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## WILLIAM PYE.

By the death of Mr. William Pye there passes the greatest ringer the Exercise has ever known. Judged from every angle of performance, the late Master of the Middlesex Association surpassed anything which ringers of this or any other generation have ever accomplished, and, if he does not hold absolutely every record worth holding in ringing, none will deny that in physical and mental equipment there is nothing which any other ringer could do that he could not have equalled or excelled. In this, that, or the other limited way there may be a few ringers to whom one might point and say, 'There is William Pye's equal,' but of no one man living or dead is it possible to say that in every direction he was as great a ringer as Mr. Pye proved himself to be. There have been 'giants' of the past who, had the art of ringing and the facilities for practising it been in their day as advanced as they are in this century, might perhaps have proved themselves equal to him. That, however, is problematical and need not here be discussed. Suffice it that no one has combined in his ringing career all that has gone to make up William Pye's wonderful record. On all numbers of bells, on any weight of metal, he was a ringer par excellence; in any method or combination of methods he was a conductor with few equals and no superiors. He had rung not only hundreds more peals than any other man, but more tenors than anyone else. To mention but a few of his outstanding achievements, no other man has ever rung Exeter Cathedral 72 cwt. tenor single-handed to a peal; no other man has 'rung the clock round' on a 30 cwt. bell, to say nothing of turning-in the 26 cwt. tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne to Cambridge for the record length of Maximus, which occupied more than eleven and a half hours. He was the first man to conduct a thousand peals, and his ability as a conductor, which stands out pre-eminently in an age of brilliant conductors, was revealed in nothing so much as in the skill which he showed in the series of spliced Surprise Major peals in a progressive number of methods. All bells and all methods came alike to him. Endowed with strength and stamina beyond the average, Mr. Pye applied to ringing a mental calibre which few possess. In a crisis in a peal he was always the least disturbed, and his ability to 'sort things out' was almost uncanny. One had only to see him picking out a tangle in Cambridge Surprise Maximus to realise his genius as a conductor, as distinct from a bob-caller. And yet no ringer was ever more modest over his abilities and achievements than he.

Whatever else may be said of him, and William Pye in his own particular way did much for change ringing,

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he definitely advanced the practical side of the art. His consistent success in Surprise ringing, in days when this class of method was by no means generally practised, was a large factor in popularising it, and it would be difficult to say how many ringers owe their first Surprise peal to him. We have often heard the criticism that ringers of the standing of Mr. Pye are not always ready to help beginners through peals in the simpler methods. That is, speaking generally, a 'libel' on this class of men, but there is another side to the question. A university don would be wasting his time in teaching in an elementary school, if he could employ his talents in a higher sphere of education. In the same way there are men capable of advancing the more difficult kinds of method ringing, who, when there are other ringers able to do the elementary teaching, can better spend their time in promoting the higher standards of the art, especially if they have not time for both. William Pye advanced these higher standards. His example as a ringer and the encouragement which many a man got from ringing peals with him have made Surprise ringing on all numbers of bells something which the many, instead of, as formerly, only the few, aspire to. He was close upon his two thousandth peal when his illness put an end to his ringing career. It is little short of a tragedy that a man, so little past his prime and of so many accomplishments, should have been called from us when so near a goal that has never yet been reached. But William Pye will go down in history as the greatest ringer of his own or any previous generation.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

OHELTFENHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 7
ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3	*FRANK SADLER ... .. 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. 10
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 11
WILLIAM DYER ... .. 6	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM T. PATES.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. William T. Pates.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KRITH HART ... .. Treble	JAMES TOPP ... .. 6
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 8
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 9
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... .. 5	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LINGFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 27, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	LEONARD TIDEY ... 5
ROBERT SWIFT ... 2	NELSON ELLIOTT ... 6
CECIL NICE ... 3	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

* MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 5
† CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2	† FRANCIS KIRK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

\* 100th Surprise peal. † First peal in the method on tower bells.

† First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WALTER PERKINS ... Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON ... 5
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 6
FREDERICK J. TITE ... 3	CHARLES M. WHITNEY ... 7
* LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged for ringers of 4 and 5, who are from Loughborough.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
JOHN WHEADON ... 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7
* GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	HARRY HOVERD ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp

WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... Treble	MISS PAY HOLLOWAY ... 5
CHARLES H. PULLING ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	EDGAR HUMFREY ... 7
ARTHUR BAILEY ... 4	RICHARD A. POST ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN E. METCALFE ... Treble	HARRY J. SANGER ... 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	FREDERICK TARGETT ... 6
* KENNETH FORD ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
* DAVID MACKAY ... 4	† JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal in the method. † 500th peal.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in F.

* KENNETH LEWIS ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in the method.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE OLLIVER ... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL ... 5
STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
KEITH HART ... 3	ROBERT SWIFT ... 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE GOWER ... Treble	CHARLES LOOME ... 5
STANLEY COPLING ... 2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... 6
ROBERT BARBER ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
WILLIAM FLATT ... 4	ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 2	DENIS R. MORRIS ... 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 7
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4	WILLIAM LEWIS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS LINCOLN ... Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... 5
PERCY GREEN ... 2	GEORGE GREEN ... 6
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 4	* HERBERT DEVENISH ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* 50th peal.

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## MITCHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. Treble	ALFRED J. CLAYTON ... .. 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 2	CHARLES POTHECARY ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... .. 3	AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 7
LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... .. 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. W. R. GRIMWOOD  
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## SPELDHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in F.

F. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5
ROBERT J. DAWES ... .. 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 6
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM ... .. 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7
*ROBERT H. VIGOR ... .. 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. W. DURHAM.  
\* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.  
This was Mr. Bennett's 1,300th peal, and was rung on the 46th anniversary of his first peal.

## TADOASTER, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART.	Tenor 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.
H. CLAYTON ... .. Treble	A. DENNISON ... .. 5
F. E. ADDISON ... .. 2	E. LINDLEY ... .. 6
W. HICK ... .. 3	N. BARTON ... .. 7
J. HARRISON ... .. 4	A. BARKER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. E. ADDISON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Clayton. First peal on the bells since they were put on ball bearings. Quickest peal on the bells.

## WARE, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY ... .. Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

## SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL ... .. Treble	HERBERT DAVIES ... .. 5
*EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 2	HARRY BOYCE ... .. 6
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3	*WILLIAM J. CROSS ... .. 7
*GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major for the Guild rung in the diocese. 50th peal as conductor.

## HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 16 cwt. in F.
*JOHN CHARNOCK ... .. Treble	†E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 6
FRED RIGBY ... .. 3	ALFRED BLOSS ... .. 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 4	*WILLIAM KING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 100th peal.

## DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION  
AND LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in F.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 2	FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 3	FRED HODGSON ... .. 7
GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 4	LESLIE W. C. MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
First peal of Superlative on the bells. Fiftieth peal by Mr. W. H. Senior.

## HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt.

*HARRISON SMITH ... .. Treble	*H. RICHARD FRENCH ... .. 5
†MRS. EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 2	†REGINALD BALDOCK ... .. 6
JABEZ WALTER ... .. 3	EDWARD TRENDLELL ... .. 7
FREDERICK R. WELLS ... .. 4	EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal.

## ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation).	Tenor 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.
*VICTOR C. PREECE ... .. Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 6
†GEORGE CORNWALL ... .. 3	ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 4	†WILLIAM T. WATKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. POSTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' ‡ First peal. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 6 and tenor are Sunday service ringers at this church.

## OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 10, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK ... .. Treble	SYDNEY BROWN ... .. 5
JAMES PARR ... .. 2	LEONARD SCHOLES ... .. 6
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... .. 3	*JOHN CLEGG ... .. 7
WILLIE AARON ... .. 4	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal.

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On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FRANK B. YATES ... .. Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 5
†JOHN F. ATKINS ... .. 2	JOHN MARSHALL ... .. 6
*H. JAMES TURNER ... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 4	JOHN NEAL ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of Mr. George Pigott, a service ringer at the above church, who died on March 3rd.

## PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 9, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble	HARRY NICHOLS ... .. 5
JOHN G. AMES ... .. 2	ARTHUR GROUND ... .. 6
*GEORGE SEWELL ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 7
JOHN CURRY ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON

\* First peal on eight bells. This peal was originally arranged as a birthday compliment to the Vicar on February 11th, but owing to a bereavement it had to be postponed. It is the first peal on the bells since they were restored and augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## NAVENBY, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court, two of Kent, two of Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... .. Treble	KENNETH W. MAYER ... .. 4
†GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... .. 2	HAROLD MARCON ... .. 5
CECIL J. MAYER ... .. 3	JOHN WALDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WALDEN.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. Both are members of the new band at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln.

## BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In four methods, viz.: 720 of Woodbine, two 720's of Oxford, one of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*MISS MILLIK FRATHERS ... Treble	THOMAS HORD ... .. 4
*STANLEY NOBES ... .. 2	WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHELDON ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in four methods.

## HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, February 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES ROSE ... .. Treble	KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 4
HERBERT SHREMMING ... .. 2	CHARLES SHREMMING ... .. 5
STANLEY G. MOSE ... .. 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

## COALPIT HEATH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 25, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE BENSON ... .. Treble	DONALD MARSH ... .. 4
CLAUDE GIFFORD ... .. 2	GERALD SMART ... .. 5
LESLIE FRANCOMBE ... .. 3	ALBERT RODMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RODMAN.

First peal by all except the conductor. A. Rodman's first peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

## NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

A. J. DAVIES ... .. Treble	B. DEVONALD ... .. 4
B. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	W. J. THOMAS ... .. 5
D. L. REES ... .. 3	L. H. BOYCE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BOYCE.

## DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DUFF ... .. Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
CHARLES BLACK ... .. 2	WILLIAM NEAL ... .. 5
HARRY GIBBARD ... .. 3	*FRANK TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. TAYLOR.

\* First peal in three methods. First peal as conductor in three methods.

## HITCHAM, BUCKS.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob (methods rung alternately and called differently). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

R. G. TAYLOR (age 13) ... Treble	JOHN E. TAYLOR (age 13) ... 4
*J. D. TAYLOR (age 14) ... 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. 5
GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 3	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First of Minor in more than one method. First peal of Minor by St. Peter's Society.

## BARMING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different callings.

*FREDERICK B. MORRIS ... Treble	*NELSON BOURNE ... .. 4
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 2	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... .. 5
TOM SAUNDERS ... .. 3	LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

## MAISEMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS ... .. 4
TOM WORRALL ... .. 2	CHARLES J. TAYLOR ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 3	CHARLES HODGES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Tom Worrall, who attained his 18th birthday on this day.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's in 32 methods: (1) Allendale, Westminster, Hanley and Milton; (2) Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle and Chester; (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (4) London, Wells and Cuneastre; (5) Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, Annable's London and Netherscale; (6) Hexham, Surfleet, York, Durham, Berwick and Beverley; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne.

JAMES WAGBORN, SEN. ... .. 2	ANDREW MARSHALL ... .. 4
THOMAS FULLER ... .. 2	JAMES WAGBORN, JUN. ... .. 5
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 3	JAMES BASSETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

The greatest number of Surprise methods that can be rung in seven complete 720's. 100th peal of Minor by A. Relfe.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD A. SOWMAN ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN A. GIBSON ... .. 3
E. AUBREY BURCH ... .. 2	MALCOLM E. BACON ... .. 4
FRANCIS R. DRACON ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by F. R. DRACON.

First peal as conductor. First peal and first attempt for all except the conductor. Also first peal ever rung by the village band.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent of Double Oxford Bob, and two extents each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*REGINALD W. WORRALL ... .. Treble	†JOSEPH LITTLER ... .. 4
ALBERT H. BOOTH ... .. 2	HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 5
HARRY PARKER ... .. 3	CECIL RADDOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Howard and Kenneth Parker, son of the conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... .. 1-2	*GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5-6
FRANK LORD ... .. 3-4	JACK BRAY ... .. 7-8
*ERNEST BRITAIN ... .. 9-10	

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal of Caters.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 24, 1935, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

IN THE SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;**

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 1-2	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 5-6
WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL MASONIC JUNIOR SCHOOL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 3-4	JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Witness—Charles W. Taylor.

**RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.**

COMPETITIONS SUGGESTED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am very pleased to see that of the various subjects which have been discussed in your columns during your absence, the first which you have singled out for comment is that of raising and falling in peal. I was born and bred in North Devon, that stronghold of call-change ringing, where any other method of getting the bells up or down is unknown. I cannot imagine what my old friends there would think of the practice, all too prevalent elsewhere, of leaving the bells up—with the exception, perhaps, of those on which the clock strikes—from one year's end to the other.

My first experience of ringing outside the county was at one of London's more famous places of worship. My brother and I entered the building while the bells were being rung for service, and I shall never forget our surprise and bewilderment when they were lowered in twos and threes. If such a thing had happened at our village church at home the whole parish would have been in an uproar for months afterwards. It would appear that the London ringers have improved very little in this respect during the last 150 years, for the authors of the 'Clavis,' after giving the finest instructions for raising and falling which I have yet come across, say that, 'Melodious as it is, the adepts of the art in this city of London, very seldom choosing to put themselves to the pains of it, is now chiefly practised by the country gentlemen, for whose benefit we have introduced the subject.'

