	callings.	Tenor 13 cw	t.	(appr	0x.),			
*IVAN B. GARDINER	I reble	SAMUEL GRAHAM	1		3			
*JOCELYN B. GARDINER	2	WILFRED WILDE	100	110	4			
C. KENNETH LEWIS Tenor								
Condu	cted be C	KRNNDTO I DUIC						

* First peal on tower bells.

"HARRY FARRER JOSEPH WHITT

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1938, in I wo Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT ASH MOUNT, PETER STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

	Tenor	SLEE	12 10	E.				
444		1-2	JOHN 1	WORTH				5-6
AKBR	*** ***	3-4	GERAL	D FARRER	***	***		2-8
CK	T.pwre		Co	nducted by	Iom	u 337	OPT	2

Composed by First peal of Major. First peal 'in hand' for all except the

DEATH OF MR. J. W. GOLDING.

MEMBER OF CELEBRATED WESTMINSTER BAND. We regret to announce the death of Mr. John W. Golding, which took place last Friday in the Sussex County Hospital, Brighton. Mr. Golding had suffered badly from asthma for some years and it was this distressing complaint that led him to remove from London to the Sussex Coast, and eventually debarred him from any active participation.

Sussex Coast, and eventually debarred him from any active participation in ringing.

Mr. Golding was one of the brilliant band of College Youths who, at the end of last and in the early years of this century, rang at St. Stephen's Westminster. They rose to great fame by their achievements, the peak of which was probably the silent peal of London Surprise Major rung at St. Stephen's on January 5th, 1901. In the previous year they rang the first peal of St. Stephen's Surprise Major.

Among other interesting performances in which Mr. Golding took part were the first 'name' peals of London Surprise and Stedman Cinques. The 'John' peal of London was rung at St. Stephen's in 1904 and the Stedman Cinques (the only peal on twelve bells rung by a band of the same Christian name) at St. Giles', Cripplegate, in 1912. In 1913 Mr. Golding rang in the first silent peal on twelve tower bells, a peal of Stedman Cinques by the College Youths at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

Mr. Golding served for a year as Master of the Ancient Society,

Mr. Golding served for a year as Master of the Ancient Society, being elected in 1902. He was able, with considerable effort, to attend the society's tercentenary gathering in 1937.

The funeral took place at Portslade Cemetery, Sussex, on Wednesday, after a service at Aldrington Church.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT FAVOURS BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Selby on Saturday, when there was an attendance of 50 ringers. Although rather lower than usual, this number was considered very satisfactory considering the wretched weather conditions that prevailed.

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Choral evensong in the Abbey, at which the Vicar (Canon Solloway) gave the address, was attended by members.

Tea, in the Hawdon Institute, was followed by the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, supported by the vice-president (Mr. F. Cryer) and other officials.

Five new members were elected: Messrs. M. Grundy and G. Varley, of Selby, J. Bradley and H. Bradley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, and R. A. Reed, of Eastleigh, Hants.

Goole was decided on as the place for the annual district meeting in March.

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A discussion took place on the suggested Bell Repairs Fund, and after Mr. F. W. Dule, who made the suggestion, had explained his scheme and others had spoken, Miss K. L. Bowling proposed and Mr. J. W. Kneeshaw seconded that the meeting agree in principle to the

J. W. Kneeshaw seconded that the meeting agree in principle to the scheme, and this was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Fox moved and Miss Bowling seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar, choir and organist, and, in his reply, Canon Solloway gave the association a very hearty welcome to Selby, and said he was always very pleased to be with the Yorkshire Association at their gatherings.

A collection on behalf of an appeal for funds for the bell restoration at Brontley Parish Church, Breconshire, realised 15s.

The towers represented at the meeting were Arksey, Far Headingley, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessle, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Sutton-on-Hull, York Minster, Beverley Minster and the local company. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Rob Major and Royal, and Double Norwich Major.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 30, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes. IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor, size 14 in D. JOCELYN B. GARDINER... ... 1-2 | C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3-4 IVAN B. GARDINER ... 5-6 Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all.

* First peal in the method.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 31, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

	4 64	TOT T	4 -	in 3 dr. er in:			
JOSEPH WHITTAKER		T	reble	WILLIAM FERNLEY			5
C. Kennete Lewis						***	6
*ALBERT FORD	***	***	3	LIONEL CLOUGH		***	7
JAMES FERNLEY		244	4	JOHN WORTH		7	enor
Composed by T. B.	Was	SLE	g l	Conducted by C. KRNN	RTR	F.RS	215

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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VALUE OF A GOOD SERVICE TOUCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was hold at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, when members from Bath, Taunton, Nailsea, Churchill, Frome, Long Ashton, Congresbury, Wrington, Binegar, Badgworth, Drayton, Wedmore, Uphill and Chilcompton were present. The eight bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going until 4.30, the touch before the service, according to custom in this association, being rung by the best band available. This consisted of three courses of Stedman Triples, which were so good that even the screetary did not grumble about them. It was the late that even the scoretary did not grumble about them. It was the late Master of the Guild who originally asked that this should be done, and the idea has been faithfully carried out ever since. It serves two purposes. It reminds the members of a beloved priest, and because it is rung when all the people who attend the meeting have nothing to do but listen, it cannot fail to set a standard of striking which is worthy of emulation.

which is worthy of emulation.
Service was conducted by the Rev. Preb. Porcher, who welcomed the ringers present. After the service he accompanied them to tea at Brown's Cafe, where the subsequent business meeting was held.

The Master (the Rev. W. M. K. Warren) presided. Belfry elections were confirmed, and Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson as life members, and Messrs. R. Mathews, J. Bass and G. Ashford as non-resident ringing members, were accepted by the meeting.

An omnibus vote of thanks to the Vicar, to Mr. Minific, the local branch secretary, who arranged all the details incident to the meeting, and to Mr. W. Popham, steeplekeeper, was proposed by Mr. J. Hunt and carried with acclamation.

The two first named replied briefly, and the members then adjourned.

