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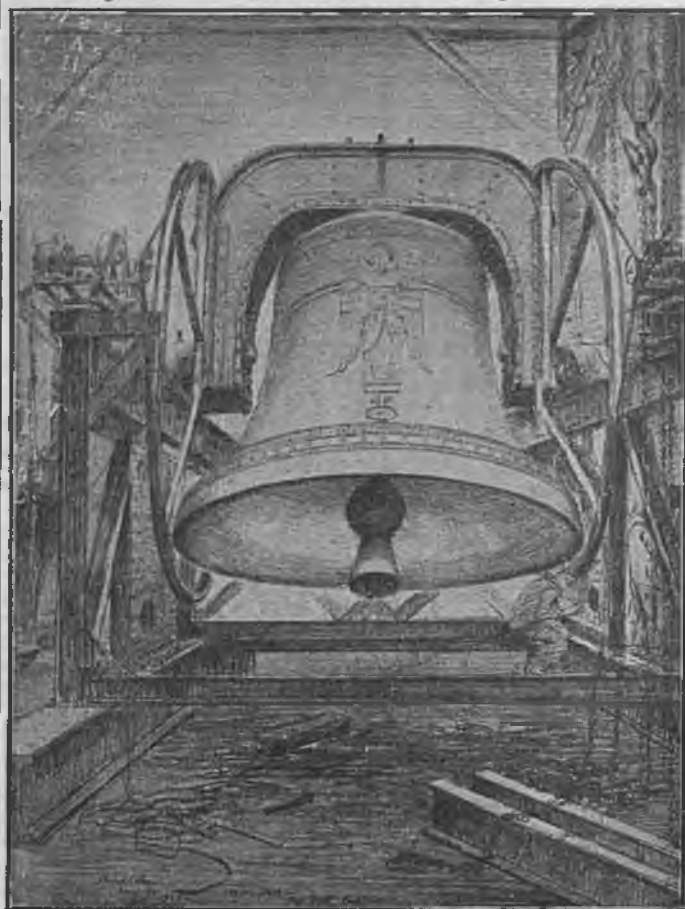
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THE DRAG ON THE WHEEL.

There is a good deal of truth in the statement made by the Hon. Secretary of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday when he said: 'One usually finds that where the appointed head ringer has no ambition to make progress he usually takes good care that no one else shall beat him.' He was referring to the difficulty with which the Guild is confronted in getting certain towers to show any interest in ringing, either by joining the Guild, or participating in combined practices or meetings. Most ringing organisations find this same difficulty somewhere in their area, and there seems no way of overcoming it except by persistent effort; and even that is often unproductive. The obstacles which are presented to ringing associations in towers of this description are largely responsible for the big discrepancy between the return of the number of ringers shown in the Church Year Book at over 46,000 and the numbers who actually belong to the county and diocesan bodies.

Those who have had any experience in the organising of ringing associations have met the type of head ringer referred to. He either has not the inclination or the ability to get on himself; therefore he will not or cannot help others, and for fear of loss of prestige he sees to it that the rest of the band are not given any facilities to progress. The ringers in their turn, having no encouragement, are content to 'stick' where they are, but it is seldom that a band without ambition can long be kept together, and one result is that very often slackness creeps in and even Sunday service ringing is not efficiently maintained. The best remedy is the drastic one of asking the 'head ringer' to resign, but only the incumbent or the ringers themselves can do this, and it is seldom that either can be influenced to take action in this direction.

For those who are endeavouring to extend the work of ringing organisations the task of trying to 'rope in' such hands is well-nigh heartbreaking, and when in any such case they are successful they deserve all the congratulations that can be offered to them. Associations can do something by way of getting bells and belfries put into decent order by tactful approach through diocesan authorities, if direct representation fails, but there is little means open to them to combat the influence of the man who poses as a leader, but is in reality acting as a drag on the wheel of progress. The problem is not easy of solution—in that respect it is like some other of the difficulties which confront those who are anxious to further the continued expansion of the Exercise and the advancement of the art. You cannot make men attend meetings or join an association, and when they carefully stay away

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from the belfry—as many of this type do—when an association meeting is held, the task is a pretty hopeless one. The pity of it is that their baneful influence is at work all through the year among the other members of the band who look to him as leader and take his word as law in the belfry.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

OHELTHENHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	JOHN HALL 7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	HAROLD F. MARTIN 8
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 3	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CYRIL TANSELL 10
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 6	JOHN C. PERKINS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques and first of Stedman by the ringer of the 6th. † First peal of Stedman Cinques away from tenor.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	ALFRED PYE 7
EDWARD J. BEER 2	HARRY HOVERD 8
HERBERT AUDSLEY 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 9
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	FREDK. J. COLLUM, JUN. 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	GEORGE H. CROSS 11
GEORGE A. CARD 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	FRANK SKIDMORE 6
ALFRED PEARCE 2	HENRY PRING 7
RICHARD CLARE 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 8
GILBERT PEARCE 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 9
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by the late Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES, M.A.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as an 'in memoriam' peal to the composer (obit. February 5th, 1931).

NEWPORT, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

At THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

FREDERICK E. STONE Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	ERNEST STITCH 7
GEORGE HAWKINS 3	GEORGE POPNELL 8
DONALD G. CLIFT 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
ARTHUR HAWKINS 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

First peal of Caters as conductor. Ringers of 1, 6 and 7 hail from Aberavon, 2 from All Saints', Newport, 3, 4 and 5 from Usk, 8 from Bedwellty, 9 from Abergavenny, and tenor from Cardiff. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Fred Atwell for obtaining permission and making all arrangements for the peal, and to Mr. C. Greedy for meeting the band both before and after the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	*JOSEPH SLATER 5
*MISS ANNIE POTTER 2	JOSEPH H. RODYARD 6
*MATTHEW BERRY 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
*NORMAN BEAPS 4	WILFRID J. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID J. MOSS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung on the birthday of J. Slater.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CHARLES W. DENYER ... Treble	*WILLIAM DENYER 5
*MISS NANCIE DENYER 2	*L/Sgt. E. J. BRAGG, G. Gds. 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	RAYMOND OVERY 7
*WILLIAM H. VIGGERS 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JONATHAN HONEY ... Treble	ALFRED H. WEBB 5
WALTER V. WEBB 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JOHN NOBES 4	WILLIAM LANBELL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLAR.

Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams for their kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Treble	PERCY GREEN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 7
WALTER ARNOLD 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

The conductor's 500th peal on tower bells. Rung on the eve of the 75th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who kindly entertained the band at the conclusion of the peal, also on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. F. J. French, an hon. member of the association, and Mrs. French, and to celebrate the marriage at the Cathedral, Chelmsford, on the same day, of Mr. W. M. Ridgwell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ridgwell, of Earls Colne, and Miss M. J. Cass, of Chelmsford.

MILNROW, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*STEPHEN PARRY ... Treble	*JAMES B. SHAW 5
*HAROLD HAMER 2	GEORGE STAFF 6
WALTER STAFF 3	PETER CROOK, SEN. 7
JOHN H. C. MASSEY 4	PETER CROOK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

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

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD 5
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	*JOHN LLOYD 7
*HAROLD V. COOPER 4	THOMAS HEMMING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of London Surprise Major 'inside.'