The reason for the maintenance of the high standard of striking generally, and of raising and falling in particular, which obtains in North Devon is not far to seek. Competitions are periodically held, in which each band is required to raise the bells in peal, ring call changes for ten minutes or so, and then lower in peal. I am well aware that the word 'Competition' is anathema to most change ringers, particularly, it would appear, to those in Cornwall, where, I am sorry to learn, money prizes are still given. But, as is only to be expected, they do these much better in Devon, where the only reward is a certificate. The first prize certificate is handed framed to the winning band for the adornment of their ringing chamber, whilst the remainder—there may be as many as ten—are unframed, it being left to the other bands to decide whether their position in the prize list justifies the hanging of their certificates on their belfry walls. These competitions are held in the friendliest spirit, and ringers from a wide area are thus enabled to listen to the very best striking which that part of the country can produce, and they go home fired with ambition to come and do better next time.

It is surely high time that the Exercise should give serious consideration to the question of the reintroduction of competitions. (Is not one of the most prized possessions of the Ancient Society of College Youths a cup won at Sonning in 1783?) If, instead of holding so many meetings, where a good rise or fall is seldom heard, and first-class striking never, a few competitions were organised, the present deplorable state of affairs would rapidly give place to a better.

E. J. TAYLOR.

Newbury.

**OLD SCHOLARS CELEBRATE SCHOOL CENTENARY.**

On Sunday, February 24th, at St. James' Parish Church, Poole, Dorset, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. P. Davis 1, \*R. Hurst 2, V. G. Stock 3, J. I. Davis 4, A. C. Rose (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. G. Young 6, E. B. Hampton 7, \*R. Wills 8. \* First quarter-peal.

Rung on the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Poole National School, a parade of the old scholars being held at the same church in the morning. All the ringers of this quarter-peal were educated at the Poole National School.

**WEDDING BELLS**

At Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, on February 20th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. H. Barneby, of the K.S.L.I., to Miss E. G. Heywood, elder daughter of Col. G. B. Heywood, J.P., Caradoc Court, Ross-on-Wye, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. H. Winney 1, W. T. Peston (conductor) 2, G. Cornwall 3, V. C. Preece 4, W. Colwell 5, J. J. Webb 6, R. E. Summers 7, W. T. Watkins 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church except the ringer of the 7th. First quarter-peal 'inside' on eight bells for ringers of 3 and 4. First away from tenor for ringer of treble and first quarter-peal for No. 8.

**A NEW CANTERBURY RECTOR.**

On Friday, February 15th, at St. Alphege Church, Canterbury, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 300 of Plain Bob: \*R. Baldock 1, \*R. Maile 2, H. Parkes 3, E. E. Trendell 4, H. R. French 5, F. G. Brett (conductor) 6. \* First quarter-peal of Minor.

Rung to welcome the Rev. W. H. Hodges, M.A., after his institution by the Archbishop of Canterbury and his induction by the Ven. Archdeacon of Canterbury as Rector of St. Alphege with St. Margaret.

**DEATH OF CHISLEHURST RINGERS.****THREE PASS AWAY IN FIVE DAYS.**

Three ringers associated with St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst, have died within five days. Mr. Richard Hims passed away on February 25th; Mr. Robert Brett Smith died on March 1st; Mr. Harry Durling was called to his rest on March 3rd.

Mr. Robert Brett Smith was taken ill in November, and was hurriedly removed to St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, where an operation was performed. This only temporarily relieved him, however, and he passed peacefully away on March 1st.

A native of Stanstead, Suffolk, his early ringing was done with the late Samuel Slater and Charles Scillitoe. Reared in such a school, he always proved to be a good striker and ringer of Major methods. He went to Chislehurst 35 years ago, and joined the St. Nicholas' Guild 32 years ago, and from that time on was always a very regular man for Sunday ringing and practice. He was 64 years of age and brought up a family of eleven children, most of whom he taught to ring handbells. Two sons and one daughter are members of St. Nicholas' Guild.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, March 6th, the interment being at the Church of the Annunciation. The following ringers met the cortege at the lych gate: Messrs. C. F. Winney (St. Paul's), W. J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford), P. Spice and A. James (SS. Peter and Paul) and J. Lyddiard (St. Luke's, Bromley), H. Hoskins (Greenwich), T. Groombridge, jun. (Crayford), F. Groombridge (Whitstable), Miss O. Ford and Messrs. J. Larter and T. Groombridge (St. Nicholas'). After the committal and before the Benediction the whole pull and stand and a course of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells over the grave: O. F. Winney 1-2, F. Groombridge 3-4, T. Groombridge, jun. 5-6, T. Groombridge 7-8. These four represented two societies of which the deceased was a member—the Kent County and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Richard Hims died at the age of 68. He went to Chislehurst from Thame, Oxfordshire, 40 years ago, and for about 12 years was a very enthusiastic ringer, but for some reason he gave it up. He was at one time a member of the St. Nicholas' Guild, the Kent County and the Ancient Society of College Youths. He was buried on Saturday, March 2nd, in the Annunciation Churchyard.

Harry Durling, who passed away at the age of 66, went back to reside in Chislehurst in 1903, soon after the death of his father (the late Thomas Durling). He joined the St. Nicholas' Guild and for several years carried out the duties of secretary. Owing to ill-health and by doctor's orders, he gave up ringing about four years ago. He was laid to rest in St. Nicholas' Churchyard on Friday, March 8th.

**THE AUTHOR OF PARKER'S 12-PART.****VETERAN COMPOSER'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.**

Once again a score or more of ringing friends, old and young, gathered at Farnham Royal on March 7th to ring 'many happy returns' to that grand old man of the Exercise, Mr. J. J. Parker, on his 82nd birthday anniversary. Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent and London were well and truly rung.

Mr. W. H. Fussell made a short speech, Mr. Parker replying, thanking the company for their attendance and good wishes, but hinting that 'Anno Domini' was doing its work.

The latter is hard to believe, because Mr. Parker still tends his own bells, teaches beginners (he has just got some more), and still continues his researches into the mysteries of composition in a certain method. It is hoped that these efforts will soon be crowned with success.

**FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.**

For Sunday evening service on March 3rd, at St. Giles', Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: F. R. L. Blewer 1, Miss H. F. Mills 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, C. O. Moore 4, C. Sharples (first quarter Stedman Caters) 5, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 6, G. H. Grainger 7, F. E. Hawthorne 8, E. J. King 9, H. H. Peters 10.

At the Parish Church, Idle, Yorks, on Sunday, March 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,260 changes): M. Ryder (first quarter in method) 1, F. Davison 2, T. King (Shipley) 3, R. Umpleby 4, T. Hill 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, H. Davison (conductor) 8.

