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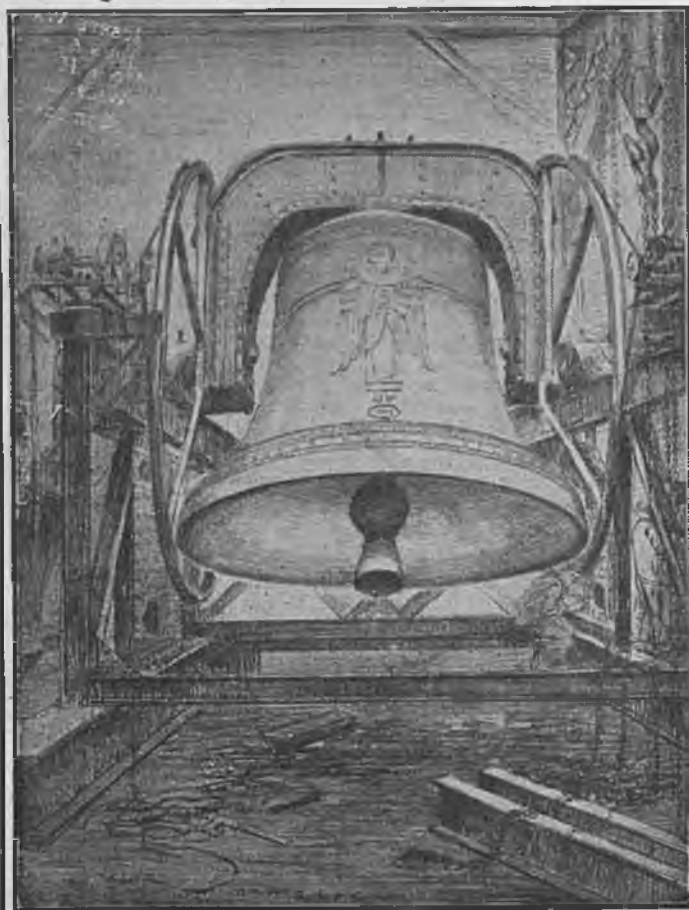
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The death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies removes from the Exercise one of its most outstanding figures and a charming personality. Few men have served the art of ringing as he has done, and none has brought to bear upon the science a greater intellect. Very much of the knowledge possessed by ringers of to-day is the result of his work, begun over fifty years ago. A scholar of Pembroke College, Oxford, his mathematical mind was early directed to the investigation of the construction of peals of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and for his labours in this direction alone the Exercise will remain permanently indebted to him. In those early days Mr. Davies was associated with investigators like Jasper Snowdon, Sir Arthur Heywood, the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and that non-ringing but eminent campanological mathematician, Mr. W. H. Thompson. Before their time composition in both these methods had been to some extent haphazard. Men had obtained peals largely by trial and error; but these investigators reduced the subject to an exact science. By their work they were able to prove that certain natural laws operated in the production of peals, and thus they made the way far easier for those who have followed them, by laying down well defined paths which it is necessary to follow to reach certain desired ends. They eliminated, as it were, many of the 'blind alleys' into which composers used to stumble and grope in search of peals, and by the publication of the results of their labours they saved others that fruitless wandering in the wilderness which earlier lack of knowledge made almost inevitable.

But there are other directions in which Mr. Davies laid the Exercise under a debt to him. It was he who, after the death of Jasper Snowdon, completed the work which Snowdon began. He was the author of 'Stedman,' and only four years ago finished off the 'Snowdon Series' with a work on the Surprise methods, which had been continued by the late Mr. William Snowdon from the earlier writings and notes by his brother Jasper. Wherever, indeed, there was work to be done in the cause of ringing Mr. Davies was ready to shoulder a task, and not the least onerous of those he undertook was the office of hon. secretary of the Central Council, which he so ably filled for twenty years. But he did not despise the humbler duties. He had, at various times, filled a district secretaryship in the Winchester Guild, and been twice Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, of which he was one of the founders, while one of the first offices he filled was that of hon. secretary of the Oxford University Society.

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No one man that we can recall has filled so many parts in the Exercise and filled them so successfully, and yet ringing was not his only pursuit. The claims of his clerical duties always, of course, came first, but, outside these, in addition to his interests in ringing, he was actively identified with the work of the Royal Astronomical Society, of which he was a Fellow, and was, indeed, one of the foremost members. His full and active life is now ended. We mourn his death; and the Exercise is honoured that a man of such talents and one prepared to give so generously of his time and ability has passed across the campanological stage and left behind him not only so much evidence of his service to the advancement of the art, but memories that will be cherished by all who knew him.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

* WILLIAM TILLET Treble	* JOHN F. TILLET 7
CHARLES J. SRDGLEY 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 8
* GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
* HARRY R. ROPER 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 10
* WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
* HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JOHN H. CRAMPION 2	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	ROBBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal on the bells and by the association.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK E. COLLINS Treble	* H. BERNARD WELLS 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	AMOS W. CLARE 7
JOHN F. GALYER 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	DANIEL COOPER 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5	JOHN AVERY Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Robert Henderson, an old Surrey cricketer, churchwarden and ringers' friend, who was buried here the same day.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	JOHN A. RANGLES 6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS 3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS 7
JAMES ALDERMAN 4	ARTHUR TILSON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

This peal was rung with bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy and esteem for the late Rev. W. D. Williams, M.A., Vicar of Bodelwyddan (brother of the Vicar of Gresford, the Ven. Archdeacon J. E. Williams), who died in his 64th year, and the late Mrs. Prince, the oldest parishioner, who passed away in her 96th year, and who was laid to rest in the churchyard the previous day. This peal was the first one rung entirely by Gresford-born men, all having been born within a mile of the grand old church. All are Sunday service ringers except the conductor.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	ERNEST MINGAY 5
*JOHN MASON 2	†ERNEST BRIGHT 6
*REGINALD W. PYE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
†ALBERT WIFFEN 4	CHARLES BOTTON Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal of Major round the circle, making eight towers in the county in which he has done this.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN BEAMS Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
*GEORGE W. STEERE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
†RAYMOND OVERY 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 975th peal.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KEITH HART 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Blake, a member of the Cathedral Society.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	STEPHEN H. HOARE 6
*RICHARD G. BELL 3	FREDERICK H. CROOK 7
AUGUSTINE V. GOOD 4	FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in D.

ALPHEDUS J. BERRY Treble	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GEORGE ARCHER 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
ERIC G. BENNETT 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This 54-course composition, which contains the 2nd the extent home, 40 courses in 2-3 and never in 5-6, is rung for the first time.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE H. ARCHARD Treble	ARTHUR J. WEST 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM C. WEST 6
WILLIAM A. SWIFT 3	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 7
HARRY MOCKRIDGE 4	SIDNEY HILLIER Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN EVANS Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
FRANK W. BUCKLAND 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
PERCY NEWTON 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	VICTOR EVANS Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*EDGAR W. LOFF Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	DONALD G. CLIFT 6
ARTHUR HAWKINS 3	GEORGE POYNELL 7
GEORGE HAWKINS 4	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The tenor ringer's 50th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. Herbert Addams-Williams, M.A., for many years Rector of Llangibby, and Rural Dean of Usk, who died at Clifton on January 29th. Also to the memory of Mr. William Simmonds, for many years vergor of this church, who prior to the restoration and augmentation of these bells was one of the old six-bell ringers. This peal was rung immediately following his funeral.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR W. LOFF Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
*EDWARD H. STRADLING 2	GEORGE HAWKINS 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	DONALD G. CLIFT 7
GEORGE KNIGHT 4	†ERNEST VINPANY Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. Herbert Addams-Williams, M.A., who was buried on this day in Llangibby Churchyard. He was for 33 years Rector of the parish, and it was through his efforts the bells were restored and augmented from six to eight.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED POTTER Treble	JOHN DENNER 5
BENJAMIN WELSBY 2	* ALFRED POTTER, JUN. ... 6
MATTHEW BERRY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JAMES DENNER 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Walkden, the Rev. H. R. Bailey, who was inducted to the living the same afternoon.