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED CHAMBERS ... Treble	JOHN HARLING 5
WILLIAM MILLER 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
MISS M. CLAYTON 3	JOHN BOOTH 7
NORMAN KENYON 4	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HENRY H. SMITH ... Treble	ARNOLD ROTBERY 5
*ARTHUR BENTLEY 2	*WILLIE STEPHENSON 6
MATTHEW DENNIS 3	*WALTER AINLEY 7
ALBERT TOWNEND 4	*BRIAN WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. J. B. LAYES.

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
*JOHN H. CRAMPION 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was for 19 years secretary of the Central Council.

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THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*E. B. BROWN Treble	W. ELLBRINGTON 5
†S. YATES 2	J. REED 6
MISS LANCASTER 3	J. C. POLLARD 7
T. METCALFE 4	T. LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

* First peal on eight bells and rung at first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

NORMAN V. HARDING Treble	*GEORGE E. CLODE 5
RAYMOND OVERY 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM T. BEERSON 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 20th anniversary of a peal of Norfolk Surprise Major rung in this tower on February 10th, 1911, also conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
*JACK M. CRIPPS 3	CRCIL NICE 7
†KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble	JAMES H. LUCAS 5
EDGAR G. SWIFT 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
PERCY E. JONES 3	FRANK CORKE 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1931, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES S. REDHEAD Treble	*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	*ADAM DEAS 6
*JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 4	THOMAS T. GORTON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by T. T. GORTON.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 13, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	DR. E. LEONARD TAYLOR 7
HENRY HOVERD 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by DR. E. L. TAYLOR.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
*A. ROY WOODARD 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal and second attempt.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL COSLANY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*CECIL CURTIS Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 6
CHARLES E. LOVETT 3	FRANK DAVEY 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by G. BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK CARDWELL Treble	COLIN RYDER 5
DORICE TURNER 2	ALBERT NASH 6
MRS. COLIN RYDER 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by A. NASH.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
CHARLES E. BASSETT 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal in the method in the county and by the Guild.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours & Twenty-Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	HERBERT FULCHER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CYRIL BARBER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
STANLEY COPLING 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN A. WAUGH Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
*HAROLD A. EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

TODMORDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

STEPHEN PARRY Treble	MISS ROSE A. BELL 5
WALTER STAFF 2	HAROLD HAMER 6
JOHN NASH 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 7
JAMES INGHAM 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM HORAN.

First peal of 'spliced' by all except the conductor. First peal of 'spliced' as conductor. Rung as a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. John Mitton, of Todmorden.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ERNEST F. WHITE Treble	*DONALD FLOWER 5
SYDNEY HILLIER 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 6
NORMAN V. ANDREWS 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
JESSE FRANCIS 4	EDWARD C. MAKLOW Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. WEST.

* First peal 'inside.' This peal was arranged by the Devizes Branch and rung half-muffled as a tribute of sympathy and respect for the late Mr. Benjamin L. Cook, vice-chairman of the branch, who died suddenly on January 30th, and to the memory of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who died on February 5th.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SAMUEL THOMPSON Treble	WILLIAM H. COOPER 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
SIDNEY G. THOMPSON 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
JOHN BASS 4	PERCY RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE

* First attempt for a peal on eight. The above was arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of the association's respect for the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies

LONDON,

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS', FULHAM, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 5
ARTHUR CUTMORE 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
E. RALPH MACKRILL 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON 4	*WILLIAM E. BUTLER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Hollier, joint hon. secretary of the above association.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES T. WARD Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
FREDERICK R. PALMER 2	JOHN J. MAWEY 6
JOHN R. MAIN 3	HARRY CHAMBERS 7
GEORGE BASFORD 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

This is the first peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt. Anderson Y. Tyler and Walter Perkins have now rung 143 peals together.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising an extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

DAVID WHITING Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of George Cattermole, late of the local company, who was interred that day.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 30, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS BARKER Treble	EDWARD LAWSON 4
HERMON NELSON 2	ARTHUR HATCH 5
JACK CHARNOCK 3	FRED BLACKLIDGE Tenor

Conducted by FRED BLACKLIDGE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS G. BURCHNALL Treble	HERBERT ROOKE 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER 5
*HAROLD DENMAN 3	LEONARD PIERREPONT Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD PIERREPONT

* First peal in five methods on an 'inside' bell. The North Notts Association's one hundredth peal.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*VAUGHAN BRANCH Treble	GEORGE GILLING 4
GEORGE E. SHALLISH 2	EDWARD J. AVERY 5
EDWARD J. NORTON 3	GEORGE BRANCH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD J. AVERY.

* First peal away from the tenor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

BERTRAM PILGRIM Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	FRANK HARPER 5
JOHN W. WARD 3	EDWARD H. FINCH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

UBLEY, SOMERSETSHIRE.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

CESAR DAVIS Treble	JOHN HOUSE 4
ERNEST TOSSELL 2	JEFFERY TOSSELL 5
WILLIAM WEBB 3	*JOHN WATTS Tenor

Conducted by JEFFERY TOSSELL.

* First peal, and proposed a member before starting.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

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

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED STEVENSON Treble	HARRY PARKER 4
SYDNEY HOUGH, SEN. 2	*NORMAN HOUGH 5
JOHN WORTH 3	ERNEST BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mr. S. Hough for their kind hospitality after the peal.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Chad.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM STRICKLAND ... Treble	ROBERT CARDWELL 4
LAURENCE GREEN 2	JOSEPH SWIFT 5
GEORGE MARIES 3	CHARLES SHARPLES Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

Ringers of 3, 4 and 5 are from Lytham, remainder from St. John's, Blackpool.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.

O. BROYD Treble	B. W. PETTIT 4
A. CATTERWELL 2	C. BARKER 5
*R. RAYNER 3	J. JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by O. BROYD.

* First peal of Minor. This is the first time a peal has been attempted at Castle Heddingham.

BROMHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Owen.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt.

HARRY GAYTON Treble	HENRY STAPLETON 4
PEARL INSKIP 2	*ALFRED EVEREST 5
SYDNEY FOSKETT 3	ERNEST FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST FREEMAN.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CHARLES SUTTON Treble	ARTHUR ALLMAN 4
JOHN PARKER 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal, and has been a ringer at the above church for 38 years. First peal on the bells, which were cast by Rudhall.

SEDLSCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

W. H. LAMBERT Treble	*J. POWELL 4
R. E. LAMBERT 2	*W. GORRINGE 5
E. BROMLEY 3	R. T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells. E. Bromley was made a member of the association previous to starting for the peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar and Mrs. Noble for their kind hospitality after the peal.

TOPSHAM, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. BROOK Treble	W. D. TAYLOR 4
J. HOWES 2	H. MAY 5
W. E. BAKER 3	H. BUSHIN Tenor

Conducted by R. BROOK.

First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

LEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TEWKESBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In the following methods: Antelope, Canterbury, Bob Doubles, Dream, St. Dunstan's, and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*EDWARD MARGRETT ... Treble	*WM. BARTLETT 4
*HUBERT POULTON 2	CHARLES DYSON 5
ALFRED HANNIS 3	*JOSEPH HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES DYSON.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, formerly Master of the association.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At 56, Moorland Avenue.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HARRY CARTER 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	HAROLD MARCON 7-8
*HAROLD WALKER 9-10	

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal in hand.

STOCKPORT.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

At 23, GREEK STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DEVON GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL FIRST MEETING OF NEW BRANCH.