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The two first named replied briefly, and the members then adjourned to the tower, where practice from rounds to Surprise Major took place. The absence from the meeting of Mr. D. G. Taylor, hon, auditor, was commented upon, and the meeting heard with regret that he was confined to bed with a cold. Hopes were expressed that soon he would be fit again. No ringer attends meetings more assiduously, and always his car is full of ringers who otherwise would be unable to attend.

SEVEN DOUBLES METHODS IN QUARTER-PEAL.

At Warkton, Northants, on New Year's Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), consisting of 120 changes each of Stedman's Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase and Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire: E. J. Sargeant 1, R. W. Lawrence 2, L. G. Toseland 3, A. S. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (conductor) 5.

On Christmas Day, for morning service at the same church, 720 Bob Doubles: A. S. Toseland 1, F. J. Sargeant 2, D. Bussey (first 720 'inside') 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, L. G. Toseland (conductor) 5.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

REMARKABLE ACTIVITY DURING 1938 AT IPSWICH.

The annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on January 3rd, when the following officers were eleuted for the ensuing year: Master, Miss S. R. E. Bowyer, who is the second lady to hold office in the society; Deputy Master, Mr. Charles J. Sedgiey. All the other officers were re-elected en bloc as before.

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The secretary (Mr. G. E. Symonds), in his report, stated that during the year no less than 161,222 changes, not including failures in peals and touches, had been rung on St. Mary-le-Tower belts for services, practices and twelve peals, viz., 3 Cambridge Maximus, 2 Superlative Maximus, 1 New Cambridge Maximus, 1 Rochester Surprise Maximus, 1 Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, 1 Pudsey Surprise Maximus, 1 Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus, 1 Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1 Yorkshire Surprise Royal, accounting for 62,520 changes. The touches included 50 courses of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 22 courses of Superlative Surprise Maximus, 9 courses of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, 5 courses of Pudsey Surprise Maximus, 8,160 changes of Rochester Surprise Maximus. Other methods of Maximus included Double Norwich 5,112, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques 8,569, Royal (seven methods) 21,660. Caters 1,965, Major 6,256, Triples 1,572.

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Both the grand total of 161,222 changes and the 12 peals are records for the society. This is an average of 3,100 per week. In addition, the society rang 10 peals outside Ipswich. The total for 1937 was 144.696 changes.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' ANNUAL DINNER,

ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Visitors attending the annual dinner of Bristol United Ringing Guilds on Saturday, January 21st, will meet at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, at 2.45 p.m. A reserved motor bus will take them to the Zoological Gardens for a conducted tour (Tes may be had in the grounds.) At 4.30 p.m. the motor hus will leave the Zoo and take visitors to Clifton Parish Church, where the eight bells will be available until 5.30 p.m. The bus will then bring the party back to the city near the Grand Hotel. The trip and conducted tour is at the invitation of the committee and no charge will be made. These arrangements have been made by request. Full details of other arrangements for ringing, etc., will be

Full details of other arrangements for ringing, etc., will be announced in the next issue of 'The Ringing World' or may be obtained at St. Thomas' Church.

EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Sec.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have in hand the rehanging of the rings of six at Cheadle Parish Church, Staffs, and St. Giles' Catholic Church, Cheadle, Staffs. Both peals are to be rehung in new trames and the Catholic Church hope to add two more bells to make eight. It is very seldom that two peals in the same town are restored simultaneously.

It was not Miss Sylvia Bowyer, after all, who headed the list of peal ringers in 1938, but 'Teddy' Barnett, of Crayford, who scored 64. It does not, however, detract from the merit of Miss Bowyer's performance of 62 peals.

We mentioned in our article last week the activities of some of the younger generation at Crayford, and we learn that Derek Sharp was a close third in the list; his total was 61. We are much obliged to Mr. P. A. Corby for this information. The reason we did not have it last week is due, we fear, to an insufficiently addressed inquiry sent to Crayford.

Mr. John Jaggar, of Warley, Birmingham, whose connection with bells goes back something like 70 years, to the time when he was a choirboy at an Oxford church, was 78 years old on January 3rd, and

choirboy at an Oxford church, was '8 years old on January 3rd, and duly celebrated the event with his friends of St. Martin's Guild. Mr. Jaggar was one of the Burton-on-Trent hand that made Surprise ringing history in the 'eighties of last century.

On Christmas Day he and some colleagues played handbell tunes to the patients in West Bromwich District Hospital. They have done it every Christmas Day since 1906—never once in that 32 years have they failed to contribute this entertainment. We hope they will be able

As Chertsey bells are undergoing repair, the annual meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Guild on January 21st is to be held at Hersham.

at Hersham.

The ringing visitors who signed their names in the visitors' book at St. John's Church, Blackpool, in 1938, numbered exactly 100. The number of changes rung in touches for Sunday services was 38,837, a reduction on 1937 of over 1,000 changes. The methods were Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Little Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

Doubles.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield and family wish to sincerely thank all those who have written to express their sympathy with them in their recent bereavement. Owing to the number of letters received, it was not possible to reply individually.

The most recent reports upon two well-known invalids, Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, and Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, are that both are 'about the same.'

THE EARLY MORNING BELL.

In a recent issue of the 'Daily Mirror,' the following letter appeared under 'Live Letter Box' from Mr. F. V. Parry, of Shrewsbury:—
'Every Sunday I am awakened at 6 a.m. by the hideous din of

'Every Sunday I am awakened at 6 a.m. by the hideous din of church bells ringing.
'Now, if I went out into the street at this unearthly hour ringing a whopping great bell, I'd probably get six months.
'Sunday is supposed to be the day of rest, but how the heck can a fellow rest while this infernal shindy is going on?
'Don't you think you wise old guys could get together and do something about it?'
The 'Daily Mirror's' answer was:—
'Nossir! This is YOUR pigeon. Legally, the ordinary ringing of bells for morning and evening service is not a nuisance.
'But injunctions have been granted in some cases to step long practice ringing at odd times, though the plaintiff doesn't get a lot of sympathy for attempting to stop bellringing at service times.
'Our own opinion is that the prolonged jaugle of bells is pretty unnecessary in a town.

unnecessary in a town.