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

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
RALPH E. MACKRILL 2	FRANK CORKE 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

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

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 1, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
NELSON ELLIOTT 2	GEORGE ELLIS 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	† ALFRED J. BOLL 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCE.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of London. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM A. CAVE Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
* FRANK SKIDMORE 2	HENRY PRING 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Mrs. R. J. Wilkins.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE CHAPPELL Treble	WALTER J. NURTON 5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 6
FREDERICK E. STONE 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN 4	JOHN WEATHERSBY Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	RICHARD SMITH 5
STEPHEN MADDISON 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
JOHN T. BROWN 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
GEORGE W. SIMPSON 4	SYDNEY E. ANDREW Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by SYDNEY E. ANDREW.

First peal as conductor.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES CROFT Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
WILLIAM H. HOAD 2	THOMAS HOAD 6
GEORGE KING 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. Haviland), who is leaving Brightling for Heene, Worthing.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 5, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
* FRANK HEAZEL 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
* FRANK G. RINGE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, February 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT D. COLLINS Treble	* ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM JONES 2	HARRY BOSWELL 6
LESLIE FLAVELL 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
JOSEPH FLAVELL 4	WILLIAM LAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* 50th peal for the above society. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect and sympathy to the late Mrs. Barlow, who was for many years a ringer at the above church.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	* FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	† THOMAS J. FOWLER 7
FREDERICK BIGGS 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by the late H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First of Treble Bob away from treble. Rung with half-muffled clappers for the chairman of the branch (Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A., Vicar of Bray), after an unsuccessful attempt for peal at Bray on February 5th.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN R. TAYLOR Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
WILLIAM TAYLOR 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
THOMAS CALDERBANK 3	* JOHN ROSKELL 7
JOHN BROWN 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 172). Conducted by WM. SHARPLES

* First peal on eight bells. Mr. John R. Taylor has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. These bells were augmented to eight and restored by the Freemasons in 1926.

DALSTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	ROBERT W. GREEN 5
ERNEST BRETT 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE 3	JAMES BULLOCK 7
FRANK BERRY 4	FREDERICK FREESTONE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr.

HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH Treble	*ALBERT LEES 4
FRANK STONELEY 2	RICHARD LONGDEN 5
JOSEPH HALL 3	WILFRED J. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by W. J. MOSS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rector (Rev. J. H. Kidd), who was interred at his native place in Ireland on December 31st. Treble and 4th ringers belong to the local band.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

JOHN HOPE Treble	HARRY PROPHET 4
HUBERT R. ACOCK 2	HENRY DAY 5
ARTHUR N. BARNFIELD 3	GEORGE F. PEARE Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

First peal for the ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6, who are local Sunday service ringers. Ringers of 1 and 2 from Fairford. First peal on the bells since they were recast.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church;

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*C. DUKES Treble	I. RAWLINGS 4
W. E. WILLIAMS 2	†G. R. HANKS 5
†J. BODRNE 3	W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First 'inside.'

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, February 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 52 mins.: F. E. Mitchell 1, H. J. Skeir 2, J. E. Cooper 3, G. H. Humphries 4, A. W. Clark 5, R. Davies 6, A. J. Cawley 7, D. Cooper (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of the 4th, 6th and 7th.

BRUTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JIM RALPH Treble	FREDERICK TARGETT 4
JOHN TARGETT 2	EDWARD G. L. COWARD 5
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea by W. J. Tiley.

SHIRLAND.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 480 of Chase, 840 of St. Dunstan's, 840 Grandsire, 1,440 of Old Doubles and 1,440 changes of Bob Doubles. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALAN WOODWARD Treble	ARTHUR SMITHSON 3
WILLIAM PARKES 2	HUBERT BAILEY 4

BERNARD BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD BAILEY.

All the ringers hail from Blackwell.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES HAYTINGS Treble	CHARLES YOUNG 4
ALBERT HARTLAND 2	FRED HAWKES 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Minor.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents (different callings). Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

ROBERT SMITH Treble	ARTHUR J. GINN 4
MANSFIELD GINN 2	WILLIAM BAVIN 5
DENNIS ADAMS 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 25, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents, one each of Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DAVID WHITING Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 2	ALPHACUS J. BERRY 5
HARRY MOES 3	NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Lord Henniker and Mr. Ted Youngs.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES W. KNIGHT Treble	CHARLES W. CLINCH 4
LEONARD A. TIDY 2	*JOHN O. WELLER 5
WILLIAM G. PATERNOSTER 3	EDWARD E. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Treble Bob, first peal of Minor, and rung at the first attempt.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SYDNEY G. THOMPSON ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	JOHN BASS 5
WILLIAM SEORT 3	HAROLD V. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the wedding of Mrs. Robinson, formerly Miss M. Gilbanks.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Oxford, Kent and Double Court and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 21 cwt in E.

*CHARLES W. BURTON ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 4
*JOHN MASON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 5
STANLEY PYE 3	*CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. W. Burton.

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

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Woodbine and two each of Oxford and Kent.

CHARLES E. WEBB ... Treble	THOMAS F. HEWITSON ... 4
JIM TEBAY 2	THOMAS B. NEWTON ... 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

This peal was rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the treble ringer, also on the 45th anniversary of his connection with the above tower.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

*ALFRED MEAKINS ... Treble	JOHN HIGGINS 3
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 2	*ERNEST HILLIER 4
*FRANK JOHNSON Tenor	

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 gr. 9 lb.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	DAVID S. COLLINS 4
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 2	WILLIAM SMITH 5
CHARLES ALLSOP 3	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ALLSOP.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: E. Cassell, sen., 1, E. Cassell, jun., 2, C. Collis 3, J. Herbert 4, A. C. Williams 5, C. E. G. Moody 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, F. Hendy 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 47 mins.: E. Cassell, sen., 1, H. G. Owen 2, W. H. Worsley 3, W. Malins 4, C. E. G. Moody 5, W. T. Elson 6, J. Herbert (conductor) 7, F. Hendy 8. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

GAWSWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOSEPH BURGESS ... Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JACK TIPPER 2	JOHN WORTH 5
*HAROLD DEAN 3	WILLIAM GAYES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung after meeting short for Major. The peal was arranged as a 21st birthday peal to Mr. J. Wainman, of the Christ Church, Macclesfield, band.

MAISEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.
Tenor 9 gwt. 2 gr. 17 lb.

GEORGE LAW ... Treble	HERBERT ACOCK 4
ERNEST PEARSON 2	JOHN HOPE 5
*JESSIE PRYMAN 3	*JOE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

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

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.
Tenor 17 cwt.

HERBERT COLLINS ... Treble	RAYMOND J. WEBB 4
WILLIAM BAILEY 2	FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... 5
FREDERICK J. TALBOT ... 3	WILLIAM BAKER Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Canon E. Hester. An entirely 'local' peal, all the ringers being members of the tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

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

Composed by JOHN RODGERS. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.
The conductor's 50th peal on handbells.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 65, ELSDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN ANDERSON 1-2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5-6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3-4	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 7-8
ADAM DEAS 9-10	

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Adam Deas.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE GIFT TO WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the splendid gift by Mr. H. Mason, of Hagley, to the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association of all the beautifully bound volumes of 'Bell News,' our librarian, Mr. C. W. Cooper, 34, Wheeler Street, Stourbridge, will be only too pleased to give any information required in the future that has been so readily given in the past by Mr. Mason. I hope the books will be in his possession directly after the annual meeting to be held at Worcester on Easter Monday.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. SKELDING.
Secretary, Northern Branch.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Dunstable on Saturday last, about 40 members and friends being present during the afternoon and evening from Bedford, Barton, Boughton Regis, Luton, Leighton, Linslade, Woburn, Harpenden, Hitchin, Husbome Crawley, and the local tower. A welcome visitor was Mr. W. H. Coles, of Taunton, Somerset.