At Barking, Essex, on Sunday, March 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Worboys (first quarter-peal) 1, C. E. Faulkner 2, A. Vesey 3, S. J. Holgate 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, P. C. Willmington 6, E. G. Cottis (conductor) 7, C. Fenn 8.—On Sunday, March 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): C. Fenn (conductor) 1, R. Fenn 2, S. J. Holgate 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, E. G. Cottis 5, C. E. Faulkner 6, P. C. Willmington 7, E. G. Moore 8.

At Maperton, Somerset, on Saturday, February 16th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Doubles: E. G. L. Coward 1, \*J. Gray 2, \*E. Barrington 3, E. T. P. Field 4, P. N. G. Rainey (conductor) 5, \*W. J. Gosney 6. \* First quarter of Stedman Doubles. First quarter of Stedman as conductor.

At St. Mary's Church, Southampton, Hants, previous to a special musical service, on Monday, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. C. H. Connolly 1, R. Curtis 2, T. W. Thirkell 3, A. Butler 4, F. Mursell 5, George Williams 6, J. Faithfull (conductor) 7, N. Curtis 8. This was the first quarter-peal of Stedman for ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Two well-known Worcestershire rings of eight, Netherton and Stourbridge, which churches are only about four miles apart, are 'on the list' for restoration by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The cost of the restoration at Stourbridge will be defrayed by an anonymous donor.

A batch of Northamptonshire bell restorations are also in hand or will be shortly executed by the Loughborough Foundry, viz., the rings of eight at All Saints', Northampton, and King's Sutton. The latter church possesses a most beautiful spire. The peal of six in the Saxon tower of Earls Barton is being rehung and augmented to eight, and the five at Piddington rehung and augmented to six. The five at Alderton are being rehung.

Another first peal by a local band is recorded this week, four of the ringers ringing their first peal at the first attempt, and the other his first peal as conductor. Congratulations to this Kirkby Mallory company.

Mr. Frank Cooke rang his first peal and called it, at Selston, Notts. It was four 720's of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. A fine achievement.

The curfew at St. Peter's Church, Shaftesbury, is rung every night by a woman, Miss Rose Hillier, who, having succeeded to her father's watch and clock business, which she first entered during the war, is now also official winder and repairer of many public clocks in the district.

Mr. William T. Pates, the Cheltenham veteran, took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday in celebration of his 82nd birthday. He has the good wishes of the Exercise that he may long have good health and be able to ring on his beloved bells.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild expect to get a record number of visitors to their annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, March 30th. The attraction may not be the meeting itself, but what is to follow—the Australian 'movies'; Producer, Mr. Rupert Richardson; Talkies by members of the Tour. Precautions will be taken against 'gate crashing' at tea, so that those who want a meal before a long entertainment should read the notice in another column.

Mr. Albert Relfe, of Lamberhurst, Kent, who called the peal of Spliced Minor in 32 Surprise methods on March 2nd, has now rung 100 peals of Minor, of which he has conducted 67. They include one in eight methods, one in eleven, one in thirteen and one in fourteen methods, two in fourteen Surprise methods, one in 21, one in 26 and one in 32 Surprise methods.

Congratulations are extended to the band at Coalpit Heath, who on February 25th scored a peal of Bob Minor in which five of them rang their first peal, and the sixth his first as conductor.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you please permit me publicly to thank all those English friends who made generous gifts of ringing books, etc., which were taken out last autumn to Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. Brief reference to these gifts was made in the report of the tour by our Editor—written sometimes under trying conditions—which I am now able to complete. These works were handed out to five cathedral societies and six parish church companies, and were highly appreciated by all the members respectively.

My thanks are also due to these same friends for their kindly wishes for the success of the tour. The subscribers will be pleased to hear that the rough deal box and its contents escaped excess baggage charges and was excused Customs Duty, although its value was estimated at £10. From the time it left my home I never saw this box again until we reached Australia.

Slough.

W. H. FUSSELL.

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## DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM PYE. CLOSE OF A GREAT RINGING CAREER.

### A Man of Many Records.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. William Pye, who, although he had been ill for some months, passed away with unexpected suddenness last Friday evening.

By his death the Exercise loses one of the most wonderful men that ever pulled a bell rope. In actual ringing feats he had surpassed anything done by any other ringer, whether in the number of peals rung, the weight of metal handled, or in the aggregate of the peals he had conducted. Physically and mentally endowed with a stamina and skill which enabled him to stand out as a giant among men, he had made more "records," if thus they can be termed, than any other ringer, and in examining the statistics of his performances one can pick out almost endless achievements in which he stands alone.

This is, however, but one side of William Pye as a ringer. Although it was through his peal ringing that he came most under the public eye, he did much unobtrusive work for the benefit of the art. He may have left the peal ringing in elementary methods mostly to others, but all his leisure was devoted to ringing, and through his aid many a man has been helped up the campanological ladder. His efforts stimulated the interest and aspirations of others, and his abilities have unquestionably helped innumerable ringers to the higher standards of method ringing.

A finer heavy bell ringer never lived. He was prepared to tackle anything that would turn in a bell frame, and his placing of a bell, whatever its size, was a marvel of exactness. He was not what one would call generously built in point of physique, but got his power from a body which seemed little but muscle and sinew, and for the many 'rough' jobs which he undertook he was blessed with hands of iron. He was the only man who ever rang Exeter Cathedral 72 cwt. tenor single-handed to a peal, but one of his greatest performances was at Worcester Cathedral, when he turned in the 48 cwt. tenor to a peal of Cambridge Maximus. He admitted, as he sat down afterwards, that he had had a gruelling, and then an inspection revealed that the bell was loose on the stock! His ringing of the tenor at Ashton-under-Lyne for the 15,312 Maximus record, and which took 11 hours 33 minutes, was a truly remarkable achievement, and greater even, as a feat of physical endurance or mental application, than the calling of the 18,027 Stedman Caters from the 30 cwt. tenor at Loughborough, which was the then record for a single-handed peal length.

Mr. Pye, who was born at Chadwell Heath, Essex, on August 11th, 1870, and was thus 64 years of age, learned something of change ringing very early in life. In 1881 he rang a 720 of Minor on handbells, and his tower bell ringing began in the following year on the peal of five at Little Heath. It was not until 1888 that he did any ringing on eight bells, and many a weary mile he tramped in those days to get a pull. He rang his first peal at Brentwood on October 6th, 1889. That was a peal of Grandsire Triples. It was nearly a year before he rang another, which he called, and it was not until 1893 that he really began peal ringing in earnest.