'In the country, where people have to be called across hills and dales, it's another matter.'

'FRAMSDEN' IS 'LOUGHBOROUGH.'

ONE METHOD: TWO NAMES.

Even when a method has been published and named there is, apparently, a risk of it coming from another source and being unsuspectingly rung under a different name. A case in point has just arisen. Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, writes:—

'The method rung recently as Framsden Surprise and published in your issue of Dec. 23rd is not new. It was rung about 18 months ago and named Loughborough, the figures appearing under that name in "The Ringing World" of Aug. 20th, 1937. This is, however, the first peal in the method, as it was previously one of seven methods rung in a spliced peal.' spliced peal.

spliced peal.'
The spliced peal referred to by Mr. Driver was rung at Wigston Magna. Leicestershire, on May 12th, 1937. All the courses were rung with a lead each of Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Crayford, Huntingdon, Bognor and Buckingham in that order. Loughborough and Bognor were methods by Mr. J. S. Carter, of Wigston, We have to thank Mr. K. A. Roe, of Wigston, and Mr. E. W. Tipler, of Lutterworth, for similar information.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—53.

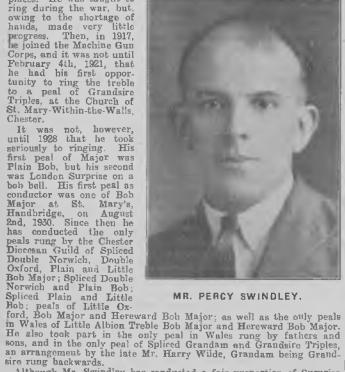
PERCY SWINDLEY.

Cheshire has often had among its leading ringers men of real enterprise, who strike away from the heaten track, and the record of Mr. Percy Swindley, of Chester, shows that he is among those who are still keeping alive this commendable spirit in that corner of England. He has conducted peals in various spliced plain Major methods and is one of the little band that has just completed the ringing of an extent of every Minor method in the Central Council Collection.

Mr. Swindley was born at Handbridge, Chester, on July 31st, 1899. His father is towerkeeper both at St. Mary's, Handbridge, and Chester Cathedral and Mr. Percy

Cathedral, and Mr. Percy Swindley is one of the regular ringers at both places. He was taught to ring during the war, but, owing to the shortage of hands, made very little progress. Then, in 1917, he joined the Machine Gun Corps, and it was not until February 4th, 1921, that he had his first opportunity to ring the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples, at the Church of St. Mary-Within-the-Walls, Chester.

It was not, however, until 1928 that he took seriously to ringing. His first peal of Major was Plain Bob, but his second was London Surprise on a



sire rung backwards.

Although Mr. Swindley has conducted a fair proportion of Surprise methods, he much prefers ringing plain methods. His peals, which number 170, of which he has conducted 54, have been rung on six to twelve bells in 42 towers in six counties.

FOR WATCHNIGHT SERVICE.

Five ringers rang their first quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major on New Year's Eve for the watchnight service at St. Mary's, Willesden. It was rung with the bells half-mufiled by E. H. Kilby 1, A. Cutler 2, E. B. Hartley 3, Mrs. J. H. Botham 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. H. Botham 6, H. Kilby 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

LADY'S FIRST QUARTER PEAL.

Miss Doreen Lister, of Shipley, Yorkshire, rang her first quarter-peal at the Parish Church for morning service on Christmas Day. It was a quarter-peal of Boh Minor, rung by Miss Doreen Lister 1, W. Fox 2, T. B. Kendall 3, Miss Mary White 4, K. Simpson 5, H. Simpson (conductor) 6.

(Continued from next column.)

many years in advance of 'The Ringing World,' it is sufficient to ask if it is not strange that every other territorial association in the country has, for more than 60 years, been labouring under the same fallacy? Would it not be truer to say that if the London County Association imposed an annual subscription it would lose a great part of its members?

of its members?

Finally, whether such articles will increase the circulation of this paper or not, is beside the point. Admittedly 'The Ringing World' needs the support of ringers, but it has never yet hesitated, for fear of losing support, to express honest convictions on any subject which it cansiders of interest to the Exercise; and while the present Editor is responsible it is not likely to do so.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPLY TO 'THE RINGING WORLD' ARTICLE.

Dear Sir,—It is rather astounding that 'The Ringing World' should have to resort to interference with an association's internal affairs for its front page news, the contents of which show how easily the Editor is led, and with the assistance of another writer whose defeat at inter-

is led, and with the assistance of another writer whose defeat at interference this year can be seen in this.

As for making one's own question by endeavouring to cause disruption, and then not liking the reply, to wit, 'obvious side-stepping' in connection with towers belonging to any association, and to suggest that this does not mean the structure, is childish talk.

Our position is in no way curious, nor does it require the attention of 'The Ringing World' in this respect. Its position in London is well defined, see a copy of 'The History and Rules of London County Association.' Association.

This association has in no way ever ignored its title, and now points the finger of scorn to the Editor and the Diocesan Association of which he was the instigator encroaching on the areas already covered by other associations.

Another point, of which we have seen the fallacy many years ago, and which the Editor still pretends to be blind to, is that of abund subscriptions. Our experience puts us many years in advance of 'The Ringing World.'

Finally we cannot see that such articles will increase the circulation

of the paper, which we have been told so much requires attention, when our suggestions for its improvement are so ignored.

T. W. TAFFENDER, Hon. Sec.

P.S.-With the publication of this concludes our correspondence.

THE EDITOR'S COMMENTS.

The above reply to the leading article, which appeared in our issue of December 23rd, reminds us of the old principle which some members of the legal profession were said to employ, 'If you have a bad case, abuse the opposing alterney,' and that is what Mr. Taffender has sought to do in his letter.