The bells were kept going in many methods from London Surprise Major to Plain Bob. During a break, owing to a baptism taking place, a good course of Grandsire Cinques was rung on handbells.

Tea took place at the C.E.M.S. Rooms, and was followed by the usual business meeting, the chair being taken by the Rev. G. C. Rolfe (Rector), supported by the Rev. A. Rust, Miss Steel, Mr. C. Herbert, and Mr. A. King (vice-presidents).

Before the election of officers took place, the Rev. A. Rust proposed, in a moving speech, that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Baker with the expression of the great loss felt by the district at the passing of Canon W. W. C. Baker.

The officers were all re-elected. The Hon. Secretary pointed out that he had been secretary for eleven years, and thought someone else should be elected. However members would not hear of it.

Mr. W. H. Coles was elected an honorary life member of the association.

Long and interesting discussions on various matters took place, some of which may be heard of at a future date.

After the usual votes of thanks had been passed, the tower was again visited until 8 p.m. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Tilsforth on March 8th.

BISHOP AND RINGERS.

On Sunday week, the Bishop of Guildford dedicated at Haslemere a portion of the Parish Church set aside for a 'Children's Corner' and a new oak belfry screen, presented by Sir Richard Garton, and embracing a new oak peal board, the last gift to the church before his death of the Rev. O. S. Walford, who in his early days was himself a ringer, and always took a keen interest in ringing at Haslemere, where he gave a good deal of instruction on handbells to young members of the band.

In the course of the dedication service a few rounds were rung on the ten bells. After the service, the Bishop visited the belfry, and had a word with all the ringers, saying how much he appreciated the work of ringers generally, and laying emphasis on the importance of service ringing and the ringing of all the bells for the purpose.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Hilpert on Saturday, February 7th. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and ringing in various methods was carried on. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. S. B. Proby). The branch chairman read the lesson, and Mr. L. Watts presided at the organ.

Tea was very kindly provided by Major and Mrs. E. A. Mackay at Hilpert House, and here a party of 35 gathered around the tables, the following towers being represented: Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Holt, Bradford-on-Avon, Seend, Rowde, Warminster, North Bradley, Bratton, Trowbridge, Melksham and Hilpert.

A short business meeting followed the tea, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding. After extending a hearty welcome to all, the Chairman spoke of the sadness which had been felt throughout the branch by the very sudden death of the vice-chairman, Mr. B. L. Cook, of Bratton. As they all knew, Mr. Cook was a man of exceptionally fine character, a thorough churchman and a pillar of strength for the Devizes Branch and the Salisbury Guild.

Those present stood in silence for a few moments in honour to his memory, and the secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence and sympathy from the branch to the widow and family of the late Mr. Cook. Messages of sympathy were also received from the general secretary of the Salisbury Guild, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Mr. C. H. Jennings, secretary of the Dorchester Branch.

Two new ringing members were elected, viz., Mr. J. Merritt, Urchfont, and Mr. G. Sandford, Seend. It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Kevel on March 7th, as West Lavington bells will not be available.

A letter was read from Mr. C. F. Andrews, Trowbridge, who suggested that a series of lectures should be given at the branch meetings on 'change ringing.' After some discussion, it was decided to give it a trial, and the secretary was instructed to arrange with Mr. Andrews, if possible, for the first lecture to be given at the midsummer meeting at Trowbridge.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Hilpert and to Major Mackay for so kindly entertaining the ringers. Both gentlemen replied, assuring the branch of a hearty welcome to Hilpert at all times.

Ringings, which was continued during the evening, included Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

During the year 1930 there was a large increase in the number of peals rung, compared with 1929, the total being 2,015, against 1,665.

Messrs. John Tayler and Co., of Loughborough, are to recast the bells for Eaton Socon Church, Bedfordshire, which was destroyed by fire last year. The remains of the old ring of six are to be made into a lighter peal of eight.

No fewer than sixteen towers were represented at a monthly combined practice at Horsham on Saturday. This shows something like enthusiasm.

A peal is to be attempted at Cornhill, London, to-morrow to commemorate the bi-centenary of a peal of Grandsire Cuiques rung at this famous church on February 14th, 1731. It was the longest that had been rung on twelve bells up to that time and occupied five hours and 19 minutes. 'B. Annable call'd bobs,' and was one of the three men who rang the tenor.

On February 16th, 1789, a peal of 14,224 Bob Major was rung by St. Martin's Youths at Aston.

Ten thousand of Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch on February 18th, 1777.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have little fault to find with your criticism of our statement on the Minor Method Collection, but perhaps you will allow me to stress one or two points so as to avoid misunderstanding.

1. The question of copyright amounts to this and no more, that the people who do the work for the Council are entitled to the credit for it.

2. We have no desire or intention to dispute any of the Council's rights in the book. The question has never risen before, because the respective rights of authors and Council have hitherto been scrupulously respected.

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5.—We should be quite willing to surrender the copyright to the Council if it is for the good of the Exercise. It is another thing, however, for our rights to be infringed by the unauthorised action of the Council's officials.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

'COPYRIGHT.'

Dear Sir,—I have always understood that the great essential for obtaining copyright, or for patenting, is **proof of originality**.

The various Method Committees, from time to time, have collected and issued in different books, touches, peals and methods by unknown, known, and living authors, in addition to what they have supplied themselves, and I should be glad to learn by what right the present Methods Committee can claim copyright of a book, containing such diversified material, which they as instruments of the Central Council have collected for publication.

One of the members of the present committee is constantly trying to make us believe that no one has any right, or property, in any touch, peal or method he may have composed, and yet this gentleman is one of the signatories to the letter from the Methods Committee which appeared in your last issue claiming copyright of books containing compositions of authors other than themselves!

On the part of this gentleman in particular, it appears to be another flagrant case of 'don't do as I do, but do as I tell you'!—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

NEW CHURCH CLOCKS.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., the well-known church, turret and house clock manufacturers, of Whitechurch, Shropshire, have received instructions to make a new Westminster chime clock for the tower of Ludlow Church, Salop, and also another for Banstead Church, Surrey. They have also a large striking clock with four dials in hand for Brixham Church, Devon, and recently completed a Westminster chime clock with four dials for Whitslabe Parish Church.

They have just shipped a Westminster chime clock with four dials to Brakpan Town Hall, South Africa, a four-dial striking clock for Dar-es-Salaam, a chiming clock for Drifontein, Southern Rhodesia, and two four-dial striking clocks for the Canadian Government.

DEATH OF THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.**SCHOLAR, INVESTIGATOR AND AUTHOR.**

We deeply regret to record the death of the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, M.A., of Kemerton, Tewkesbury, who passed away at a Cheltenham Nursing Home on Thursday of last week at the age of 74 years. He had never been really well since he underwent an operation about three years ago, and his death followed a second operation performed on Saturday week.

By the death of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies the Exercise has sustained a great loss. His services to ringing can never be fully gauged, and by his work as an investigator and author, as well as by his labours as hon. secretary of the Central Council for twenty years, he has laid the Exercise under a perpetual obligation to him.



REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies' ringing career began early. His father, Canon C. G. Davies, was Vicar of Tewkesbury, and here he first learned to ring a bell. The Abbey company found progress very slow, but they got on to Grandsire Doubles and Triples. On going to Oxford University, Mr. Davies joined the then new-formed University Society, of which he became hon. secretary and afterwards Master, being succeeded in the latter office by his life-long friend, Canon G. F. Coleridge. At that time there were in residence, in addition to Mr. Davies and Mr. Coleridge (as they then were), H. A. Cockey, W. G. Willett and J. F. Hastings, and all later entered the Church and became prominent in the Exercise. Mr. Davies was ordained in 1880 at Lichfield Cathedral to the curacy of Whitechurch, Salop, where he worked up the local company to ring Stedman Triples. Afterwards, while at Chaceley, in Worcestershire, he completed and published his work on Grandsire, which was afterwards incorporated in Snowdon's standard work on this method. After filling curacies at Redmarley, Worcestershire, and Whiteshill, Gloucestershire, he went to Ringmer, Sussex, where at a church with eight bells he was again able to coach a band, who, before he left,

could ring Stedman Triples. It was at Ringmer Church that Mr. Davies was married.

His appointment to the living of East Marden, a village among the Sussex Downs, once more took him to a church without a ring of bells, but his activities in the interests of the Exercise were increased by his being elected, in 1901, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, on the death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. He discharged the duties of this important office for twenty years with great ability and courtesy, and on his retirement in 1921 he was presented by the Council with a 'loving cup' as a small token of their appreciation of his long services.

In 1902 Mr. Davies took the living of Frotherne, Gloucestershire, where he remained for many years, during which time he became Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, of which he was one of the founders. He was in office when the association celebrated its 25th year, and it was a happy thought which again led to his election to the office in the association's jubilee year in 1928. After a long residence at Frotherne, Mr. Davies occupied for a few years the living of Deane, near Andover, and on his retirement he returned to his native Tewkesbury.

While incumbent of the fine old Abbey, Mr. Davies' father initiated a great restoration scheme, which, however, he did not live to see finished, but it is interesting to note that the son was one of the preachers at the jubilee celebration of the completion of the work.

Mr. Davies had rung a great many peals on eight and ten bells, including the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, but what his exact total was it is impossible to say, as he kept no record. His great contribution to ringing, however, has been his researches into the mathematical problems involved in the science, and he was the author of a great deal of valuable material upon which much modern knowledge has been built up. After the death of Jasper Snowdon he collaborated in completing the work which the former had begun. His researches into Grandsire Triples are incorporated in Snowdon's book on that method, his work on Stedman is an even more prodigious study. Mr. Davies undertook the authorship of the 'Stedman' of the Snowdon series, and he completed it with that precise attention to detail which characterises all his writing. 'Stedman,' with the historical details compiled by Jasper Snowdon, and an important and valuable appendix by Sir Arthur Heywood, Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and Mr. W. H. Thompson, is one of the greatest text books ever printed on a ringing subject. Subsequently, Mr. Davies completed for the Snowdon series the book on Surprise methods. He also wrote various pamphlets which he published himself, including one entitled 'Odds and Ends of Grandsire Triples.' He was a frequent contributor to the Ringing Press, having himself edited the ringing columns of 'Church Bells' for some four or five years. Among his contributions to 'The Ringing World' was a valuable article elaborating proof that Middleton's peal of Cambridge is the only possible one in the method with tenors together, while it was only three weeks ago that he penned a short letter giving his support to our suggested scheme for celebrating Stedman's Tercentenary.

Little need be said here about Mr. Davies' abilities as a composer. His productions will stand for all time; some of them, indeed, are classics.

To the very end Mr. Davies, although for some time he had been debilitated by physical infirmity from taking active part in ringing, retained his keen interest in the art, and by his passing the Exercise has lost not only an able and loyal servant, but one of the greatest figures that has ever adorned its ranks.

Of his interests in astronomy, which was an equally absorbing study to him, we have no need here to speak, except to say that Mr. Davies was one of the most honoured Fellows of the Royal Astronomical Society.

The funeral took place at Tewkesbury on Monday, and during this weeks bells at many places throughout the country have been rung in muffled to the memory of the deceased.

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO REV. H. B. WOOLLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As some know of the augmentation of Over (Cambs) church bells to the octave, it occurred to me one might be put up in memory of the late Rev. H. B. Woolley, first Vicar and Rector of the united benefices of Longstunton, who died two years ago, and to whom we as ringers have not as yet put up a memorial.

A proposal was made to erect a tablet of the muffled peal rung to mark the respect shown to him, but, unfortunately, this proposal did not meet with the approval of the Church Council at All Saints', Longstunton, of which I was then secretary.

Mr. Woolley was untiring in his efforts in the cause of ringers, and he it was who helped the Over band from 'stone' to method ringing. At the meeting held at Chatteris the ringers present supported the idea. I would like, firstly, to ask the Cambridge University Guild for a lead, and I am sure we ringers of England, for the Rev. H. B. Woolley was known in every county, would soon follow.

—Yours truly,

FRANK WARRINGTON.

LEICESTER RINGING SOCIETIES.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

Emulating the example set by Bristol, the Leicester ringing societies have in the last two years successfully combined to establish an annual dinner, and their efforts have resulted in bringing together the ringers of Leicester and neighbouring towers in an evening of happy social enjoyment. Last Saturday a company of about eighty sat down to dinner at the Victoria Hotel, after having, during the afternoon, enjoyed ringing at the various towers in the city. The chair was taken by Mr. A. J. Harris, who was supported by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Bardsley), the Revs. R. C. Johnson (St. Saviour's), H. Hurst (St. Margaret's), H. V. Williams (St. John-the-Divine), and D. E. K. Llewellyn (St. Peter's, Belgrave), Mr. W. Willson and Mr. William Miller, 'father' of the Leicester ringers, who is eighty-two years of age, and has been a ringer at St. Mary's for about sixty years. Among the visitors were Mr. J. Oldham, Mr. C. Harrison and Mr. D. Collins (Loughborough), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. A. Coppock and Miss I. Thompson (Nottingham), Mr. R. F. Deal (London), Mr. E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston) and Mr. S. Proctor (Grantham), and ringers from the following Leicestershire towers: Cathedral, St. Margaret's, St. John-the-Divine and St. Saviour's, Leicester; Belgrave, Anstey, Cossington, Thrusington, Husbands Bosworth, Croft, Peckleton, Melton Mowbray, Belledon, Earl Shilton and Waltham. The excellent arrangements had been carried out by a committee consisting of the chairman and Messrs. W. Willson, F. H. Dexter, J. Grant and W. H. Clarke, with Mr. A. Disney, who ably discharged the secretarial duties.

After an admirably served meal, the loyal toast was submitted from the chair, and the National Anthem sung.

THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH.

Mr. W. Willson proposed the toast of 'The Church of England' in a characteristically outspoken speech. Look where they would, he said, in countries where there was no national church they found religion at a low ebb and the morale of the people in the same category. He trusted the time would never come when, in this country, the Church was separated from the State. There were 'wreckers' in the Church of England, let them make no mistake about that, and it behoved all who loved the Church to constitute themselves stalwarts and sentinels. There were those in the Church who talked of reunion. Reunion with those who agreed with them—yes; but with those who would make the Church of England the vassal of another nation—ten thousand times 'no' (hear, hear). A religion that called for the abdication of your reason bordered upon the superstitious, and superstition in the twentieth century was a very poor substitute for sincerity. He thanked God that they had at the head of their diocese a 'white man' (applause). Their Bishop was a strong man, who would be stronger still for their support. He was not afraid to say, 'So far and no further' (hear, hear). Let them give him their support. Mr. Willson added that he was glad that both inside the Church and outside of it there were organisations doing Christ's own work. He referred to the Church Army and the Salvation Army, for whose efforts he had warm praise.