Since that time he has made history, in much of which his brothers Ernest (up to his death) and Bob shared. He had travelled the British Isles widely, had rung peals in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and conducted a peal on every date in the year. Once he conducted four Surprise peals in a day (the only time four peals have been rung in one day)—Bristol at Egham, London at Chertsey, Cambridge at Staines and Superlative at Old Windsor. Five times he rang three peals in a day, and the occasions when he brought off the double event must run to hundreds. His peals, which number 1,968 in all, of which he conducted no fewer than 1,427, far exceed the total of any other ringer. These peals were rung in 521 towers, in 51 counties and with 1,036 ringers.



MR. WILLIAM PYE.

The principal performances in all this wonderful record are catalogued below, and an examination of the details will reveal something of what this 45 years of peal ringing has resulted in. For instance, on tower bells, 82 peals of Surprise Maximus, of which he conducted 56; yet he never called a peal of Bob Major. Two hundred and seventy-one peals of London Surprise Major and 938 Surprise Major peals altogether, including 31 spliced peals in all numbers of methods from three to twelve, of which he called all but one. Altogether he rang 1,111 peals in Surprise methods in the tower, of which he conducted 821. His handbell peals form an equally wonderful list, including as they do 19 in four different Surprise methods, of which he conducted 14. He was the first man to call a peal of London from a pair of handbells.

He had a great knowledge of composition, and, although he did not set himself to become the composer of many peals, he devoted considerable attention to the production of 5,000's of Cambridge on ten and twelve bells at a time when very few existed.

It was in 1898 that Mr. Pye first came in touch with the Middlesex County Association, then a newly-formed society, of which the late Mr. A. T. King was hon. secretary. In 1910, on the death of Mr. John Basden, he was elected Master, and it was on the same day that Mr. C. T. Coles was elected hon. secretary. The collaboration of these two ringers through nearly a quarter of a century has maintained the Middlesex Association in the forefront of ringing organisations. For a time Mr. Pye represented the association on the Central Council.

Apart from his special interest in the Middlesex Association, for which he rang 1,114 peals, of which he conducted 359, he rang many peals for other societies, notably in the Essex Association, in whose area he lived, and the Hertford County Association. He was, in fact, a member of nearly every association and guild in the British Isles.

It was about the middle of last year that his health began to show signs of failing, and one or two ringing incidents gave his friends cause for anxiety. A nervous breakdown followed, and although he spent a week-end at Surfleet in September and rang three peals, in which he showed signs of all his old brilliance, and then, after some persuasion, joined in the Cornwall tour later in the month, ringing among other things Truro Cathedral tenor to Cambridge Royal in excellent style, his condition became gradually worse. At the close of the Cornwall tour he called a peal of London at St. Stephen-in-Brannel, near St. Austell, which turned out to be his last peal as conductor, and, after attending the unveiling of the board at Exeter Cathedral recording the peal of Caters to which he had rung the tenor single-handed in 1903, he took part in his last peal of all, Cambridge Major at Heavitree. In December he had a nervous collapse, which necessitated his removal to hospital, and although from time to time hopes were held out of his eventual recovery, he took a serious turn for the worse about a fortnight ago, but his death came suddenly, and before his relatives could reach him. Mr. Pye, who was twice married, leaves a widow and one son, Ernest William, who reside at 74, Cecil Road, Leytonstone, to mourn their loss, and the sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to them and to the other members of the family.

Thus passes a man of unique standing, one whose like we of this generation may not see again. He was a master of our art, a Colossus in achievement. May he rest in peace.

### FUNERAL TO-MORROW.

The funeral will take place at Aldborough Church, near Newbury Park, Ilford, at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The church is ten minutes' walk from Newbury Park Station, L. and N.E.R., and from Aldborough Lane. Trains from Liverpool Street to Newbury Park 9.40 and 10.6, but the latter does not leave much time. Buses from Green Man, Leytonstone, to Aldborough Lane, Nos. 66 and 72, frequent service. Trains to Leytonstone from Liverpool Street, 9.36 and 9.48.

### 'THE GREATEST EVER.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I cannot refrain from writing you regarding the tremendous loss the Exercise has sustained in the passing of so great a figure as William Pye. Scarcely could I express half the surge of emotions which assail me as I contemplate the gap in our ranks created by his departure.

Some there are who have been associated with him throughout the whole of his illustrious ringing career, whereas I was only to have the privilege of being associated, in a humble way, with some of his ringing activities during the last 16 years. I cannot, however, adequately express my own sense of personal loss, and must content myself with joining the whole ringing fraternity in tendering to Mrs. Pye, her son and the Pye family our very real sympathy in their sad loss. Those of us who knew William Pye in his happy domestic life can the better appreciate the extent of their bereavement.

When one tries to speak of his sheer ability and genius as a ringer and conductor one realises the impossibility of doing justice to his greatness. What a 'general' he was! The soundness of his judgment on any practical ringing issue was uncanny and his theories were invariably justified. He could recognise ringing ability with unerring certainty, and his capacity for getting the best out of any band was amazing.

A man of strong convictions and fearless in voicing his opinions, he was ever ready with appreciation of the achievements of others. Behind a rugged exterior was ever a warm heart, a generous nature and one ever unobtrusively ready with tangible assistance for a friend in need. What an example in modesty was this man! Never a boast was heard from him of all his tremendous ringing achievements, and only on rare occasions could he be induced to speak of them. Indeed, to really know him was to love him.

It may be that in some aspects of ringing William Pye had his peers, but for all-round ringing ability he has stood supreme. I salute his passing as that of the 'greatest ever,' and count it greatest of all my privileges, so far as ringing is concerned, to have done a considerable amount of ringing under his inspiring leadership.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

### MR. PYE'S PEALS.

Appended is the list of peals rung by Mr. W. Pye and some notes about the most outstanding of them:—