It may be as well to repeat what has been so many times said, that the object of the leading articles in 'The Ringing World' is to direct attention to matters of interest and to encourage others to think. The position of the London Country Association is a matter of interest.

attention to matters of interest and to encourage others to think. The position of the London County Association is a matter of interest to many outside the association itself, and its actions are of more than purely internal concern, when it encroaches upon the areas of other organisations, by going beyond the boundaries which it was originally intended to serve.

In view of certain of the statements made by Mr. Taffender, we feel it necessary to give a categorical reply. First, the Editor had no assistance from any other writer in connection with this article, neither was it prompted by anything except by what transpired at the London County Association's own meeting at Kennington. Up to the present the Editor has been entirely capable of forming his own opinions and writing his own articles. Incidentally, he is a member opinions and writing his own articles. Incidentally, he is a member of the London County Association.

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It is interesting to notice that the London County Association 'now points the finger of scorn to the Editor and the Diocesan Association of which he was the instigator, encroaching on the areas already covered by other associations.' This innuendo is an indication of a bitterness which is unworthy, both of the association and its secretary; but most editors are used to being shot at and they are fairly well able to judge the quality of the ammunition used against them. Therefore, as far as we are concerned, we propose to ignore it. But its application to a Guild with which the Editor has been closely associated is something which cannot pass entirely unnoticed.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild, which is obviously referred to, is in no way concerned with the controversy which has now been raised or with the Editor in his conduct of this paper. The reference to it, therefore, is not only out of place and uncalled for, but is in the worst possible taste. Indeed, we imagine the members of the London County Association will resent this opprobrious expression, to another friendly organisation, being used by their secretary in their name and without their authority.

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It may, however, under the circumstances, be as well to give the facts of the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild for the henefit of Mr. Taffender, particularly as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' seems, in his opinion, to be the villain of the piece.

Although the Editor of 'The Ringing World' became the first secretary of the Guild, he actually opposed its formation at the time it was first mooted, so it cannot be said he was the instigator of it. But the Guildford Guild, founded after the severance of the Guildford Diocese from the Winchester Diocese, started upon its career, not as a pirate, or even as a poacher, but with the utmost goodwill of the parent association. It has never attempted to extend its crea of operations beyond the strict limits of the diocesan boundary, and does not muscle in upon the towers of other established societies beyond its borders. Although this has nothing to do with the point at issue, it

not muscle in upon the towers of other established societies beyond the borders. Although this has nothing to do with the point at issue, it must be said in justice to the Guidford Diocesan Guild.

As to the question of annual subscriptions, to the fallacy of which Mr. Taffender says the Editor still pretends to be blind and upon which subject the experience of the London County Association is (Continued in previous column.)

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

HEALTHY FINANCIAL POSITION. Proposal for New Committee Defeated.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Bir-The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at headquarters, the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Birmingham, on Saturday last. The bells of St. Martin's Church were available from 4.50 p.m. and were made good use of in various methods until 6 o'clock, when an adjournment was made to the club room at the Tamworth Arms, where so many annual meetings of the Guild have taken place. Owing to the inclement weather and his advanced age, the Master Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., was unable to be present, and Vice-President Councillor A. Paddon Smith was, therefore, voted to the chair.

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Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, Mr. M. J. Morris moved a resolution 'That a committee representing the towers affiliated to the Guild be appointed in addition to the usual officials to conduct the ordinary business and affairs of the Guild.' He thought this was necessary, as, in his opinion, the Guild was going back, losing members and losing towers. After Mr. Fred Dickens had formally seconded it, a very interesting discussion took place.

The secretary, Mr. T. H. Reeves, pointed out that there was already a rule appointing such a committee as was now suggested, and the reason the committee bad not been called together was that the officers had not thought it necessary to do so.

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The Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, said he attended most Tuesday nights. Conditious had altered somewhat in recent years, members were living further out from the city; in addition there were now regular ringing practices taking place at the Cathedral and Aston Parish Church. He did not think he ought to be expected to send out circulars to members in order to get them to come in.

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It was unanimously decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at the Parish Church, Aston, on Saturday, April 1st, and that the bi-quarterly meeting be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill.

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The hon, treasurer, in presenting the balance sheet, stated that the Guild's finances were in a very healthy condition. When he heard members saying that the Guild was going back he failed to see any evidence of it. The membership was greater than ever it had been, and members' subscriptions during the past year were £6 more than in the previous year, while the balance in hand was nearly £8 more than at this time last year. The Guild's finances were in a very healthy condition and he had much pleasure in presenting the accounts.—The auditors, Messus. J. Preston and F. Price, having given their report, the balance sheet was accepted and passed unanimously.

MASTER'S RESIGNATION REFUSED.

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Mr. Frank Perrens proposed the re-election of all the officers for the current year. The secretary, however, reported the receipt of a letter from Alderman Pritchett, in which he stated that on account of his health and advanced years (he was 84 on the 8th inst.), he felt the time had come for him to resign the office of Master with which the Guild had honoured him for so long. He much regretted having to take this course, but he had had a long inpling and time and tide. to take this course, but he had had a long innings and time and tide wait for no man.

The Chairman (Councillor Paddon Smith) said they all regretted the absence of the Master and they must realise that owing to his advanced age he would not be able to attend their meetings in the future as in the past, but he thought he was expressing the wishes of all the members when he said they could not accept the Master's resignation. Although physically he was not so active, yet mentally he was as keen as ever and still had the well-being of the Guild at heart. He was an ornament to the Guild, and whilst he had breath

in his body should continue to be their Master.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Fred Dickens and supported by Mr. Albert Walker. On being put to the meeting it was carried unanimously.

The secretary was instructed to write Alderman Pritchett acquainting him of his re-election and tendering to him hearty congratulations and best wishes on having reached the 84th anniversary of his birthday. The hon, secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, thought the time had arrived when they should appoint a successor. He had now completed ten years as their secretary, and although he knew his predecessor had served 20 years, he would point out that Mr. Smith started much younger than he did, and so he placed his resignation in the hands of the members.