The Bishop of Leicester, in responding to the toast, thanked Mr. Willson for his kind reference to himself, and also for the other words he had uttered. When a man spoke like that, they knew that he cared for the Church, and that he loved the Church. Such men were the strength of the Church (applause). The Bishop touched briefly upon what the nation owed to the Church, not only in regard to religion, but in art and in education through the centuries, and in all she had done in raising the standard of life, both moral and spiritual, among the people. Times changed, and the Church's ministry must change in some respects, although he sometimes thought it was possibly changing a little too fast. The strength of the Church to-day lay very largely in the faithful, humble, devoted men, the clergy, who in their own parishes were serving God and mankind with wonderful sacrifice. Knowing what he did about the Church and about the clergy, he honoured and respected his brethren, the clergy (applause). There were others whom he honoured and respected, and they were the wives of the clergy (applause). The men and women who were the strength of the Church to-day were the men and women who in parish after parish took some share in the life and work of the Church, who were faithful to it and gave their best to the Church, and who could be relied upon to give it. There were a number of such men in that room that night (applause). He thanked the ringers for what they were doing. The days were fast receding when, after ringing for service, the ringers retired elsewhere than to the nave of the church. More and more those whose ministry was in the belfry practised it in their lives, and one of the great influences for good in this direction had been their association. The association did good in many ways. It was good for comradeship; it was doing much to promote all that was best in their craft—and it was a great and noble craft. As loyal churchmen, he knew they all loved the old Church, and if ever the time came when they had to defend the Church, they would be ready to defend it with all their strength (applause).

INTERESTING FACTS FROM HISTORY.

The Chairman submitted the toast of 'The Leicester Societies of Ringers,' and passed in review many interesting historical facts in connection with ringing in Leicestershire from the time when, in

1616, six gentlemen went to Loughborough to ring the bells of the Parish Church, and rang changes 'greatly to the satisfaction of the townsfolk.' Moreover, the local ringers 'did ring them on their coming and on their departure,' and the churchwardens expended ten shillings on their entertainment. As in those days, said Mr. Harris, a sheep could be bought for sixpence, they had 9s. 6d. left, and he left it to his hearers to imagine what was done with the rest of the money (laughter). The chairman went on to refer to the visit which Fabian Stedman paid to Leicester in 1669, in which year the Leicester Scholars' Society was founded, and added that Mr. Willson had possession of the old record books of that period and down to the formation of the Midland Counties Association in 1882. About 1776 Squire Fortrey, of Norton-cum-Galby, gave two bells to St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, to make them into a peal of ten, and a friendly rivalry existed between the Leicester and Nottingham ringers, of whom Wm. Doubleday Crofts was the leader. Squire Fortrey offered a set of cup handbells to whichever of the two bands should first ring a peal of 10,000 or over, and the Leicester Scholars agreed to start for the peal every Monday morning. Four times they rang eight thousand, and once they rang nine thousand, on which occasion the peal was lost because the third man missed the sally. They had to remember that in those days the bells were rung without stays, so that if a man missed the sally the bell went right over. On February 25th, 1777, the Leicester Scholars made an attempt in the morning, and rang five thousand changes, and broke down. They started again in the afternoon of the same day, and completed a peal of 10,080 Grandfire Caters in 7 hrs. 12 mins. The next day a collection was made for the ringers, and amounted to £33, which was a considerable sum in those days. Squire Fortrey gave them the peal of handbells, and these were still in the possession of Mr. Joseph Needham. There were originally 20 of them, but some got cracked or broken, and Mr. Needham had had them put into good order. In 1778 the Nottingham men rang their peal, which was 10,260 (about 200 changes longer than the Leicester peal), and Squire Fortrey gave them also a set of handbells, which were still in existence to-day. The Chairman went on to refer to other events in connection with Leicester ringing during the last century, and spoke of the founding of the Goscoe Society, of which Mr. P. Hardy, who was present that night, had been secretary for over 30 years, and of the Midland Counties Association, which was formed in Leicester in 1882. He alluded to the many great performances which had been achieved since that time. The seed which Stedman planted in 1669, he said, had flourished and grown into a magnificent tree. Ringing in and around Leicester had gone forward ever since, and, looking round, he could say they need have no fear for the future (applause).

A TRAINING GROUND FOR SERGEANT-MAJORS.

Mr. H. Jenny replied to the toast in a humorous speech. His connection with ringing in Leicester, he said, extended over about twenty years. It had been a very pleasant association, for there was amongst the ringers a spirit of comradeship that one rarely found among other bodies of men. But that, he added, only applied outside the belfry (laughter). Inside the belfry it was, he always thought, a wonderful training ground for regimental sergeant-majors (laughter). It had been a pleasure to him to be associated in Leicester with some of the men who had contributed largely to the making of history, and whose names would be written on the pages of peal ringing for all time. There were two or three who had passed beyond—the late Mr. George Cleal, Mr. Charles Fowler and Mr. Bultery. There were some famous ringers still with them, in Mr. Colton, Mr. Wm. Willson, Mr. Fred Dexter, Mr. Ernest Morris, and, last but not least, Mr. Harold Poole, all of whom had done a great deal towards the success of ringing in Leicester and the surrounding districts. He had thought of including himself among the list (laughter), because on a recent occasion when they had in Leicester a gathering of police ringers, and he induced the chief constable to welcome them, he (the chief constable) said he had two expert ringers in his force, Detective-Constable Poole and Sergt. Jenny. He was just beginning to think about the next size in hats (laughter) when he remembered that, after ringing something or other, something went wrong, and one of the regimental sergeant-majors came across to him and said, 'Call yourself a ringer? We can buy ringers like you at ten a penny' (loud laughter). A gathering like that, concluded Mr. Jenny, showed that the Leicester ringing societies were alive, and while they had among them such men as those he had mentioned they would continue to thrive and enjoy evenings such as that.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. Hardy and acknowledged by Mr. E. C. Gobey.

A welcome was extended to the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' whose health was proposed by Mr. W. Willson and duly acknowledged; and Mr. H. Jenny thanked the members of the organising committee for their work and the artists who had contributed to the programme.

A feature of the evening was the very enjoyable musical entertainment. Earl Shilton ringers, who have recently given performances in front of the microphone, played a number of popular tunes in fine style. The quartettes and duets of the St. John-the-Divine Male Voice Quartette were greatly appreciated, as were the songs (Continued in next column.)

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The historic city of Wakefield woke with a knowledge that a strange visitation was being paid to it by the Yorkshire Association on Saturday, January 31st, when members gathered for their annual general meeting. The day's proceedings commenced with the audit, and it was with heartfelt thanks to the other general officials that the president found his way thither. Early in the afternoon the fine ring of twelve bells at the Cathedral were set going to various methods.

Mention is made of bells at the Cathedral of Wakefield as early as 1470. There have been at least four different rings of bells here. A church record speaks of Pack and Chapman replacing in 1778 a peal placed in the tower in 1739 by a peal of eight bells, which latter were replaced in 1817 by the present back ten, these being rebung in 1892, and two trebles added at that time to make up the present ring of twelve, tenor 51 cwt. in C. As one hears the splendid back ten, which are the product of the famous Whitechapel Foundry, the thought is aroused as to how the product of modern foundries will stand such a test of time.

The bellry has many famous records, the most interesting probably being the one in 1822 relating to the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal ever rung, to the dismay of ringers who, some eighty years afterwards, claimed that distinction for their own performance.

There are evidences of a Saxon church and a Norman church having stood on the site of the present Cathedral, which building dates back to the early 15th century and is full of interest to the antiquarian. The commanding tower, with its splendid crocketed spire, is a landmark for miles around.

Divine service was held in the Cathedral, to the sharp ringing accompaniment of a pianoforte, the organ being undergoing repairs. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Wakefield (Rev. Canon Macleod), a most helpful and encouraging sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon J. Young, the Vicar of East Ardsley (himself a ringer), from 3 Colossians 23.

A bountiful tea was served in the Wakefield Co-operative Cafe, at which some eighty members foregathered. The business meeting was held in the Cathedral Boys' School with the president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) in the chair, supported by the principal officers of the association.