The newly-formed Aylesbeare Deanery Branch of the Devon Guild held its first meeting at Rockbeare on Saturday, February 14th. The numbers were most encouraging, some 45 ringers being present. The six bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and some good touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were rung, also some call changes with the local men.

The Vicar gave a most interesting address on his experience of bells in China, West Africa and elsewhere, and offered a very warm welcome to the Guild.

After service, a sumptuous tea was provided in the Village Hall, and the grateful thanks of the branch were expressed to Mrs. Hill and the other ladies who had made such comfortable arrangements.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. E. A. Julian (chairman of the branch), the president paid tribute to the memory of the late treasurer of the Guild, Mr. John Stokes, and those present stood for a moment in silence.

Eight new members were elected, and the next meeting fixed for April 25th at East Budleigh. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. T. Caldwell, for his kind welcome and hospitality.

BRISTOL OPTIMISTS.**UNITED GUILDS TO ISSUE REVISED DIRECTORY.**

The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds took place at St. Thomas' Church Room on January 31st. Under a new rule, passed in 1930, out-district members at 1s. per annum are eligible to occupy the chair of the Guilds. Mr. J. T. Dyke, Mr. H. Knight and Mr. H. Babb were honoured as members by election upon the proposal of the chairman.

Mr. F. Skidmore was elected as pro-vice-chairman.

The balance sheet showed a profit of 2s. 10d. upon the year's work, but there was still nearly £6 due to the hon. treasurer for the previous year. The Guilds, however, have willing friends who easily raise from £4 to £5 at one effort, and so in this optimistic spirit it was agreed to send an official representative to the Birmingham, Yorkshire and College Youths dinners in future. Mr. J. A. Burford (conductor of St. Stephen's, Bristol) was appointed as representative for the Birmingham gathering. Mr. W. S. Emery was a very popular choice, but he withdrew his nomination. Regret was felt, however, that both could not be sent as representatives, as both are very popular with friends at Birmingham.

The 'staid' officials were re-elected. The Directory Committee gave an outline of the third edition, which is to be inaugurated this year, and readers of 'The Ringing World' should watch the columns for a notice to this effect in April or May.

Experienced church bellringers in various parts of England had been co-opted to help the Guilds in their third edition, and success was assured. The forthcoming edition would contain classifications as hitherto, and, in addition, an Empire section and topical touches for Sunday service ringing by a well-known author. Other attractive items would appear according to the support financially given, and it is assured that even if 300 pages are involved (if such support be given) this volume will be issued at the same subscription as before, viz., 1s. In any case a guarantee will be made of a volume not less than the second edition, and beyond that, entirely upon the support given.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the chairman invested the incoming chairman with the chain of office, Mr. P. C. Williams relinquishing his office to Mr. H. Burt. Mr. Williams, a chairman and hon. treasurer, has occupied a unique position by holding dual office, and, although realising the honour extended to him, appeared quite relieved to get back to 'normal life' (one office).

The Guilds have, at the end of their first decade, enjoyed a 'smiling year,' for which they had their smiling treasurer as chairman.

IRCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY E. W. TIPLER.

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Twice repeated.

The first peal in the method was rung by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at St. Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, on Saturday February 14th, 1931, conducted by Anderson Y. Tyler.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A new Guild, to operate within a twelve-mile radius of Hastings, has been started, with the object of stimulating further interest in change ringing in that part of Sussex. There is to be a meeting once a month, and the first is at Battle on Saturday week.

Mr. R. J. Dawe, well known in Sussex ringing circles, underwent an operation in the Victoria Hospital, Lewes, on Saturday, and is, we are glad to say, making satisfactory progress. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

On an average two 720's a week were rung at Wickham, Hants, during 1930. In all the local band rang 105 extents, made up of College Single 34, Kent Treble Bob 32, Oxford Bob 22, Bob Minor 8, Double Oxford 5, Oxford Treble Bob 2, and Grandsire 2.

Death has removed a great lover of bells in the person of the Rev. Frank Roughton Wilson, who died on February 5th. He was formerly Vicar of Brixham, Devon, where he restored the bells.

The report of a handbell peal at Sible Hedingham has been sent without mention of the time.

The hoped-for attempt for a peal at St. Michael's, Cornhill, last Saturday, to celebrate the bi-centenary of the 7,018 Grandsire Cinques, had to be postponed.

London lost a peal of twelve bells when the ring at Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire on February 17th, 1836.

Oxford University Guild, of which the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was one of the early presidents, was founded 59 years ago to-day.

A hundred and ten years ago to-morrow a peal of 14,018 Treble Bob Major was rung at Oldham in 7 hrs. 26 mins.

The first peal of Double Norwich Major rung on handbells was accomplished at Cambridge forty years ago next Monday. And the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey is still carrying on the good work among the undergraduates.

SOMERSET'S GLORY.

NOVELIST RECTOR'S PRAISE OF BELLS AND TOWERS.

At the annual dinner of the Society of Somerset Folk, held in Bristol, Canon J. O. Hannay, the novelist Rector of Wells, spoke of the glory of the bells of Somerset in the following beautiful phrases:—

'Of all the delights I have experienced since I came to Somerset, there is none which has given me so much keen and exquisite pleasure as the ringing of bells in the towers of our churches.

'I know of no sweeter sound on a summer's day than the bells.

'In winter time, when fumbling along lanes in the darkness, suddenly the air grows glad with the great ringing of these bells with their Christmas message coming through the winter night.

'Far off, in the grey tower, you see the glimmering light through the narrow window where the ringers are.

'These bells—these towers—

'Have you anything in your county more glorious—more beautiful than these?'

REMINISCENCES OF BIRMINGHAM RINGERS.

TOM MILLER'S RECOLLECTIONS.

On Monday, February 9th, the ringers and campanological friends of the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad's, Birmingham, spent a very happy evening as the guests of Canon Roskell at the Bishop's house. The Canon carved the boiled beef with a masterly hand, and upon the word 'go' knives and forks were busily engaged in supplying the needs of the 'inner man.' The chief guest was, of course, Mr. Thomas Miller, who has been a ringer at this tower for over 53 years. Looking round him, at the theological books in the library, Tom remarked that St. Paul must have been a very clever man, but he (Tom) doubted if he had ever heard a decent course-end in his life.

Mr. Miller said that since the death of his wife his domestic duties had kept him away from Sunday ringing, and this compelled him to resign the office of towerkeeper. Then he told us in his inimitable manner some interesting yarns of old Birmingham ringers. He told the company how John Banister came from London, and, after listening to a peal being rung at St. Philip's (now the Cathedral) told the band exactly where the conductor had 'cooked' it.

John Banister, said Mr. Miller, was a man with a magnetic personality, who declared that the best ten years of his life were spent in Birmingham. To prove that his memory is still as retentive as ever, Mr. Miller went on to say that John Banister died on August 10th, 1880, and was buried on the 15th at Wotton Cemetery—grave number 49721.

He referred to William Chattell, well known as 'Billy the Baker,' and the ringers of the old St. Philip's Society, then known as 'the Forty Thieves.' This is Chattell's description of St. Philip's bells:—

'The tenor is a good bell, the ninth is cracked, the eighth is out of the peal, the seventh is a "tub," the sixth is flat, the fifth is a "blarney," the fourth is "false-gaited," the third is "muddled," the second has no cannons, and the treble is a "makeshift."'

Unfortunately, they are still the same, and show no signs of improving with age.