Mr. Albert Walker proposed the re-election of Mr. Reeves. He had given entire satisfaction to 999 per cent, of the members and he had

given entire satisfaction to 99.9 per cent. of the members and he had their support.

This was seconded by Vice-President J. H. Shepherd.

The Chairman remarked that not only had he been secretary for 20 years, but his two previous predecessors had held the position for 20 years each, so they certainly could not let Mr. Reeves resign until he also had completed his term of 20 years.

The resolution, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

Mr. Reeves, in acknowledging his re-election, said he would accept for another year, but could not accept the chairman's sentence to

another ten years.

Mr. Perrens' resolution that the remaining officers be re-elected was seconded by Mr. W. C. Dowding and carried unanimously.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

As previously arranged, the Henry Johnson Commemoration dinner is to take place on Saturday, February 25th, at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, and the chair will be taken by the Rev. Canon Stuart Biofeld, Vicar of Edgbaston. All further arrangements were left in the hands of the officers.

Under the item 'Any other business,' Mr. G. F. Swann, librarian, suggested that the Master should have a badge or chain of office to wear at the dinner and at meetings. He did not suggest anything very expensive; in fact, he had a recollection that many years ago Mr. Galimore, of Lichfield, presented a locket, which contained a lock of Henry Johnson's hair, to the Guild for the Master to wear. Did any member know what had become of it?

Mr. Walker and Mr. Dickens had some recollection of such a locket, but neither had any idea where it now was. It was suggested that possibly Alderman Pritchett might know its whereabouts, and the secretary was instructed to write him on the matter.

The remainder of the evening was given up to friendly intercourse and ringing on the handbells. Many were the recollections recalled. The very room itself had shades of past worthy ringers of St. Martin's, such as Tom Reynolds, Harry Bastable, John Day, Sam Reeves, Rock Small, W. H. Godden, Tom Russam and John Carter. There were several notable absentees from the meeting, among them Tom Miller, James George and Harry Withers. It was recalled that it was the 50th anniversary of the amalgamation of the St. Martin's Youths and the Holt Society of Aston. Among the reminiscences vetald were the 50th anniversary of the amalgamation of the St. Martin's Youths and the Holt Society of Aston. Among the reminiscences retold were the visits of the Guild to Exeter many years ago and to the attempt for the peal of Bob Royal at the Cathedral. Tom Miller, who was sitting in the tower, was called to relieve Arthur Peglar on the tenor, who was then up behind. Some minutes afterwards the peal collapsed, and in the words of Tom Miller 'he freewheeled the tenor down to lead, but could not get the perisher back again.' Another recollection was the first peal of Major on Erdington Parish Church bells, when the striking was so good that a local resident went to the verger and asked him if he had forgotten to turn the engine off, thinking that such good ringing must be mechanical. Nor would be believe it when the verger tried to assure him that there were men at the ends of the the verger tried to assure him that there were men at the ends of the ropes. And so the evening went on until the cry of 'Time' brought another successful annual meeting to a close.

FIRST PEAL OF MAJOR AT FROME.

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Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, formerly of Sheffield and now residing at Harrow, has had the distinction of ringing to a peal a bell cast by one of his ancestors more than 200 years ago. This was at Frome, Somerset, on December 31st, when a peal of Double Norwich Major was rung on this heavy eight—the first peal of Major on the bells. Mr. Cockey can claim descent from William Cockey, bell founder, of Frome, who cast the treble and second in 1724 and the sixth in 1746. Frome has a fine peal of bells hung in two tiers and of mixed dates, the most recent bell dating from 1792 and the oldest from 1524. The tenor, measuring 55 inches, was cast in 1662 by John Lott, of Warminster, Wilts. The bells have recently been rehung in bell bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and this was only the third peal on the bells with the tenor rung single-handed, the first having heen Stedman Triples in 1908, with Mr. J. H. Shepherd ringing the tenor, and the second in the early 1920's, with Mr. S. J. Hector on the tenor. the tenor

the tenor.

Previous to the peal on New Year's Eve the Vicar (the Rev. W. J. Torrance) recited suitable prayers in the belfry, others present beside the peal band including Mr. J. O. Lewis, Miss D. E. Cockey (cousin of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey), Mrs. Rees ('Pandora' of the 'Sunday Times'), Messrs. W. Bishop (captain), W. Flower and E. H. Nash, of the local company. It was particularly kind of the Vicar to give special permission to ring through the 6 p.m. evensong, owing to a later start than had been intended. But for this, completion of the peal would have been impossible, as it did not come round until 6.20 p.m.

The band would like to thank the Vicar for kindly giving permission for the peal attempt, Mr. J. O. Lewis for his assistance with the arrangements, and Mr. W. Bishop for his help with the ropes and

arrangements, and Mr. W. Bishop for his help with the ropes and opening the tower.

The ringers, who travelled from Reading in two cars, also rang at Calne, Wilts, and Beckington. Somerset, the latter through the kindness of Mr. E. H. Nash, district secretary, who also eagerly took names (and subscriptions) of the seven ringers elected members of the Bath and Wells Association before starting the peal.

On the way home, Mesers. N. Golden, A. S. Richards and A. P. Cannon had the pleasure of ringing the old year out at Beenham, Berks, where the local band gave them a pleasant welcome. Incidentally this was the 183rd tower in which Mr. A. P. Cannon rang during 1938, and the eleventh county in which he rang a peal.

PEAL NOTES.

OLD-YEAR PEALS.

A number of peals were rung on New Year's Eve and finished just before midnight. At Baxton, Norfolk, after a peal of Minor, the hour was tolled and the customary 'firing' welcomed 1939.

Some of the peals were rung half-muffled to bid farewell to the old

year. Where it is done, it is just a local custom, but we can see no soutimental reason for it. For instance, 1938 can have given us very little reason to mourn its departure.