Methods	Tower bells Rung Conducted	Handbells Rung Conducted
<b>Maximus:—</b>		
Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise ... ..	2	2a
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	74	55b
Yorkshire Surprise ... ..	1	1
Superlative Surprise ... ..	5	5
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	10	7
<b>Cinquies:—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	1	1
Stedman ... ..	127c	74
<b>Royal:—</b>		
Spliced Cambridge, Pudsey and Yorkshire Surprise ...	1	1d
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	82	61e
New Cambridge Surprise ...	3	3
Middlesex Surprise ... ..	5	5f
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	30	21g
Oxford Treble Bob ... ..	3	1
<b>Caters:—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	5	3
Stedman ... ..	183	128h
<b>Major:—</b>		
Spliced Surprise 12 methods	1	1
Spliced Surprise 11 methods	1	1
Spliced Surprise 10 methods	1	1
Spliced Surprise 9 methods	1	1
Spliced Surprise 8 methods	1	1
Spliced Surprise 7 methods	1	1
Spliced Surprise 6 methods	1	1
Spliced Surprise 5 methods	3	3
Spliced Surprise 4 methods	20	19
Spliced Surprise 3 methods	1	1
Cambridge Surprise ... ..	110	87
New Cambridge Surprise ...	23	16
New Cumberland Surprise ...	1	1
Superlative Surprise ... ..	288	193
Bristol Surprise ... ..	210	155j
London Surprise ... ..	271	222k
Lincolnshire Surprise ... ..	1	1
Londonderry Surprise ... ..	1	1l
Pudsey Surprise ... ..	1	1
Rutland Surprise ... ..	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob ...	79	59m
Double Oxford Bob ... ..	1	1
Kent Treble Bob ... ..	24	17
Oxford Treble Bob ... ..	7	6
Duffield ... ..	1	—
Plain Bob ... ..	4	1
<b>Triples:—</b>		
Grandsire ... ..	12	3
Stedman ... ..	194	148
<b>Minor:—</b>		
Seven methods ... ..	2	—
<b>Totals</b> ... ..	<b>1,794</b>	<b>1,289</b>
	<b>172</b>	<b>138</b>

Total rung, 1,966.

Total conducted, 1,427.

a. Only peals of Spliced Maximus ever rung.

b. Includes 15,312 at Ashton-under-Lyne (twelve-bell record); 7,392 at St. Mary-le-Bow, London (tenor 53 cwt.); 5,280 at Exeter Cathedral (rang tenor 72 cwt. with E. P. Duffield); 5,280 at Worcester Cathedral (tenor 48 cwt.).

c. Includes 11,111 at Birmingham.

d. Only peal of Spliced Surprise Royal rung in three methods.

e. Includes 10,440 at Walthamstow (record).

f. Only peals rung in this method.

g. Includes 10,464 at Erith.

h. Includes 18,027 at Loughborough and the Exeter 'single-handed' peal.

i. Only peals in these numbers of Major methods rung, and includes a 5,760 (nine methods) (record), rung at Willesden.

j. Includes 15,264 at Hornchurch (record).

k. Includes 14,112 at Kings Norton (record).

l. Only peal rung in this method.

m. Includes 15,072 at Erith.

n. Includes 6,063 (record).

o. Includes one short course peal called from a pair of non-observation bells.

p. Includes one non-conducted.

q. Includes one non-conducted.

### MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S SYMPATHY

The North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Hornsey on Saturday last, was overshadowed by the news of the death of Mr. William Pye, Master of the association, which occurred the previous evening. It was felt that Mr. Pye would wish members to 'carry on,' and so the work of the association was not interfered with.

At the outset of the business meeting, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) referred to the death of the Master, and to his great services for ringing throughout the country, as well as in their own county. Mr. Pye, he said, had undoubtedly done a great deal to raise the standard of ringing—nothing but the best was good enough for him at any time. His long period in office as Master, almost 25 years, had left the association much stronger. Mr. Coles also spoke of the personal wrench after nearly 30 years of intimate friendship.

To show their respect for the deceased, and their sympathy with his relatives, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

This meeting having followed closely upon the annual meeting of the district, there was little business to discuss. Dalston was chosen for the next meeting, on April 6th or 13th, whilst it was announced that the annual general meeting of the association would be held at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on May 4th, on which occasion the Archdeacon of London would preach at the service. The bells at St. Mary-le-Bow would be available for ringing.

The hon. secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. E. S. Duval (Rector), who was present and acted as chairman for the meeting, for the use of the bells and for his address at the service. Mr. Coles said that the Rector had already made the acquaintance of many of their members whilst he was Vicar of All Saints', Fulham, and they in the North and East District were very pleased to meet him at Hornsey. The secretary also thanked the local ringers and the ladies who had prepared tea.—The vote having been carried, the Rector replied, saying that the ringers were very welcome at Hornsey, where they were proud of their bells.

Prior to the meeting, a bright service was held in the new Parish Church of St. Mary, and both before and after the meeting much ringing was done on the six bells in the old tower, now standing quite alone. Many young ringers were amongst the 40 or so who attended during the afternoon and evening. A feature of the meeting was the handbell ringing after tea, courses of Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Double Norwich Major and other methods being rung.

### DEATH OF A MELBOURNE RINGER.

ONE OF THE FIRST STEDMAN BAND IN AUSTRALIA.

On January 24th, a well-known Melbourne change ringer, Mr. Edward O'Shea, died at the age of 61 years. With his brother, the late Matthew O'Shea, Edward—familiarily called 'Ned'—was a member of St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral Society for 41 years, and during the whole of that time was a regular ringer at the Cathedral. The brothers were members of the band who were the first to ring Stedman in Australia, and were both good and careful ringers.

Edward visited the British Isles in 1913 and rung in a few of the towers in London and elsewhere, and was the first Australian born ringer to stand in a touch of Stedman Triples and Caters in England. He had little time to spare for ringing during the visit and stood in no attempts for peals.

Mr. O'Shea was seriously ill at the time of the recent visit of the ringers from England and was unable to attend St. Patrick's Cathedral to meet them. He died from Bright's disease after a long and painful illness. He was interred on January 25th, the funeral being attended by a large number of friends, including a number of his brother ringers.

E. F. B.

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## PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND MRS. A. WALKER.

### SERVICES TO ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

The presentations made to Mr. Albert Walker, in recognition of his 18 years as Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, and to Mrs. Walker for the services which she rendered directly, and indirectly through her husband, were briefly referred to in our last issue in the report of the Henry Johnson Dinner. To Mr. Walker was given a grandfather clock, and Mrs. Walker was presented with a gold wrist watch.

Alderman Pritchett, who made the presentation, said all those who were active members of St. Martin's Guild knew Mr. Walker's achievements and his great qualities, but for the visitors that night, who had not such an intimate knowledge of his merits, he would like to say that Mr. Walker was elected a member of St. Martin's Guild 33 years ago. He served as Ringing Master for 18 years. During that time he became thoroughly well known personally all over England. Chief among his many wonderful performances were 291 peals on twelve bells, which included 100 peals of Stedman Cinques, including one silent, and a non-conducted peal of Cambridge Maximus at St. Martin's. The total number of his peals was 443. He had rendered great service to bellringing by his influence in the B.B.C. in getting church bells broadcast throughout the country. He was an honorary member of the Central Council, and as a lecturer on bellringing was well known in Birmingham. His services to the Guild had been most readily given, and one could not be surprised, after 18 years of such strenuous work, he should seek a little relief. He (the speaker) had Mr. Walker's assurance, however, that his interest in ringing had by no means diminished, but his other duties had become so pressing and important that he had not as much time to devote to ringing. As they knew he held a most important and responsible position with the B.S.A., and had the confidence, admiration and esteem of his employers. The members of St. Martin's Guild were very anxious to show their appreciation of the value of his services to the Guild by offering him a grandfather clock. He had no doubt the clock was warranted to last for ever, if properly wound up every Saturday night (laughter), and it would be a heirloom in the family. In the meantime it would be a standing evidence of the great esteem and respect the members held for him personally and the high appreciation of the splendid services he had rendered to the Guild for many years (applause).

Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett said that in his wife Mr. Walker had had a valued and assiduous helpmeet. Throughout these years it was owing to her encouragement and her tolerance (laughter and applause) that he had been able to render those services which the Guild so greatly appreciated. Mrs. Walker was a lady known to them all, and he would like to mention one eminent trait in her character, and that was her hospitality. Many handbell peals had been rung at Mr. Walker's house, and always afterwards suitable refreshment had been provided (laughter and applause). The memory of this hospitality would long last with those who had had the privilege of sharing in it. The Guild desired to recognise Mrs. Walker's kindness and asked her acceptance of a gold wrist watch. He hoped Mrs. Walker would live many years to be a faithful companion to her husband (applause).

Alderman Pritchett then handed the watch to Mr. Walker, in the absence of his wife, who was temporarily indisposed, and asked Mrs. Walker's acceptance of the gift as a token of their great esteem and affection and of their appreciation of what she had done for the Guild through her husband indirectly and personally herself. He trusted the watch would long continue to be worn by her in memory of St. Martin's Guild (applause). Alderman Pritchett added that on May 6th His Majesty would celebrate his silver jubilee, and to commemorate that occasion certain honours would be conferred. As their Rector was one of the King's Chaplains, any suggestion he might make to His Majesty would probably be carried out, and he (Alderman Pritchett) suggested that he might invite His Majesty to confer some distinction on Mr. Walker (laughter). It would be most appropriate if he would make him an Officer of the British Empire. Many a man had had that distinction who had done less valuable service than Mr. Walker (applause).

### GREAT FUTURE BEFORE THE GUILD.

In acknowledging the gifts, Mr. Walker had an enthusiastic reception. He regretted that Mrs. Walker was not well enough to remain in the room to receive the gift herself, but he knew how greatly she would value it. It always gave her the greatest pleasure to do anything she could for the Guild, but she preferred to remain in the background. He assured the members that he would treasure the clock all his life and that it would be passed on to succeeding generations. It was said, continued Mr. Walker, that he had done 18 years' service as Ringing Master, but he believed he had filled the office from 1804 when he was appointed deputy to Mr. William Short. At that time the Guild were ringing at St. Martin's plain courses, because, with the departure of Mr. Short and Mr. William Barber, they were left without a bob caller. He undertook to look up the calling and they made a start, and it was in 1804 that he had the pleasure of calling a peal of Stedman Cinques for the first time. It was really due to Mrs. Walker that he took up change ringing, for it was in 1896, before they were married, that at Taunton she intro-

duced him to one of the Taunton ringers and he was induced to go up to the tower on a practice night. Mr. Walker told an amusing tale against himself of how on one occasion he asked his wife to pack some food for his tea, as he was going to work overtime, whereas he was really going for a peal in the evening at Deritend Church. When he arrived at the church in the evening his wife met him with a post card to say that the peal was off (loud laughter).

Continuing, Mr. Walker thanked the members for the support they had given him as Ringing Master of St. Martin's. He had, he said, been connected with the church since 1898 and had served under seven Rectors, including their present Rector, and he hoped he would be able to serve under him for many years to come (applause). Although he had given up office, his interest in ringing would not diminish. They had many promising ringers in the Guild, as was shown by the two non-conducted peals that they rang. He could say without blushing that their society was among the foremost ringing societies of the country, and that was not only due to his efforts, but to those who had loyally supported him (applause). There was still a great future before the Guild. He thanked the members for their kind gifts, which his wife and he would always cherish. He thanked the members also for electing him as a vice-president of the Guild. He knew they would wholeheartedly support their new Ringing Master, and he was sure that under him the Guild would go on from strength to strength (applause).

In addition to the toasts reported in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' the Ringing Master (Mr. P. Haynes) proposed 'The Visitors,' and, in referring to the clergy present, said they had in the Rector of Shirley a 'Minor' Canon, for he had only six bells in his church. They had two Majors with them, in the Vicars of Edgbaston and Bishop Ryder's, of whose peals of eight bells they were frequently allowed to make use, and which it was always a pleasure to ring. The Vicar of Solihull could, on that occasion, claim parity with the King and be classed as a Royal visitor. There was now a fine peal of ten bells there. The Vicar of Aston was a potential Maximus man (applause). It was with great pleasure that the members of the Guild read in the columns of 'The Ringing World' that the peal at Aston was to be restored, and he hoped that ringing by St. Martin's Guild would be able to be resumed there as it was carried on for many years in the past. He had heard it whispered, also, that the peal might be increased to twelve, so that numerically the Vicar of Aston would be able to claim equality with their own Rector of St. Martin's (laughter). In welcoming the other visitors, Mr. Haynes said they had come that night from as far as Australia, for they had among them the Editor of 'The Ringing World' and Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, who had returned from their long voyage. Mr. Richardson seemed in no wise to have diminished (laughter). They also welcomed especially Mr. Gabriel Lindoff from Dublin, and the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. E. P. Duffield.

### ASTON BELLS.

The Vicar of Aston, who first responded, said the enforced silence of the bells of Aston had produced considerable evidence of the great affection in which bellringing was held in Aston. The evidence came from very diverse sources and some of it was unexpected. Good bells rung with skill and restraint and a certain amount of consideration for other people still made a unique appeal, in spite of the somewhat jaundiced utterances which occasionally gained publicity. It was a great pleasure to congratulate that Guild on the work it had done in its long and honoured history. The improvement in our church bells and the advancement of the art of ringing were due to such societies as theirs. The Rev. H. McGowan then gave an outline of the history of Aston bells from the days of the 1552 Inventory. The bells had been silent for some time waiting for restoration. When he came to the parish three years ago about £400 had been accumulated towards the cost. Since then they had received some generous gifts, which had made it possible to go forward, and the founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., had given an undertaking that they should be ready by June 29th, St. Peter's Day. They still needed more money to complete the cost, and it would depend upon the response made during the next month as to whether they would be justified in placing an order for two extra bells to make a peal of twelve. The new bells were to be increased in weight, and the tenor was to be 25 cwt. instead of 20 cwt.