Someone must persuade 'Old Tom' to write his reminiscences; they will make interesting reading.

G. E. F.

THE LATE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

BY CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

While travelling to Tewkesbury by train for the funeral of my old friend, I ventured to put a few notes on paper recalling memories of my oldest and earliest ringing friend, tried and proved, and never once found wanting—the Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies, M.A., F.R.A.S.

Coming up to Oxford in 1876 as a scholar of Pembroke College from his beloved Tewkesbury, where his father was Vicar, we first met in the Rose Lane Schoolroom, where the University Society of Change Ringers was wont to gather for handbell practice weekly. From that day, nearly 55 years ago, a close and intimate friendship has existed between us. Having learnt the art at Tewkesbury, and adding to his knowledge in the belfry at Cheltenham, where his schooldays were passed, he proved a most valuable recruit to the University Society; soon leading its members through Doubles and Minor, on to Triples, he was quickly able to steer them through the first peal rung by the society, with never a bad blow in it. F. A. Milne, W. C. H. Burne, H. A. Cockey and W. Saltren-Willett were contemporaries of C. D. P. Davies, joined in the next two years by A. B. Perceval, F. A. H. Du Boulay, C. C. Child and J. F. Hastings—all ringers of repute, though the names of some may be forgotten. Seven of these took Holy Orders, and did good work wherever they were, Davies himself being Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, an honour repeated in the jubilee year to his great satisfaction.

On taking Holy Orders, our friend (I say 'our friend,' for I am sure he never made an enemy) served as curate at Whitchurch (Salop), Claceley and Redmarley (Glos), Ringmer (Sussex), becoming later Rector of East and West Marden—where a family of two sons and two daughters were born—Fretherne (Glos) and Deane (Hants), where he restored the ring of five bells and added a treble in memory of a beloved grandson, then living with him, the parents being in the Straits Settlements. He conducted the first 720 on the bells at their dedication.

A serious operation, from which he never wholly recovered, compelled him to resign the living and retire to Kemerton, near Tewkesbury, where he had always desired to end his days, and, if possible, to be laid to rest under the shadow of the grand old Norman fane, which was dear to him from boyhood.

Here at Kemerton, though leading a semi-invalid life, and largely dependent on others to take him out in a bath chair, his main delight was to welcome his numerous friends and spend his hours in writing on matters pertaining to ringing, and in reading and study, for his mind never lost its acumen. A great pleasure came to him when invited to preach in the Abbey on the occasion of the jubilee of its restoration—begun by his venerable father and finished by his successor, the late Archdeacon Robeson. With assistance he mounted the pulpit and delivered his sermon seated on a chair. None the worse for his effort, he looked back to it with supreme satisfaction as a crowning event in his life.

During one of Canon Wigram's ringing tours in Herts our friend read a letter to us at breakfast, received from Jasper Snowdon, complaining of a cold in the head; in the afternoon a telegram, 'Jasper is dead,' caused the evening peal at All Saints', Hertford, to be rung muffled to his memory. An instinctive feeling came over some of us that Jasper's mantle was destined to fall on our friend. The future did not belie our expectations, for works on Grandsire and Stedman were in due course to make their appearance, with others of great interest, written or edited, all showing a master mind, including numerous letters and articles to the ringing Press.

For many years he was ringing editor of 'Church Bells.' On the death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer, secretary of the Central Council, who so fitted as our friend to succeed him in that important post? For 19 years he carried on the duties of secretary to the greatest satisfaction of the members, and not least the president, Sir A. P. Heywood, whose sole comment was, 'I have nothing to do but preside; Davies arranges everything.' No wonder the Council gave tangible proof of their appreciation of gratitude on his retirement from office.

A born mathematician and scientist, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society at the early age of 33, and later occupied the proud position of president of the British Astronomical Society, an honour highly prized by him. Visits to Spain and other countries to observe total eclipses of the sun took him from time to time from an occupation in which he excelled—the grinding and polishing of telescopic lenses—a difficult work, not often undertaken by amateurs.

Of his home life there is no need to write (for some it would be an impertinence to do it). Enough to say that all who came into contact with it could not fail to be influenced for good—father, mother, sons, daughters and grandchildren, all bound together in one perfect bond of love. Not a few felt the inspiration of that beautiful home of family life, lived 'in the very bond of peace and of all virtues.'

Of late the regular weekly visits of the Rev. E. G. Benson, curate of Tewkesbury, and member of the Cambridge University Guild, were a source of unbounded pleasure. With his help, all ringing

literature in the house was newly got together and arranged; much done in the way of tabulating, etc. Nor did these visits cease till a few hours before death, when Mr. Benson took him the Reserved Sacrament from the Abbey to the Cheltenham Nursing Home—his last communion on earth.

His last homecoming to the Abbey—the stately ceremonial of the Requiem, the beautiful singing of the Abbey choir, with the lovely solo from Schubert's Litany, sung by his son, 'because his father would have wished it'—not only reverberated among the massive Norman columns, but filled all hearts—and there were many—with a sense of triumph rather than of sorrow; of gladness rather than gloom. The committal was taken by his oldest friend of Oxford days—and of every day since—in the cloister garth, hard by the south-east corner of the Abbey, whose services and fabric were the ruling and dominant passion of his life.

And so we left him in God's safe keeping, with the sound of the handbells over his open grave, and the majestic notes of the muffled bells in the tower, as the grave closed over one 'true and just in all his dealings'—one that did good in his generation among his fellow-men, and not least among those he loved as fellow-members in the great ringing fraternity. R.I.P.

THE FUNERAL.

INTERMENT AT TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

The funeral of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies at Tewkesbury Abbey was a deeply impressive one, and the large and representative assembly was a testimony to the love and esteem in which he was held. While the mourners were assembling, the Abbey organist (Capt. P. Baker, M.C., F.R.C.O.), played Coleridge-Taylor's 'Lament' and 'The Sorrow Song' by Rowley. The Abbey choir attended, and the cortege was met at the north porch of the Abbey by the Vicar of Tewkesbury (Rev. E. P. Gough), the Abbey curate (Rev. E. G. Benson), and the Rector of Ashchurch (Rev. C. M. Napier Sharpe), the other robed clergy being the Revs. J. A. B. Mercier (Rector of Kemerton), Canon W. Lea and Rev. J. H. T. O'Connor (Vicar and curate of Overbury), and Canon G. F. Coleridge.

Full choral Eucharist was conducted by the Abbey clergy, the hymns being 'Praise to the Holiest in the height,' 'The King of Love my Shepherd is,' and 'For all the Saints.' Towards the close of the communion service, Lieut.-Commander J. D. R. Davies sang Schubert's 'Litany.'

Mr. Davies was interred in the Abbey Cloister Garth on the south side of the edifice, the committal being read by Canon G. F. Coleridge.

The family mourners were Mrs. C. D. P. Davies (widow), Mrs. F. W. Cole, of Benson (daughter), Lieut.-Commander J. D. R. Davies, of Guildford (son), Major F. W. Cole (son-in-law), Mrs. J. D. P. Davies (daughter-in-law), and Mrs. Hancock (cousin).

Among the large congregation were representatives of the parish of Fretherne, where Mr. Davies was Vicar for 16 years, and of other parishes where he had been priest; the Royal Astronomical Society and the British Astronomical Association were represented, and among the ringers present were Rev. R. H. Whitford (Bristol), Messrs. W. A. Cave (acting hon. secretary of the Central Council), W. Yeend (hon. secretary, Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), W. Dyson (chairman, Tewkesbury Branch), A. Wright (hon. secretary, Stroud Branch), J. Austin (Gloucester), etc.