We referred last week to Mr. Robert J. Maynard's long association with ringing in Walthamstow; how for 67 years he has rung for the Christmas festival and on 65 occasions (two were cut out in the war Christmas results and on 65 occasions (two were cut out in the war years) has rung the old year out and new year in. Last New Year's Eve he took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's Church. He is over 80 years of age and puts in much of his time in these days in tilling his well-kept allotment.

It was fitting that the names of three generations of the family should have been associated with Mr. Edwin Barnett's 450th peal, rung at Crayford, Kent, on December 31st. He conducted a peal of Double Norwich composed by his father and in it his son took part. It was Mr. Phil. Corby's 50th peal in 1938.

A peal of Bob Major at Enville, Staffs, on December 31st, was the first peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings and

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RESTRICTIONS LIFTED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.
Dodderhill, adjoining Droitwich, Worcestershire, possesses an excellent octave (installed 1932), on which, however, there are severe peal restrictions. On the last day of the old year these restrictions were lifted, and four of the local band, with four others from Claines, rang a peal of Oxford Bob Triples there. It is said that one of the local band sat up half the previous night 'swotting up' Darlaston, only to be disappointed when he arrived at the tower to find the method had been turned into the Western Branch formula—Oxford Bob! It was a quick peal (2 hours 50 minutes on a ring with an 184 cwt. tenor), the 'back-enders' apparently being of one mind in getting a 'last kick' from the dying year.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Hughenden, Bucks, was rung for the passing of the old year and to usher in the new, the bells coming round at 12.5 a.m. Stanley Bedwell, who rang the treble, started to learn ringing on June 14th, 1938, and he rang well in thus, his first peal. All the hand are regular Sunday service ringers at Hughenden, except J. W. Wilkins, and they are grateful to him for standing m. Mr. Wilkins is nearly 76 years old and had about four miles to walk home in the early hours of the morning.

Denis Scott, of Darley Dule, Derbyshire, who is only 14 years of age, scored his first peal on New Year's Eve, when he rang the treble to a peal of Oxford Bob Triples and handled his bell most creditably. With the exception of Mr. V. E. Taylor, of Matlock, all the ringers belong to Darley Dale.

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The band that rang the half-muffied peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Guildford Cathedral for the passing of the old year consisted of past and present members of Holy Trinity Sunday band.

The half-muffling of the bells for a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, on December 31st, was for a double purpose. It marked the passing of the old year and was an expression of deepest sympathy on the death of Douglas Barnet, one of the learners at this tower, who died on Christmas Day at the age of 16 years.

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The first peal on the bells at Hilmarton, Wiltshire, was also rung on the last day of the old year. It consisted of 42 extents of Grandsire

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Kenneth Mayer rang his 50th peal on December 27th, when he took part in seven Minor methods at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts.

The peal of Bob Minor at Malinslee, Shropshire, on Boxing Day, was a birthday compliment to Mr. Dennis Woodvine, son of Mr. J. Woodvine, captain of the Malinslee hand, and also of Mr. John Stainer, son of Mr. J. L. Stainer, who took part in the peal.

Mr. Jack Bray rang his 300th peal on December 29th when he called the first peal of Triples (Grandsire) on the bells at Burton-on-Stather Parish Church, which were augmented to eight about a year ago.

The handhell peal of Minor rung at Leverstock Green on December 4th was for the Hertford County Association and not the Hereford Diocesan Guild as printed.

The peal of Bob Major at Bromley Common, Kent, on December 19th, was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Messrs. William Grace. Edmund Mounter and John E. Liddiard, it being the last-named's first peal of Major as conductor.

Fourteen methods were rung in a peal of Surprise Minor at Market Deeping on December 10th. In one 720 six methods were spliced, in three others two methods were spliced, and in each of the other three the extent was rung in a single method. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Gibbard's daughter.

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NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- Annual dinner at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. Bells of S. Nicolas' Church available from 4 p.m. until 5.30 p.m.-G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-DON DIOCESAN GUILD .- South and West District .-The seventh annual supper will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 14th, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 3/6 from the undersigned or from any Tower Secretary. Heston bells available from 3 to 5.40 p.m. It is boped that all members of this Association, whether of the South and West District or otherwise, will support this supper, and help to make it a success. Friends from other Associations also will be very welcome.- J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16, St. Stephen's Road, West Ealing, W.13.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF

FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Bilston on January 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. S. Garrett, M.A., Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. All are welcome,-H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Bedford District.-The annual meeting of this district will take place at Bedford on Saturday, January 14th. The bells of St. Peter's Church will be available from 2.30, and tea will be provided in St. Peter's Hall at 5. Service at 4.30. Will all members make an effort to attend? Everybody welcome.-Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD .- East Devon Branch .-A meeting will be held at Sidbury, near Sidmouth, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5. All ringers welcome. Also Ottery St. Mary bells (8) available at 7 p.m. -lohn H. Godfrey, Hon, Sec., 9. Silver Street, Ottery

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION .- Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (10) from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. Come and try this hefty lot. Will members please note that there are a lot of outstanding subscriptions for the past year? Will those in arrear please oblige?-E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. - Loughhorough District.-The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on January 14th. available from 3 p.m. Business: election of local officers for 1939. Visitors welcome.-H. O. Over, District Sec., Hugglescote.