The report of the committee was passed on the motion of Mr. H. Lofthouse, seconded by Mr. F. Newsholme. The balance sheet, which showed a gain of £14 13s. 8d. for the year, was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Reynier, seconded by Mr. H. Grimwood.

Mr. J. Cotterell was elected as hon. treasurer for the ensuing three years on the motion of Mr. J. Moxon, seconded by Mr. F. Salmon, and cordially thanked for his many services to the association during his twenty-four years of office.

Notice of motion was given by the president on behalf of the general committee for the decision of the next general meeting to make the two following alterations to rule 2: 'Delete the figures 1885 in line two, paragraph four, and substitute the figures 1895.' Add to paragraph two: 'New ringing members who so desire can compound their subscriptions and qualify for life membership, by a single payment of the sum of two pounds ten shillings, this to be paid in their first year of membership, and other ringing members may qualify for the same privilege by the payment of a similar sum in any one year.'

A cordial vote of thanks to the Vicar of Wakefield was moved by Mr. C. D. Potter, seconded by Mr. H. Grimwood, and a vote of thanks to the local band for their great efforts for the comfort of the visitors was replied to by Mr. A. Scott.

A special vote of thanks was accorded to the Cathedral organist and choir and carried.

An invitation to hold the May meeting at Arksey, near Doncaster, was duly accepted, after which thirteen new members were elected. A vote of thanks to the chairman, more ringing, and a snowy journey home, brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

SURPRISE RINGING IN LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I hope you will not mind my correcting another of the statements in 'Bellry Gossip.' The first Surprise peal in the Metropolitan was not the 5,600 Superlative at Bethnal Green in 1850. Seven Surprise Minor Methods were rung at Whitechapel in 1737 by a mixed band of two Eastern Scholars, three London Youths, and one College Youth. I do not know if every one of the methods would now rank as Surprise, probably not. I am writing from memory, but I think the methods included Cambridge, London, Bristol, Chester and Rochester.

Reeves called two peals of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, but both were false.

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by individual members of the party. Miss C. Elkington played violin solos very effectively, and Mrs. L. A. Hardy, A.V.C.M. (elder daughter of Mr. W. Willson, and herself a ringer), was the pianist. In addition, a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells. Altogether, a very delightful evening was spent.

FAREWELL TO A 'PIONEER.'

DEPARTURE OF MR. WILLIAM HAIGH FROM GILLINGHAM.

For nearly fifty years Mr. William Haigh has been a bellringer at Gillingham Parish Church, Kent, the earlier period being in association with Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, and at that time many first peals in various methods and for the association were scored. The latter part of his service, however, has been spent in a long struggle to keep scientific change ringing alive in the district, and no pioneer ever worked against greater odds.

Mr. Haigh is now leaving the district to take up residence at Etchingham, Sussex, and on Sunday morning, Feb. 1st, after ringing had ceased, the Rochester Cathedral bellringers and other members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association assembled by kind invitation of the Dean, Dr. Talbot, in his dining-room to bid farewell to Mr. Haigh, who has carried the banner of campanology for so many years in the district. A generous response to an appeal by the district secretary enabled a beautiful gold watch, suitably inscribed, to be the combined parting gift from the Dean and Chapter and bellringers of the Rochester District as a token of their appreciation of a life's work.

The presentation was made by the Dean, and in asking Mr. Haigh to accept the watch, he said that in no way did it represent any payment for his services, that being impossible. On behalf of himself and the Chapter, he thanked Mr. Haigh for his services, particularly in connection with the Cathedral, and, in wishing him good health and long life, said he was sure he was expressing the sentiments of the whole of his colleagues. The Dean recounted the fact that Mr. Haigh had been a ringer at Gillingham for 49 years, and during that time had held the office of leader at the Cathedral for 26 years. Other offices he held were nine years on the Central Council of Church Bellringers, and 38 years as district representative on the committee of the Kent County Association, an office which he relinquished only as recently as November last, when he realised his impending departure.

Mr. Haigh, replying, thanked the Dean for his kind words, and remarked on the many kindnesses shown by the Dean and Chapter during his association with the Cathedral. He also thanked the ringers, and assured them that he would always prize such a manifestation of their appreciation of his work among them.

THORNHAM RINGER'S DEATH. A NORFOLK ENTHUSIAST.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Cattermole, of Thornham Magna, Norfolk, who passed away at his home on January 24th, after some weeks' illness, at the age of 62 years.

George Cattermole was a peal ringer of real worth, and, further, he was a teacher of the art with as much enthusiasm. His first peal, which he himself conducted, was rung on December 16th, 1893, at Wickham Skeith, and was the first peal by all. His company went on to ring peals in 14 Minor methods in 1903, and, finally, on December 26th, 1912, a peal containing 14 Treble Bob extents was completed, George Cattermole ringing the tenor and calling the peal. In 1923, a peal of 10,080 in 14 Surprise methods was successfully accomplished at St. Mary's, Thornham Magna, at which church the previous 10,080 was also rung. His last peal was rung nearly two years ago. Altogether he had scored 154 for the Norwich Association and 15 for the Suffolk Guild.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, January 28th, when the Rev. the Hon. Victor Henniker, officiated, and four brother ringers (Messrs. A. J. Berry, H. Collins, A. Cattermole and H. Moss) bore the remains to their last resting place. It was found impossible to ring handbells over the grave, but immediately following the interment a 360 of Treble Bob was rung on the tower bells by: G. Kemp 1, A. J. Berry 2, H. Moss 3, D. Whiting 4, F. Hayward 5, and E. E. Poppy (conductor) 6. In the evening a representative company of Norwich Diocesan and Suffolk Guild ringers paid their humble tribute to George Cattermole's memory with a muffled peal on his beloved bells.

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THE NEW ZEALAND EARTHQUAKE.

The bells at Hensfield, Sussex, were rung half-muffled for the evening service in sympathy for the victims of the New Zealand earthquake disaster, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was brought round, in which two of the lads now being instructed by the veteran Mr. Charles Tyler made their first attempt for a quarter-peal in the method, and rang without a mistake: A. Crutenden 1, Eric Morey (first quarter-peal) 2, F. Parsons 3, William Morey (first quarter-peal) 4, A. E. Baker 5, W. J. Alliss 6, C. Tyler (conductor) 7, G. Payne 8.

Mr. G. E. Symonds, of Ipswich, writes that many ringers I sides himself will doubtless be grateful to know as early as possible whether Mr. J. S. Wilde is safe or in any way affected by the terrible catastrophe.

While we have no information on the subject, we think that Mr. Wilde may be considered safe, as his home is in Dunedin, in the South Island, and there have been, so far, no reports of any loss of life in that part of New Zealand.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual general meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Reigate on Saturday, January 31st. The members met in the belfry of the Parish Church at 4 p.m., and the bells were rung until five o'clock, when a service was held in the church.

The Rev. R. Talbot, Vicar of Reigate, gave the address, and he was assisted in the service by the Rev. O. C. McD. Morgan. The Mayor of Reigate (Mr. Temple Newell) read the lesson, and Mr. H. Bashford presided at the organ.

Tea was provided at the Tudor Cafe, Bell Street, and the Rev. R. Talbot presided over the business meeting.

The treasurer, Mr. Maurice A. Northover, presented the annual report and balance sheet. The balance for the year ending December 31st, 1930, was £22 11s. 7d., an increase of £6 4s. 9d. on the previous year.

The Secretary reported that during the past year, 20 peals had been rung, and the membership numbered 111, including two hon. members. He also reported that the standard of ringing generally had improved throughout the district, although in one or two cases improvement was not so marked as the committee would have desired.