Three of the bearers were Tewkesbury bellringers (Messrs. E. and H. Deveraux and H. Fellowes), the fourth being Mr. Davies' gardener (Mr. Hall).

At the conclusion of the interment, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung over the grave by Messrs. J. Austin, A. Wright, W. A. Cave and Rev. R. H. Whitford.

A muffled peal was rung on the Abbey bells in the afternoon.

Among the beautiful tributes sent were wreaths from 'The Central Council of Church Bellringers'; 'in memory of our vice-president, Tewkesbury Abbey bellringers'; 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers, in memory of our founder, vice-president and Master for 15 years intermittently'; 'Members and Council of the British Astronomical Association'; and Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bellringers (Cheltenham Branch).

A number of peals, recorded in their proper place, were rung muffled in memory of one who did so much for the science and art of ringing, while at many places where peals were not possible, muffled touches were rung.

A muffled peal at Tewkesbury Abbey was unfortunately lost after 1 hr. 40 mins.

Officials of the Gloucester and Bristol Association resident in Bristol attempted a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Ambrose's Church, a change course after 1,344 changes excellently struck ending the attempt: Edgar Guise (hon. secretary) 1, F. G. Leaker (adviser) 2, P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer) 3, J. G. Jeffries (committeé), 4, W. Knight (hon. secretary, St. Stephen's) 5, L. Gale (Portishead) 6, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 7, F. Skidmore (chairman of Bristol Branch and pro-vice-chairman of Bristol United Ringing Guilds) 8.

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A GROUP OF PIONEERS.

This group, from a photograph taken in 1878 at Huntsham Court, Devon, is of particular interest at the present moment.



Standing in the back row are: Mr. G. H. Phillott, of Cheltenham, who, with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, founded the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association in 1878; Mr. C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham Court, the author of the well-known text book on change ringing; and Jasper W. Snowdon, of Leeds, whose work in connection with publications on ringing matters is so well known that it need not be referred to here. At the time of this photograph he had just been instrumental in forming the Yorkshire Association, of which he was first president.

Seated in the middle row are: The Rev. A. Du Boulay Hill, Master of Winchester College, who in his young days did so much for ringing, and was one of the founders of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in 1879; 'Squire' Leonard Proctor, of Benington fame, whose band of village residents made history in Surprise ringing at the little Hertfordshire Church, where they rang what is believed to be the first true peal of Cambridge Major; Rev. R. H. Dyke Acland Troyte, brother of Mr. C. A. W. Troyte. In front are Mr. C. D. P. Davies (he had not then taken Holy Orders) and Mr. W. P. Fulford, of Exeter.

The ringers were the guests of Mr. C. A. W. Troyte, and it was mainly as the result of this gathering, at which the possibilities of ringing associations were largely discussed, that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Mr. Phillott decided to call a meeting to form the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. It was Mr. Troyte's brother, Mr. J. E. Acland Troyte, who, while at Oxford, established the University Society in 1872.

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Muffled ringing also took place at Cheltenham Parish Church, where in 1888 the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was one of a band that rang a peal of 13,054 Stedman Caters.

On Monday, February 9th, eight members of the local band at Presbury, Glos. rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) with the bells half-muffled, in 40 mins., as a last token of respect to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies: W. Newman 1, J. Causon 2, H. Halford 3, W. Rose 4, W. Hale 5, C. Tovey 6, T. Pendry (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. The deceased gentleman on October 14th, 1886, conducted the first peal (Grandsire Triples) on these bells after their restoration and augmentation to eight. This peal was rung by seven clergymen, with the assistance of the late Mr. G. H. Phillott, M.A., who rang the tenor.

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on February 9th, the bells were rung half-muffled by the local members of the Middlesex County Association.

On Tuesday evening, February 10th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, touches of Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Grandsire Caters, concluding with a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, with the bells half-muffled. Those taking part in the ringing were Miss L. Chapman, G. R. Edwards, J. F. Smith, J. Martin, J. Brown, T. W. Gilmore, T. Hammond, E. Counce, G. R. Newton, W. Fisher and L. L. Gray.

At the College Youths' practice at St. Magnus', City, on February 12th, the bells were half-muffled. The 'whole pull and stand' was rung and the De Profundis recited. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies was an old member of the College Youths, and was the 'pioneer' of the ringing of Holt's Original non-conducted at St. Giles' in 1883, the band being made up by Mr. James Pettitt.

At St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, on Thursday, February 12th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: Miss M. E. Romaine 1, C. F. Smith 2, W. A. Romaine 3, L. Harris 4, S. Macey 5, A. Bennett 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8.

At St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday last, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, with half-muffled clappers: G. A. Baker 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, T. Roden 3, T. Smith 4, E. F.

Mitchell 5, F. Brotherton 6, W. H. Lawley 7, H. Boswell 8, W. A. Cooper 9, G. Langley 10.

At Maisemore, Glos, on Sunday, February 15th, with the bells half-muffled, six six-scores of Stedman Doubles and four of Grandsire Doubles (1,200 changes) by the following: B. Etheridge, J. Austin (conductor), W. H. Harris, J. Gough, W. B. Etheridge, E. Nemes and H. Austin (Matlock). It was also rung as a last token of respect to Mrs. Wyburn, mother-in-law of the hon. secretary of the Gloucester Branch of the Diocesan Association, and on the anniversary of the death of Mr. G. L. Brundon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the members of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was held on Saturday, February 14th, at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, and attracted upwards of thirty ringers. The bells were raised shortly after three o'clock, and service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. P. Tinsley, who delivered an interesting address. The company adjourned to the Parish Room adjoining the Vicarage for a substantial tea, provided by the local band.

The Vicar gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and also joined the association as an honorary member. Four new ringing members were made, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist and the ladies who had made such a success of the tea. Further ringing took place until 8.30, several members ringing their first touches in some of the more intricate methods. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise, and some good striking was heard.

Sutton-in-Ashfield tower contains a splendid ring of six bells by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the weight of the tenor being 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F. The back three were added to an existing three in 1921 as part of a war memorial, and recently, through the generosity of a Sutton churchman interested in the bells, the three old bells have been placed on ball bearings, and other minor improvements effected.

Members were present from Blackwell, Mansfield, Mansfield Woodhouse, Morton, Polesley, Ripley, South Normanton, Tibshelf, Worksop and the local band, and the attendance of friends from the Bolsover district was greatly appreciated. This was one of the best meetings held recently.

VARIATION AND TRANSPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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We have seen that after Jasper Snowden's time composers recognised that a peal could be varied in two ways—by beginning at a different lead-end and by reversal. It was a great advance on the older ideas, but it had the result also, that people were inclined to think and argue that if a peal was not related to another in one of these two ways it must be a distinct and original composition.

Much the same thing happened regarding methods. From the time of Fabian Stedman, ringers recognised that there are three variations of Plain Bob—Single, Reverse and Double. William Shipway, who was a thorough, systematic and methodical worker in all that he did, sought to make this a general rule and to apply it to the majority of methods. He also showed that there is a general rule for getting the odd-bell variations of even-bell methods on the Plain Principle—Bob Minor, Reverse Bob Minor, Double Bob Minor, Grand-sire Triples, Reverse Grand-sire Triples and Double Grand-sire Triples are all variations of one method. So, too, are Single, Reverse and Double Norwich Court Major and Caters. And all six variations should be called by the same name. It was not possible to alter the name of a method like Grand-sire, but it was possible in the case of less-known methods, and he did it. The old Nottingham Single became Single Court, the old Court Bob became Double Court. Norwich Court Bob became Double Norwich Court, and a new Single Norwich was supplied; and so on.