DIOCESAN GUILD. — Macclesfield Branch.—The general meeting of the above is arranged to take place on Saturday, January 14th, at St. Michael's, Macclesfield. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, price 2s., 5 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—Jack Tipper, Hon. Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Apsley on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Let us have a bumper meeting.-W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells, near Frome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford on Saturday, January 14th. Usual arrangements. Every ringer welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, January 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. It is requested that all members will try and attend. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—Annual branch meeting at Geddington (5 bells) on Saturday, January 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea subsequently, is. 6d., except for branch members. Tea will be provided by ticket only, and application must be made by first post January 14th.—H. Baxter, Branch Sec., 21, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 14th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in New Rectory Room at 5 p.m. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, January 14th. Usual times. Postcards for tea (9d.) to Mr. G. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, near Leicester, not later than Friday, January 13th, please. Start the New Year well. Come early. You will be welcome.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Southampton District at Southampton on Saturday, January 14th. Bells available: St. Mary's, 2.30-4.15 and after tea; Holy Rood, 2.30-4.25; St. Michael's after tea. Service at Holy Rood 4.30. Tea, St. Michael's Hall, 5 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting Shrewsbury on January 14th. Note alteration: Ringing, St. Mary's (10), 3-4.15 p.m.; St. Chad's (12), 6.30-8.30 p.m. Service at St. Chad's 4.30. Tea and meeting Church Room.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is at West Retford (6 bells) to-morrow, Saturday, January 14th. Cafes in the town. Please do your best to be present.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.
—The annual meeting of the Lincoln District will take place at Harmston (8 bells, available 2.30-9), on Saturday, January 14th. Tea at moderate charge.—Kenneth W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for January: *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 17th; St. Magnus', London Bridge, 19th; Cripplegate, 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, 3fst. All at 7.30 p.m., except Holborn, 8 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Sec., Branksome, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Adderbury on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. For tea please notify E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church (10 bells) on Saturday, January 21st. Come and make this a successful meeting. All welcome.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 21st. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. J. J. E. O'Malley, O.B.E., M.A., late chaplain to the Forces. Tea in Parish Room 4.45. Tickets, 1s., must be applied for by January 17th. Ringing at All Saints' 2.30 to 3.30, St. Paul's 3.15 to 4. Both towers after the meeting.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Clayton Arms Hotel. Please send numbers for tea to me not later than Wednesday, January 18th. All very welcome.—R. A. Tuffin, Hon. Dis. Sec., 65, Blackborough Road, Reigate, Surrey.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wymond-ham calling all members of the North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will take place at Wymondham on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome, but don't forget that postcard with names or numbers for tea by Wednesday, January 18th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL BRISTOL UNITED

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' DINNER will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 21st, commencing at 6 p.m. Tickets, price 4s. 6d., may be obtained from Messrs. A. Walker (Birmingham), J. Hawkins (London), W. B. Kynaston (Swindon), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. T. Dyke (Bath), H. Knight (Wrington), W. Yeend (Cheltenham), S. T. Price (Stonehouse), W. J. Smith (Yate) and officers and stewards, or direct from Edgar Guise, Hop. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from 2.30 and after meeting. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5.15.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, January 21st. Usual arrangement.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District .- The annual meeting will be held at Hersham, the bells of Chertsey being out of order, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5 p.m. Tea can only be provided for those who let me know by Tuesday, the 17th. All ringers and friends welcome.-F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 39,

Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD .- Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Tudor Cafe, business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me, the undersigned, by the Wednesday previous?—E. J. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch .- The annual meeting will be held at Wells, St. Cuthbert's, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.-W. H. Marsh, 4, Dove Cots, Street,

Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Wellingborough Branch.-The branch annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at Finedon on Saturday, January 21st. Service at 4.30. Nice peal of eight. Please send cards for

tea to A. Bigiey, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irth-lingborough, Wellingborough. WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Portsmouth District .- The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Parish Institute. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 18th. All ringers welcome.-A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSO-CIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing. Service in St. Hilda's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, January 19th. All ringers and friends welcome.- J. Reed,

Hon, Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. -Taunton Deanery Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Taunton, on Sat., Jan. 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at gas show-rooms, Bridge Street.—R. W. Hayward, 24, Fairwater

Cottages, Taunton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,-Northern Division.-A meeting will be held at Cowfold (6 bells) on Saturday, January 21st. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Please let me have your cards by Wednesday prior to meeting .- O. Sippetts,

10, Three Bridges Road, Crawley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD .- Southern District.-The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st, at St. Luke's, Sydney Street, Chelsea, S.W.3 (10 bells). 49 bus from Clapham Junction or South Kensington (D.R.) passes the church. Ringing 2.45 p.m. to 5 p.m. and after business meeting till 8 p.m. Names for tea to district secretary, N. H. Manning, 21, Burlington Gardens, Chiswick, W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing at St. Lawrence Jewry 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in choir vestry. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea can be obtained in the vicinity of either church.—lames G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 81, Denbigh Street, S.W.1.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD .- Marlborough Branch.-The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21st. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea in Parish Hall 4.30. Cards for tea by January 18th.-T. A. Palmer, Baydon Hill, Ald-

bourne, Marlborough, Wilts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-CIATION .- Northern District .- By special request, a meeting will be held at Fenham (SS. James and Basil's) on Saturday, January 21st at 3 p.m. Trolley bus No. 6 stops at church. Tea will be served in the Church Hall

at is. per head.—Jack Roach, Hon. Dis. Sec.
PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, January 21st. St. Giles' (10) available from 2 p.m. Names for tea to me by January i8th .- J. C. Dean, 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, January 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual.

 H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.
 MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Belgrave on Saturday, January 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. till 8 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by January 19th? Particulars of tea next week .- Herbert

W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec.
DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, January 21st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30, to be followed by tea and the general meeting. Will those who will require tea please notify Mr. G. Clark, 10, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, not later than Wednesday, the 18th? It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend this meeting.-Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Bolton Branch .-The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 21st. Bells available 2.30. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Small charge per head. Names for tea to Miss Albinson, 28, Cope

Bank, Bolton.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD .- Crewe Branch .-The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 21st. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Charles Parry-Williams (Vicar of Acton). Tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens, at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. It is necessary that all those who intend to be present for tea should send a card not later than January 18th to Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118. Ruskin Road, Crewe, CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meet-

ing of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, January 21st. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. Monthly meetings arranged at this meeting and officers elected .- Harry S. Brockle-

bank, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Rutland Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held Uppingham (belis (8) available 3 p.m.) on Saturday, January 21st. S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's

Road, Oakham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD .- The first quarterly meeting of the year will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing from three o'clock. Committee meeting at four o'clock. Service in church at 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Suggestions for the improvement of the report will be welcomed at this meeting .- D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.-The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at Eckington on Saturday, January 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Will all members attend who can to give the new Rector a welcome?-J. P. Tarlton, Hon.