The following new members were elected: Reigate, Mr. Frank Linter; Godstone, Messrs. F. Hall, E. Lawrence, J. Hoare, and F. Bird; Burstow, Mr. A. Kenward; Leigh, Messrs. Eric Bright and George Winchester. The Mayor of Reigate and the Rev. R. Talbot were elected honorary members.

Mr. R. Thorpe was elected Master for the ensuing year, Mr. Maurice A. Northover treasurer, Mr. A. Bull secretary, and Mr. A. Gear auditor. Mr. L. Tidy, of Limpsfield Chart, Mr. E. Razzell, Horley, and Mr. F. Jeal, of Redhill, were elected on the committee.

It was resolved that the next annual general meeting be held at Horley. The following places were approved for the bi-monthly meetings for 1931: Charlwood, Leigh, Burstow, Limpsfield Chart and Redhill. It was resolved that the quarterly peal be rung at Betchingley, Mr. G. Hoad to be the conductor.

Mr. B. Wells reported that during 1930 85 touches of 720 changes and eight quarter-peals were rung.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Mayor of Reigate, Rev. O. C. McD. Morgan, Mr. Bashford and the churchwardens of Reigate Parish Church.

DEATH OF MR. B. L. COOK.**LOSS TO A WILTSHIRE PARISH.**

The parish of Bratton, Wilts, has sustained a severe loss in the sudden death, on January 30th, of Benjamin Lewis Cook, churchwarden of the parish. His was a character of great charm and originality. All his life he had been a devoted son of the Church. On his retirement from the police force nearly ten years ago, he returned to his native village, where he spent the last years of his life in loyal service to the Church. He was an enthusiastic bell-ringer, inspiring others with his enthusiasm, and was a prominent member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. No incumbent ever had a more faithful and zealous churchwarden, or a more loyal and sympathetic friend. For one whose only schooling had been at a little village school, he was remarkably well-informed, being a keen student of Church history, local history and archaeology. He died at the age of fifty-eight, in the full vigour of life, quite suddenly and unexpectedly, engaged in the work of clearing away the last of the autumn leaves in the churchyard of Bratton, near the church at whose altar he knelt Sunday by Sunday.

The interment took place at Bratton Church on Wednesday of last week. The Rev. S. Collett officiated, and the large gathering testified to the respect and esteem in which Mr. Cook was held. The remains were borne to their last resting place by eight members of the Wiltshire Constabulary. The service at the church was choral. The hymns, 'Brief life is here our portion' and 'Glory to Thee, my God this night' (Mr. Cook's favourite hymn) were sung. The Vicar, in addressing the congregation said: 'You would wish me, I know, to voice your feelings, and mine, too, in this our hour of sadness. Speaking first for myself, I can truly say that I have lost one of the most loyal and faithful friends I ever possessed, one whose friendship I shall look back upon as one of the inspirations of my life. And I know that all of you who were brought into close touch with him could see the fine lines of his character, his gracious courtesy, his absolute sincerity, his steadfast zeal, his strong and simple faith, his great love of God and his church. To know Ben Cook was to love him, and to feel that the world is indeed the poorer for his passing.'

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild were represented by Messrs. C. D. Heginbotham (branch chairman), Mr. F. Green (branch secretary), Messrs. S. Hillier and J. Francis (Ringing Masters), E. A. Perrett, E. F. White, G. H. Archard, W. C. West and Mrs. West, Messrs. J. H. White, W. Hart, etc. (all from various towers in the Devizes Branch), and the local ringers. The bells at Bratton were rung muffled after the service and again in the evening, and also at Devizes by the combined ringers of St. John's and St. Mary's.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**RECORD MEETING OF WINCHESTER DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Winchester. As it was on the day of the funeral of the Princess Royal, the Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled during the afternoon and evening, a touch of Grandsire Cinques just previous to the service being much admired. The service was held at St. Maurice's Church, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. S. M. Watson), and a very striking address was given by the Rev. E. M. Thomas, curate of Romsey.

A record party assembled at Messrs. Dumpers, High Street, for tea, the towers represented including Bishop's Sutton, Hursley, King's Somborne, Lymington, Micheldever, North Stoneham, Overton, Petersfield, Romsey, Stockbridge, Titchfield, Twyford, Wonston, Wallop and Winchester. The business meeting followed, at which Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Guild, was voted to the chair. He was supported by Mr. W. H. Loveland. Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. Canon Braithwaite, Minor Canon Woods, and the Rev. S. M. Watson.

The Chairman extended a welcome to all present, and said he was particularly pleased to see so many young ringers.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Cyril Smith, King's Somborne) read a brief report of year's working.—The report and accounts were adopted.

The secretary was directed to send a letter of sincere sympathy to Mrs. Briggs on the sad loss of her husband (the late Rev. A. E. Briggs, Vicar of Owlesbury). Several new members were elected, among them the Rev. G. M. Elliott and Miss Noice, hon. members, and ringers from Wallop, Twyford and Hursley.

All the officers were re-elected, with the exception of the hon. secretary, who wished to resign: The Rev. Canon Braithwaite, chairman; Mr. Wilfred Andrews, representative; Mr. George Smith, auditor; Mr. George Noice, 6, Cathedral View, Winchester, was elected hon. secretary.

On the proposition of Mr. Andrews, the next annual meeting will be held at Winchester, on January 2nd, 1932, and quarterly meetings at Fitchborne, Twyford, Stockbridge and King's Somborne.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Cyril Smith for his past services as hon. secretary for several years, also to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells. The bells of St. Maurice's Church were not available owing to the tower being unsafe.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING AT BROMLEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, on Saturday, January 24th. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening to rounds for beginners and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and several Surprise methods for the initiated. The association form of service was conducted by the Vicar (Prebendary B. E. Relton), who gave an interesting address on 'Worship, what it is and what it stands for.'

After the service a substantial tea was provided in the Church Institute, some seventy members of the association being the guests of the churchwardens (Messrs. S. G. Beer and H. G. Dunn). Immediately following the tea, handbell ringing was much appreciated.

At the business meeting four honorary members and twelve practising members were elected, including the band at Cudham, where the bells were recently augmented to a peal of ten.

Mr. E. Barnett, jun., read a report of the proceedings of the association's committee meeting held at Tonbridge in November. This was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barnett for a clear and concise report.

St. Mary Cray and Cudham were suggested as the place of next meeting, St. Mary Cray being chosen on being put to the vote.

Mr. Jeffries proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding, to the organist (Mr. F. Fertel), to the churchwardens for their generous hospitality, and to the ladies for their help in making the gathering such a success. He congratulated Bromley on possessing a fine peal of bells.—The motion was carried with applause.—The Vicar responded, saying that he thought bellringers performed a very essential work in the church. Their own bellringers at Bromley had made a very considerable effort to raise funds towards the expenses incurred in re-hanging the bells, and had raised £37 18s., mostly in quite small sums. He was glad to know that the job had been carried out satisfactorily.—Mr. H. G. Dunn (churchwarden) expressed his pleasure at again meeting the members at Bromley.

This concluded the meeting, the company returning to the tower for further ringing.

JOINT MID-WEEK MEETING.

A very successful joint meeting of the Herts and Essex Associations was held at Ware on Wednesday of last week. Members were present from Edmonton, Enfield, Bishop's Stortford, Melbourn (Cams), Harlow, Harlow Common, Benington, Hertford, Ware, Hunsdon, Widford and Little Munden.

The Vicar conducted the service, and in the course of a very appropriate address offered a hearty welcome to all assembled.

Methods were rung from Grandsire to Cambridge Major, and a very helpful and enjoyable time was spent.

GOOD WORK IN THE PEAK DISTRICT. MONTHLY MEETINGS 'WELL WORTH WHILE.'