The Exercise generally has accepted Shipway's rule, and with one slight exception it has been adopted by the Central Council; and we now divide methods where possible into their Single, Reverse and Double Variations. But, again, people are inclined to think that outside these variations methods are distinct and independent things. It is not so. Methods have variations just as close as these others, and one set actually more important. This Shipway could just as easily have got from Single, Reverse and Double Bob. Every six-bell method (with treble and working bells) has two variations, one with second's at the lead-end and the other with sixth's. And wherever the bells are in natural coursing order at the half lead-end, each of these has two variations, one with first's and the other with fifth's. Some of these variations will not be of any practical value. Some will run round at the first lead-end, and some will have a bell lying in the same position for more than two consecutive blows.

The same rule is true for eight bells or any other number. Thus, Double Oxford is as nearly related to Double Norwich as Single Norwich is, and Hereward and Pershore are equally variations. They are variations not merely constructionally, they are variations for practical ringing purposes. You will find this explained and illustrated in Major Methods.

Those ringers who have practised Norfolk Surprise (and nowadays they are many) will recognise the great similarity between that method and Double Norwich. The work is very similar, the sequence of the work is the same, the calling is the same, the lead-ends and course-ends are the same, and the actual rows are very nearly the same. Let us look and see what the exact relationship between these two is.

A.	B.	C.
12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
	12345678	12346578
	21436587	21435687
24135678	24135678	24136578
42316587	42316587	42315687
	24135678	24135678
	42316587	42316587
24361578	24361578	24361578

A is Double Norwich.

B is the same thing, but with every pair of rows written out twice. You will notice that this gives us a Treble Bob Method, a Surprise Method, except that it has repetition of rows.

In C the fifth and sixth lie still in the first section, and again in the second section, and these Oxford places take away the falseness and give us Norfolk Surprise.

Thus the relationship between Double Norwich and Norfolk is that first each pair of rows is doubled to give the treble a dodging hunt, and then additional shunts are added to take away the repetition of rows.

(To be continued.)

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Peter's Church, Goldhanger, Essex, on Saturday, February 14th, in 1 hr. 2 mins., a date touch (1,931 changes), consisting of 131 Plain Bob, 360 College Exercise and 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: S. J. White 1, B. C. Mann 2, A. Appleton 3, J. B. Buckingham (conductor) 4, J. R. Owen 5, H. B. Gardner 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rector on his return from Ceylon, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 3.

LEWES RINGERS' DINNER.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Members of the Southover (Lewes) Bellringers' Guild, who were joined by many of the church officials and other friends, spent an enjoyable time on Wednesday evening of last week on the occasion of their annual dinner, held at the King's Head Inn, which has long been the 'ringers' house' at Southover, and is well known to scores of visitors. The new Rector of the parish (the Rev. D. G. Matthews) occupied the chair in his capacity as president of the Guild for the first part of the evening, and as he then had to leave for another engagement his place was taken by Mr. W. Townend (a vice-president).

After the loyal toast, Mr. R. Hide proposed 'The presidents and vice-presidents,' and expressed appreciation of the support which the Guild received from these gentlemen.

The Rector, as president, first responded, and said he was very pleased to occupy that position.

Mr. W. Townend also replied, and said they all owed a great debt of gratitude to the bellringers for coming along and ringing the bells Sunday after Sunday (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith submitted the toast of 'The Southover Bellringers' Guild,' and said it was a peculiar pleasure for him to be present. One of the reasons was that when he came to Southover he was coming home. He recalled the time about 35 years ago when the Guild was first founded, and he occupied the office of secretary. Throughout the intervening years the Guild had continued, despite many vicissitudes, and its success had been largely due to the continued work of several stalwarts, particularly Mr. A. J. Turner and Mr. R. J. Dawe. The present Rector was the sixth incumbent of the parish who had been president of the Guild, but while Rectors came and went, Mr. Turner and Mr. Dawe seemed to go on for ever. He wondered if many people realised what it meant to struggle on year after year keeping the ringers together. Disappointments came, and sometimes they were sufficient to make men give up the work altogether. He congratulated the Southover ringers on keeping together so well, and they now had one of the best bands they had had for many years. It only showed what could be done, and he hoped the members would continue to rally round and help in the good work that was being done (applause). He hoped the Guild would go on and flourish.

Mr. C. J. Rugg (secretary), who responded, said he was very pleased to see such a large and representative gathering. He proceeded to give a short resume of the year's work, which, he thought, had been fairly satisfactory, not so much on account of peal ringing but with regard to what, after all, was their most important work, that of satisfactory Sunday ringing. During the year one member had made 150 attendances, four had made over 140 and nine over 100. He thought that was remarkably good (hear, hear, and applause). Time was when they had difficulty in finding sufficient members present to ring, but during the past year the attendance had been very satisfactory. He would like to especially mention the work of Mr. Dawe (their captain) and Mr. Turner (the vice-captain). It was he who had made 150 attendances (applause). They had rung two quarter-peals, one of which was in honour of the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth's birthday. They were sorry to lose the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, but it was evident that their new Rector intended to give them every encouragement (applause). Continuing, Mr. Rugg said he hoped they would be able to make the members of the congregation a little more 'ringer conscious.' Because their work was done before services started the congregation did not appreciate it like they should do, and it was not even mentioned in their annual report.

Mr. R. J. Dawe next proposed the toast of 'The Sussex County Association.' He said it had been in existence for 46 years, and had done an immense amount of good amongst ringers, as also with regard to the restoration of bells and belfries. It had brought them into closer touch with the clergy. He regretted, however, that the association did not have its full representation on the Central Council. They were entitled to four members, but only elected one, and he very seldom attended. He thought it was a great pity that the association did not join with other similar organisations and take its share in the work of the Council.

Mr. J. T. Rickman, Master of the Sussex County Association, who responded, remarked that, although the association had not put up many sensational records, they had done several things of which they might well be proud. The objects of the association were first the cultivation of the art of scientific ringing, secondly the care of the bells and belfries, and thirdly, the recognition of ringers as church officials. There were three classes of ringers, he continued. The first were certain to be present, the second those who might not be present, and the third those who were almost sure not to be present (laughter). He was very gratified to find that the Southover ringers all belonged to the first class. He saw men present with whom he rang ten, twenty, thirty and even forty years ago, but although they were still able to carry on, they had to look to the younger men in the future.

Mr. H. E. White proposed 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. G. W. Stokes responded.—The concluding toast was that of 'The Hostess.'

Several of the company contributed songs during the evening, and courses of Grand-sire Triples were rung on handbells.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**THE G.O.M. OF BRAINTREE ELECTED HON. LIFE MEMBER.**

The Northern Division of the Essex Association had a most enjoyable meeting at Rayne on Saturday, February 14th, when 31 members, representing 14 towers, were present. This is the first meeting to be held at Rayne since 1924, and it was the first time that several of those present had visited this tower. Ringing commenced at 2.45 with a well-struck touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, followed by touches of Cambridge and London Surprise.