Sec., Greenfield Villas, Stonetroom, Alfreton.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held in Brighton on Wednesday, January 25th. Service at the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, 6 p.m. Tea (price 1s.) in the Church Hall, 5 p.m. Ringing 6.30 to 9. Names for tea by January 21st. Usual allowances to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon, Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue,

Brighton 6.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Sleaford District of the Northern Branch will be held at Ruskington, near Sleaford, on Sat., Jan. 28th. The bells of All Saints' Church (6) will be available from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea provided at 6d. per head. Will those who would like tea kindly inform the undersigned by Wednesday, January 25th?—H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The

Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. -The annual meeting for the election of officers, etc., will take place on January 28th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Ringing from 4 to 5.30, and at St. Olave's, Hart Street (nearest stations, Fenchurch Street and Mark Lane), 3 to 4 p.m. Tea in St. Martin's Crypt to all who send names by the 14th. Business meeting in Vestry Hall 6.30. Further ringing until 9 p.m. on St. Martin's bells. N.B.—The dinner will be held at the Bell, Holborn, on March 18th. Book the date!—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Barn Road, Bexleyheath.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting of this Guild will take place in London on Saturday, January 28th. Members please note the date. Further details next week.—Norman S. Bagworth. KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester Dis-

trict.-Quarterly meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in the Memorial Room (adjoining Vicarage). Tea is very kindly being provided for those advising me not later than first post on Wednesday, January 25th.-G. H. Spice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.-Farnham District.—Annual meeting at Farnham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at Darracott's, West Street. Notifications for tea by 25th.-C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Alder-

shot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds on Saturday, January 28th. The bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 2 to 4.15 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m.; St. Michael's, Headingley (8), and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8), will also be available from 2 to 3.45 p.m. and 7.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in St. Peter's Hall at 5.30 p.m., and, as accommodation is limited, all requiring same must notify Mr. V. C. Buck, 11, Church Row, Leeds 2, by the first post on Thursday, January 26th. The general meeting will take place immediately afterwards in the day schools. Subscriptions are now due, and reports will be available.-L. W. G. Morris, Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, January 28th, at Hugglescote. Bells (8) available all afternoon. Full details later.

-Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District, -The annual district meeting will be held at St. Peter's, South Croydon, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing again in the evening. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. M. W. Simmons, 33, Crossways, Addington, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, January 25th. All ringers welcome.-F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton,

LADIES' GUILD.-Eastern District.-A meeting will be held at Diss, Norfolk, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector. Tea at the Waveney Hotel, price 1s. per head, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Gentlemen are cordially invited to attend. Names for tea should be sent to me by Monday, January 23rd.-Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, Hon. Sec., 32, Gatacre Road, Ipswich.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.-The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Kindly notify early for tea .- C. H. Jennings,

3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4. Tea at 5, followed by the meeting. In view of the large attendance expected, orders for tea must be sent by January 25th to Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend

Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-DON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.-The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5.15 p.m., for which is, will be charged. All requiring tea must advise Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield (phone, Enfield 2025), by Thursday, January 26th. Business meeting after tea, at which district officers and representatives on Central Committee for 1939 will be elected. All members and friends welcomed.-C. T. Coles, for Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,-Manchester Branch. -The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 28th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.-Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Fylde Branch .- A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, January 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting and tea 5.30.

-C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.-The annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 4th. Bells available as follows: Hereford Cathedral (10), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Nicholas' Church (6), 2.30 to 8.30 p.m.; All Saints' Church (8), 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at St. Nicholas' Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea (6d. to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, January 31st), followed by the annual meeting, at the Kerry Arms Hotel, Commercial Square, Hereford. -R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Hollies, Lugwardine,

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The committee is desirous of keeping up to date the list of non-resident members, together with the number of peals rung by them. Will those members kindly send a postcard furnishing such information to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire?

PEAL NOTES.

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A batch of eight peals was rung in East Cheshire during Christmas week, six of them on Monday and Tuesday. The organisers must have got quite busy, for no fewer than 28 ringers took part, some of them ringing their first peal and many their first on some fresh number of bells. Seven of them rang a peal of Grandsire Caters and a peal of Bob Maximus on Boxing Day, and on the following day Mr. Joseph Whittaker rang a peal of Bob Major and one of Bob Minor on tower bells and one of Bob Major on handbells.

'East Cheshire on holiday'; thus were the peals headed when sent to us, and nothing could better describe it. The way in which the bands were mixed up and the success which attended them not only indicates the progress that is being made, but the splendid spirit that exists among the ringers in the area. Men who have rung peals in more than 80 Spliced Minor methods stepped down to help others ring such things as Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

During this 'holiday,' Mr. John Worth rang his 250th peal, and completed peals of Plain Bob as conductor from Minor to Maximus, Mr. Joseph Whittaker rang his 50th peal for the Chester Diocesan Guild, and Mr. C. Keuneth Lewis completed calling Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. Messis. Lewis, J. A. Milner and G. W. Biddulph have rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus, and three ringers rang their first peal on handbells.

At Marple, where only five ringers turned up, a peal of Bob Doubles instead of Minor was rung, and all the band except Mr. C. K. Lewis were local men. It was not only a successful holiday, but will doubtless prove a great incentive to further efforts in East Cheshire. The 'bag' consisted of Grandsire Caters, Bob Maximus, Bob Major, Bob Minor, Bob Doubles and Double Norwich Major on tower bells, and Bob Mejor and Grandsire Doubles on handbells.

Here is the composition (rung for the first time) of the peal of Bob Major on handbells. It is a 5,150 by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis.

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The ringer of the 5th in the peal at Newhall, Derbyshire, was Tom J. Marriott, and it was his first peal of Treble Bob Minor, as it was by the treble ringer.

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