The annual meeting of the Peak District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Bakewell on Saturday, January 24th, when members were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Darley Dale, Derby, Dore, Duffield, Eyam and Fairfield. The fine peal of eight bells (tenor about 18 cwt.) were kept going at intervals during the afternoon and evening in the various standard methods. A substantial tea was provided at the Wheatsheaf, and the annual business meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam (vice-president), supported by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (hon. secretary), Mr. W. A. Wallace, Derby (general treasurer), and Messrs. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) and Mr. C. Draper (Duffield), of the general committee.

The secretary gave a brief report on the work of the past year, which had generally been a year of progress. Eleven meetings had been held, with an average attendance of between 25 and 30, and the ringing at all of them showed an upward tendency. At all the meetings a cordial welcome had been received, and on several occasions a substantial tea had been provided gratis. At each meeting, too, one or more new members had been elected, so that the holding of these meetings each month had been well worth while. A hearty welcome was extended to the new members, and especially to the Fairfield tower, who had joined up en bloc. The secretary again referred to the enthusiasm and hard work of the Rev. W. P. Wright and Mr. A. G. Wallace, without whose support much less would have been accomplished. In regard to future policy, the Secretary, as last year, suggested that much could be done by interesting incumbents and Church Councils in the society, and instanced his own tower at Dore, where all subscriptions and a nomination fee are paid each year by the Church Council as a matter of course. It was again suggested that an eight or six-bell method should be selected for special attention at each meeting, Double Norwich being suggested for eight-bell towers and Cambridge Minor for six bells. In conclusion, the Secretary expressed his grateful thanks to all in the district who had shown him so much courtesy and kindness, and stated his belief that this year would see even better meetings. The glorious Peak district of Derbyshire, its beautiful historic churches, such as Hathersage and Tideswell, and two splendid peals of eight bells recently installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at Hope and Tideswell, should make it an ideal area for spring and summer meetings.

On the proposition of the Rev. W. P. Wright, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the secretary for his report and for his work during the year, to which Mr. Lewis Cockey suitably responded.

THE SUGGESTED INCREASE OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

The Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam), who expressed a strong wish to retire, had to be almost forcibly prevented, and was unanimously re-elected, the members deciding to grant him dispensation regarding meetings which he could not attend.—Mr. J. A. Lewis Cockey (Dore) was re-elected hon. district secretary, and Messrs. A. G. Wallace (Bakewell) and E. H. Holmes (Matlock) were re-elected members of committee.

The question of the possible raising of the subscription was discussed, and the position was explained to Members by Messrs. W. A. Wallace (Derby) and C. Draper (Duffield). It was decided to ask the secretary to represent the district and to vote at his discretion, which he agreed to do, but suggested that as many members as possible should attend the annual meeting at Derby and vote at the general meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Darley Dale, probably on February 28th. It was mentioned by the secretary that a cordial invitation had been received from Mr. H. Newbury, of Hathersage, and that he would, as last year, provide tea for all members. The meeting gratefully accepted the invitation, and the hope was expressed that it might be possible to pay a visit a little later in the year, when the weather might be expected to aid in the enjoyment of this beautiful and historic place.

A hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to organise a very joyful meeting closed the proceedings.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On Sunday, February 1st, for evening service at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes, of Sheffield: John Tuke 1, R. Harrison, sen. 2, George Lewis (conductor) 3, R. Harrison, jun., 4, Jas. A. Dixon 5, L. E. Last 6, Thos. E. Lee 7, Harry Hurst 8. Mr. George Holmes, who is a member of St. Marie's company, and was formerly a member of the Cathedral Society, is one of the best-known ringers in Sheffield and district.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, February 8th, at 10a, The Terrace, Lawrence Street, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 35 mins.: William A. Best 1-2, James George (conductor) 3-4, William J. Pettigrew 5-6. Messrs. Best and Pettigrew have only recently commenced change ringing, and this is their first quarter-peal.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which entitles members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available 2.30. Service at Cathedral 4.15. Tea and business meeting at Prince of Wales 5.15 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rockbeare on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due. —Mrs. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, near Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at Newport. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present please advise me.—H. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, at 6.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. — Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 4.30 p.m., Barker's Restaurant. Business meeting afterwards. — George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., St. Laurence's from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Laurence's at 6 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting, at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chair Street. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Basford on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (8) ready from 4.30. All ringers welcome. Come and try this nice little lot.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service, All Saints', 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Welton, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m., at a moderate charge. A good attendance requested. Buses leave Lincoln (Unity Square) for Welton 1.45, 2.45, 4; return 8 and 9.40.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at the Foresters' Hall, High Street, Canterbury, on Saturday, Feb. 14th, at 4 p.m. Tea provided. Canterbury Cathedral (12) and St. Stephen's (8) bells available from 5 p.m. Members are requested to attend service at the Cathedral at 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 14th. The bells of St. Michael's will be available after 2.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. each, in the Parish Hall at 5. Committee meeting at 4.30.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.30, followed by the business meeting in the Vestry. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at Castle Restaurant. Visitors welcomed.—Walter Hayward, Hon. Sec., 21, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower opened 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton on Saturday, Feb. 14th, not the 21st, as was suggested. Bells ready 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, W.C.2, from 3.15 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and also at St. Lawrence Jewry, City, from 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m. Service will be at St. Clement Danes' Church at 4.45 p.m., and tea will be taken at The Willow Restaurant, 48, Essex Street, opposite, at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards at 6.30. All ringers and members are asked to make a special effort to be present.—Wm. D. Grainger, Assistant Sec., 83, Coleman Road, Camberwell, S.E.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—Annual meeting at Alton on Saturday, February 14th. Bells (8) of the Parish Church available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Lawrence Church Room, Normandy Street, 5.—B. C. Taylor, Hon. Sec., Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The Bolton Borough Police have again invited ringers, their wives and friends to the Old Hall Street Club on Saturday, February 21st, for a 'free and easy' social. Please forward names to me not later than Thursday, 19th inst.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30. A short service in church at 4.30, to be followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the first post on Thursday, Feb. 19th? Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Benenden on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells are available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Feb. 18th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Brinklow, near Rugby, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in Church Rooms, 1s. per head. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting at Berkhamsted will be held on Feb. 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. For tea please notify by the 18th.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Anyone requiring tea please notify me. — R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Will all those requiring tea please notify by Feb. 18th: Mr. F. A. Adams, 213, Church Street, Old Whittington, Chesterfield. Look your five-bell methods up and turn up in hundreds!—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Priory Church at 4 p.m. Tea to be followed by business meeting at 4.45 p.m., at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A. Those intending to be present, please let me know by Thursday, 19th inst. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available at 3. All ringers welcome. Please make an effort to attend. — W. J. Lee, Hon. Sec., 20, Stanley Road, Great Yarmouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The Langford memorial meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, The Square, Beaminster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at South Marston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, in Schoolrooms for those who notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 18th.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pytchley (5) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 17th?—H. Baxter, Bredon, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. Ernest F. Payne, 18, High Street, Syston, not later than Thursday, Feb. 19th. Meeting in belfry after tea. All members and friends welcome. — E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — A meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Good bus service from Worcester. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 25th.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Duddage, Twynning, near Tewkesbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, S. Shore, Blackpool (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Reports ready. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Feb. 28th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at the Gordon Temperance Hotel, 4.30. Meeting follows.—Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. (Established 1755).—The 43rd annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) and St. Chad's R.C. (8) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the district will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at 5.30. Tea will be free to all who notify me by Feb. 24th. All ringers welcome and a well attended meeting is hoped for.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kingston-upon-Thames on Saturday, March 14th. Further particulars later. Nominations for general officers to be sent to me in writing not later than March 1st.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary Notice. — The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. Tickets obtainable of W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Secretary, 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Ringing will be arranged during the afternoon.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Arthur H. Smith is now c/o Mrs. Russell, 37, Church Walk, Leatherhead.

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