A service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. C. Hutchinson, M.A.), in which he referred to the valuable assistance the ringers gave to the church by ringing the bells and reminding not only those who attended the services, but others who were unable to attend, that it was the time for prayer. Mr. Howard (Master of the Association) read the lesson, and Miss Hawkes kindly officiated at the organ.

An excellent tea was provided at the Old School House, the Rector taking the chair.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. Howard proposed the election of Mr. G. T. Bartram, J.P., C.A., of Braintree, as an hon. life member of the association, and this was unanimously carried. Mr. Howard spoke of the excellent work Mr. Bartram had done for the Church and the ringers. He had completed 50 years of public work, and a peal had been rung at Braintree Church in honour of this unique occasion. To show his appreciation of their kindly thought, he (Mr. Bartram) kindly entertained the band, together with other ringers, to an excellent dinner. He also placed a peal board in the belfry commemorating the peal.

One other ringing member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Kelvedon on May 2nd.

The Master thanked the Rector for the warm welcome he had given them, and he was sure they all appreciated his presence at tea. He also thanked the organist for her services, and the ladies who had prepared the tea. Continuing, Mr. Howard said he must compliment the ringers of Rayne on the condition of their belfry. Everything was spotlessly clean, and it was a great credit to them.—The Rector, in reply, thanked all the ringers, and said he was very pleased to see them there.

Handbells were then brought into prominence, and touches of Grandire Triples, Bob Major and Bob Royal were brought round. Some of the members then paid a visit to Braintree Church, where touches of Cambridge and London Surprise Major were rung.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**THE SUGGESTED QUARTERLY JOINT MEETINGS.**

The monthly meeting was held at Horbury on Saturday, February 14th. The towers represented were Cawthorne, Crofton, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Lindley, Pontefract, Royston, Sandal, Wortley, Wath and the local company.

Ringling commenced early in the afternoon, and continued in various Minor and Major methods until 5.30 p.m., when tea was served in the Co-operative Cafe, after which the business meeting followed. In the absence of the president, Mr. R. Thickett, of Horbury, occupied the chair.

A discussion arose on the suggested joint quarterly meeting of the local associations. Some opposition was raised, but it was finally agreed to give it a trial for two years, providing each district has a meeting in turn, and that that district chooses its tower. There were five towers selected for the shield contest to be voted for at the next meeting, namely, Crofton, Darfield, Cawthorne, Penistone and Horbury.

Royston was selected for next place of meeting. Five new members were elected, and, after the usual vote of thanks, further ringling followed.

THE BELLS OF BURNHAM, BUCKS.

The tower at Burnham, Bucks, has in the past been a happy hunting ground for many peal ringers, and, without a doubt, this will catch the eye of many who can look back with pleasure to their visits to this church.

Time came when the bells became absolutely unringable, and by a superhuman effort on the part of the villagers, sufficient funds were raised to get the bells in peal ringing form again. The job has been completed, and two bands have already attempted peals there. There is still an outstanding debt, and it was thought that by this means it would probably be wiped off. The local ringers have subscribed very liberally, as have all parishioners. Will ringers please help? Donations, however small, will be very gratefully accepted by the Vicar, the Rev. Percy Nott, The Vicarage, Burnham, Bucks.

A HALF PEAL.

At All Saints' Church, Clipston, Northants, on Saturday, February 14th, a half-peal of Grandire Doubles (2,520 changes) in 1 hr. 35 mins.: Edwin Bott 1, Fred Maguire 2, George Hollick 3, Ernest Marsh 4, Maurice Wilford (conductor) 5. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. Longest length as conductor, and believed to be the longest length on the bells.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**A CENTRAL RESERVE FUND SUGGESTED.**

About fifty members and friends attended the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Guildford on Saturday. Ringing took place at the Cathedral and St. Nicolas' Churches, and a choral service was held at the former, where, in the unexpected absence of the pre-arranged preacher, the Provost (Canon Kirwan) gave a brief address. He referred to the work being done by the Guild, and said he looked upon the members of the Cathedral band not only as ringers and churchworkers but as his friends. He went on to allude to the forthcoming season of Lent, and pointed to some of its lessons, urging that it should be a period for self-knowledge, self-discipline and self-culture.

The Provost presided at the tea and meeting held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, and was supported by Rev. Sir John Herschel (Rector of West Clandon), Mr. Walter Ryde, K.C. (who is a ringer and now endeavouring to raise funds for a peal of bells at his own church at Grayshott), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general secretary), and Mr. G. Grover (district secretary).

The towers represented were the Cathedral and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Haslemere, West Clandon, Old Woking, Cranleigh, Witley, Wonersh, Chiddingfold, Godalming, Worplesdon, Ewhurst and Shere, while there were visitors from Biddington, Walton, Farnham, Aldershot and Leatherhead.

The following district officers, nominated at the previous meeting, were declared elected: District Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Melville; district secretary, Mr. G. Grover; auditor, Mr. C. Hazelden; hon. member of the executive committee, Mr. S. Marshall. A ballot for two ringing members on the executive committee resulted in the election of Messrs. R. Whittington and S. Petter. The balance sheet, which was adopted and considered very satisfactory, showed receipts amounting to £27 7s. 6d., and, after paying over £9 6s. 9d. to the Guild treasurer, a balance in hand of £14 6s. 7d., as compared with £8 5s. 9d. at the beginning of the year. There were in the district 149 ringing members, against 144 in the previous year, and 25 hon. members against 15.

In his report the Hon. Secretary said that although in some cases as a result of combined practices new life had been put into several hands and new members obtained for the Guild, the position of the district, so far as the support of district meetings was concerned, was about the same as last year. As in previous years, the meetings had been attended by the same small number of loyal members, and he was afraid that his appeal of last year for better support of these meetings had not been answered to any appreciable extent. The increase in ringing members was accounted for by the number of new members who had been enrolled through the efforts of Mr. Whittington in his combined practice area, and the very sincere thanks of the district were due to him in this respect. As against the increase from Mr. Whittington's district, in his own area Albury (8) and Shere (3) had dropped out. The increase in the number of honorary members was almost entirely due to direct action from the quarterdeck (laughter and applause). The Secretary regretted to say that his efforts to stir up interest in the Guild and to promote joint practices in his own area, comprising Albury, Shere, Merrow and Clandon, had failed completely. Albury band refused quite definitely to entertain the idea of combined practices, and, in the words of the captain there, 'There was job enough to get them there on Sundays without worrying about practices.' His efforts at Shere and Merrow had also been without success. What was really wrong with all these towers, the secretary added, was that they each lacked one ringer sufficiently commanding and keen to push the others on. One usually found that where the appointed head ringer had no ambition to make progress he usually took good care that no one else should beat him. With regard to the balance in hand of £14 6s. 7d., he was of the opinion that some part of this might be used to start a central reserve fund for the Guild. He quite expected someone would suggest raiding this balance for teas, but at present that was quite out of the question. In the first place, if this were done the balance would in a few years' time have vanished, and, in the second place, at least two of the other districts in the Guild would, if they attempted to make an allowance for teas, be bankrupt within two years. It was not fair for one district to make an allowance to members unless all the districts could do so, and he did not see that this would ever be done unless the Guild could, out of income from invested funds, finance the districts to some extent. Perhaps that district was in a better position than some of its neighbours, but the time had not yet come when any one of them could rest on its oars. Sometimes, after a few years of smooth running, members of an organisation such as that thought everything was all right, and they need not bother, and slackness began to creep in. They must avoid this danger, and remember that the efforts and support of every member were needed just as much now as they were when the Guild was founded. Let them try to make this, the fourth year of the Guild's existence, the most successful one the district had seen, both in the quality and quantity of the Sunday service ringing, in the number, variety and quality of the peals rung, in the frictionless running of the district, in the spade work and in the attendance at meetings.

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THE LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Lincolnshire District of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday last at Lincoln. The bells of St. Peter at Gowts were kept going in methods from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise during the afternoon and early evening. Afterwards St. Botolph's bells were at the disposal of the ringers.

The service was conducted by Canon Townoe, who gave the Guild a hearty welcome to St. Peter at Gowts. St. Peter's Institute had very kindly been put at the disposal of the branch, and tea had been arranged by the local ladies. These included Mesdames McGuinness, Walden, Freeman and Chester. The ladies, together with several lady ringers, gave most of the tea. After making a moderate charge, the proceeds were handed over to the secretary to be put to the branch funds.

The Vicar, organist and ladies who arranged tea were thanked by the secretary (Mrs. B. Richardson) before the gentlemen adjourned to the belfry or indulged in the ringing of handbells.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by Mrs. J. Bray. The Misses Atkinson and N. Atkinson, of Spalding, F. Humphrey, Folkingham, and M. Taylor, Bassingham, were elected ringing members, and Mesdames Freeman and Chester hon. members.

Surfleet was proposed by Mrs. McGuinness, and seconded by Mrs. East, as the place for the next meeting, and this is to be held as a joint meeting with the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Guild on May 2nd.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHERN BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at St. Andrew's, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 31st, when ringers were present from Bigby, Elsham, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, Ulceby, Thornton Curtis, Mablethorpe, and Mr. Hobson, of Hull. The Vicar, the Rev. T. Russell Warrilow, kindly allowed the use of the bells during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held, at which, in the absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Hedley Burrows, Vicar of St. James', officiated and gave an address.

The tea and business meeting were held in the Church Hall, 29 members sitting down to a good meal provided by Mrs. H. Migay, assisted by ringers' wives and friends.

At the business meeting which followed the president, the Rev. H. T. Parry, presided, and the officers were re-elected.

The secretary's report for the year was presented, and a vote of thanks passed to him. Names of representatives on the district committee should be forwarded to the secretary at once.

The district bell fund accounts were presented by the president and Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, and the collection for the bell fund amounted to 13s.

Places and dates of meetings were chosen as follows: Winterlton, Saturday, April 11th; Caistor, May 16th; Louth, June 13th; Bigby, July 18th; Burton-on-Stather, Thursday, July 30th; Laceby, Saturday, August 15th; Claxby, Thursday, September 10th; Barton-on-Humber, Saturday, October 17th.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. Atkinson and seconded by Mr. J. Kennington to the Vicar for the use of the bells and arranging the service, and for the use of the hall, and to Mr. A. Rushby for presiding at the organ, to the caterer and helpers at the tea, and those who had made the arrangements. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded the president for presiding, who suitably responded.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Fakenham on February 7th. Mr. A. L. Coleman was elected to the chair. Letters of apology were received from Mr. G. Burton, branch chairman, and Mr. W. Clover, a member of committee.

All the existing officers of the branch were re-elected with the exception of Mr. B. Thompson (hon. secretary), and Mr. C. E. Lovett, of Norwich, was elected in his place.

About 25 members attended the meeting, and the bells were kept going during the afternoon to Stedman, Double Norwich, Oxford and Bob Major, also Minor for the beginners, and everyone agreed that the meeting was quite enjoyable and a great success.

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The secretary was congratulated upon his report, which was adopted. The Hon. Treasurer said he was not in favour of a central reserve fund, and suggested that if there were any surplus fund the Guild might print a more detailed annual report.

From the other conveners of combined practices who were present satisfactory reports were received concerning each area.

It was resolved that meetings be held at the following places during the ensuing year: Shere (8), Bramley (6), Womersley (6), Haslemere (10), Pirbright (6), and Godalming (8), the dates to be arranged by the secretary. The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on February 13th, 1932.

All the retiring Guild officers were renominated, and three hon. and one ringing members were elected.

It was resolved to recommend to the annual general meeting of the Guild that a sum of three guineas be given to the Grayshott bell fund.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

NOTICES.

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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) and Bishop Ryder's (8) 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.

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, *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.

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. —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. Annual subscriptions are now due.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

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.—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.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

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. —G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

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. Look your five-bell methods up and turn up in hundreds! — J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

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.—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. — 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. Meeting in belfry after tea. All members and friends welcome.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21st, at St. Luke's, New Cut. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome.—Harry Bennett, Branch Hon. Sec.

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.—F. S. Hawkes, Hon. Sec., Dudge, 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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Good bus service. Turn up in good numbers.—P. C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Stagdsen, Beds.

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

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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashwell.—On Saturday, Feb. 28th, a meeting will be held at Ashwell. This fine peal of six have just been rehung. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made for those who notify not later than Wednesday, 25th. The Rector is very keen to encourage change ringing here, so please make an effort to attend and so help the local band.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the newly formed Hastings and District Ringers' Guild will be held at Battle on Feb. 28th. Tower will be open from 3 p.m. This Guild is formed to take in a radius of 12 miles from Hastings. Subscription: 1s. per annum. New members will be welcomed. Ringing meeting once a month in different towers.—A. E. Amies, Hon. Sec., 4, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.—The peal of 6 bells (Rudhall, 1769), which have been tuned and rehung in a cast-iron frame for eight by Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 3 p.m. Bells available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome. Tea (1s. each) at the Lyon Memorial Hall 5.30. Those intending to be present at tea must notify me without fail by Wednesday, 25th. — E. V. Rodenhurst, Kenstone, Hodnet.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—Quarterly meeting at Fulbourne on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at Six Bells, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessy). Please notify Mr. B. D. Buttress, Balsham Road, Fulbourne, by Feb. 26th.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambs.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch. — Rings at the Pulhams available Saturday, Feb. 28th. Meeting 5 p.m.—Golden, Diss.

DONCASTER DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) ready early. All requiring tea please notify me not later than the 25th inst. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions are now due. Please note change of address.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 22, Hameline Road, Conisborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sappcote on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. A good meeting is requested, all ringers being cordially welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea in the Art Gallery at 5 p.m. at a small charge. Meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Halliwell, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available: Stokes Poges 3 p.m., Slough 7 p.m. Tea can be obtained in Slough if required.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Feb. 28th, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea, by kind permission at the Bishop's College, 1s. each, at 5.15 p.m. Service in church after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) available from about 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Visitors welcomed.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested; important business meeting re annual subscriptions.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. Mark's, Dalston, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5, followed by tea at usual terms, and business meeting. All requiring tea must advise me by March 4th. Members and friends welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 112th anniversary of these bells will be held on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. at the Thatched Tavern. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ashby de la Zouch on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, 1, Avenue Road, Ashby, by 5th inst. at latest. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at this meeting. Now then, Stedman men, roll up and let's have a jolly good meeting.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Give me number for tea by Tuesday, March 3rd.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glamorgan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 11th (D.V.) Will all branch secretaries and members of committee please note this date, and attend if possible? Particulars will be notified later.—R. T. Hibbert, General Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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

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