Mr. E. P. Duffield also responded, and in regretting the absence of Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was to have replied to the toast, said the Ancient Society of College Youths was particularly gratified that Mr. Lewis had recently accepted office in the society. It was very pleasing, he added, to come to Birmingham to greet their new Ringing Master, and he was very pleased to have been present on an occasion when they had done honour to one who had served their Guild for so many years and who was held in such high esteem in ringing circles in every part of the country. He (Mr. Duffield) had been privileged to be associated with Mr. Walker in ringing a goodly number of peals in many parts of the country, and he hoped he might be spared to take part in others under his able inspiration and leadership. Mr. Duffield said that in Alderman Pritchett the College Youths had the oldest but one of their surviving members, and he, as Master of the Ancient Society, was proud to come there and make his acquaintance and to find him at the age of 80 years still alert and Master of St. Martin's Guild (applause).

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## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION AT RAWMARSH.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, March 2nd, and upwards of 40 members were present from Sheffield (St. Marie's), Rotherham, Eastwood, Doncaster, Wath, Handsworth, Rammoor, Arksey, Bolsover, Felkirk, Barnsley, Darfield, Brigg, and the local company.

Ringling was rather curtailed before tea owing to the funeral of an old Rawmarsh ringer, Mr. William Whitworth, who was ringing at Rawmarsh in the early '80's, and who will be remembered by some of the older generation. Several of the members accompanied the cortege to the cemetery, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung at the graveside.

A short service was held before tea, which was provided by the local company in the Parish Room. Owing to a previous engagement, the Rector was unable to preside at the business meeting, but his curate kindly filled the vacancy. Before proceeding with the business, the secretary referred to the great loss the Yorkshire Association had sustained by the death of their treasurer, Mr. J. Cotterell, of Bradford, who had passed away since the last meeting, and the members stood in silence for a few moments as a last mark of respect to a brother ringer.

Messrs. Wilson and Mitchell (both of Rawmarsh) were elected members of the association.

For the annual joint meeting, to be held in June, the Wath company gave an invitation to their tower, as they hoped to have the new peal of eight installed by the end of April. The date was fixed for June 15th, and, as it is some years since a meeting was held at Wath, it is hoped to have a record attendance.

The retiring officers, Messrs. F. Clark (Arksey), secretary, and G. Holmes (Sheffield), A. Gill (Wath) and C. D. Potter (Barnsley), committee, were re-elected for three years and thanked for their services.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the local company, etc., for the excellent arrangements for the meeting.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## KING'S SILVER JUBILEE RINGING IN TWO COUNTIES.

At the pre-Lent meeting of this association, held at Shildon, near Bishop Auckland, on Saturday last, the president (Councillor Arthur Payne, of Gateshead) referred to the recent article in 'The Ringing World' with regard to ringing on the occasion of the King's Jubilee on May 6th, and appealed to the members to rally round and endeavour to have all the 'ringable' bells in the two counties rung on that day. A circular letter to this effect had been sent to the district secretaries, and it is hoped that even bells which have been long silent for want of ringers and other causes will be rung for at least half an hour on Jubilee Day.

Shildon bells are a very fine peal of eight, and they were kept going during the afternoon in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, etc. The tea, provided by the local band, was held in the Parish Hall, and was much enjoyed, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for their attendance was proposed by Mr. J. T. Titt, of Darlington, and seconded by Mr. R. L. Patterson, Sunderland, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Lake) replying.

In a short address during the service which followed in St. John's Church, the Vicar traced the use of bells in the service of the Church from Bible times, and spoke of the privilege we ringers have of being able to do a definite piece of work for God.

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Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed 'The Ringing World,' urging ringers to use their utmost endeavours to extend its circulation. He also referred to the recent articles by Mr. H. V. Morton upon the activities of the College Youths, articles written with sympathy and understanding and which could do nothing but good for the cause of ringing. A little more publicity of that kind would undoubtedly do much good. A previous speaker had mentioned the existence of an Anti-Noise League, and if its activities extended to the endeavour to suppress the ringing of church bells, a generous and sympathetic Press from their point of view would be of very great use. He would never advocate the ringing of long peals in crowded areas—it was a very selfish thing to do, and no ringer with any intelligence at all would arrange a peal at a church surrounded by a lot of houses where prolonged ringing would cause much discomfort. There were certain enthusiasts among them who would do it, but unless it was curbed, the Anti-Noise League might get an effective stop put to that sort of thing. They themselves should therefore make some effort to control it. A good Press would put the public in touch with their activities and make them sympathetic towards ringing.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' responded to the toast, and expressed the thanks of the Australian tourists for the set of ten ropes which St. Martin's Guild kindly lent them for emergency use 'down under.'—The proceedings concluded with the toast of 'The Chairman,' submitted by the Rev. C. B. Williams and acknowledged by Canon Guy Rogers.

A delightful musical programme included songs by Mr. Arthur Smith, quartette by St. Martin's Quartette, and handbell solos, rendered with her accustomed skill by Mrs. Hughes.

## 5,056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY T. B. WORSLEY.

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35264	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
237546	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
427365	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
647253	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
357624	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Rung at Radcliffe, Lancs, on February 23rd, 1935, conducted by the composer.

## A 'SURPRISE' AFFAIR.

The recent practice at Woodburn of East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild was quite a 'surprise' affair, at least 40 ringers putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. Tea was 'as usual' at The Boscobel Tea Rooms, a delightful old English atmosphere being ever present.

Afterwards, tunes on handbells, which were greatly enjoyed by the proprietors, and some 'scientific' for the 'experts,' also 'as usual.' Returning to the tower, the tries for a course of London were added to, without success, Bristol going the same way.

Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were well rung, plenty of rounds being intermixed for those who had progressed no farther.

The next practice is to be held at Chalfont St. Giles, followed by the 'annual' at Old Windsor.

## LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The February meeting was held at Liversedge, the business being transacted in the tower, with the president in the chair. Members were present from Almondbury, Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, Earlsheaton, Bradford Cathedral, Headingley (St. Chad's), Halifax, Pudsey, Sowerby Bridge, Shipley and the local company.

The President asked the members to stand in memory of the late Mr. J. Cotterell, a member of the society from Bradford Cathedral company, and the late treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, who died on January 26th.

Two new members were elected, viz.: Messrs. A. Teale, of Holbeck, and R. Squires, of Halifax.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. J. W. Beuten and seconded by Mr. C. F. Sutcliffe.—Mr. F. Hodgson replied.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## DECISION ON EASTER MEETING.

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Thornaby-on-Tees on Saturday, March 2nd, when members attended from Ripon, Stockton-on-Tees, Thornaby-on-Tees, Middlesbrough, West Hartlepool, Saltburn, Kirby Stephen, Ormesby, Guisborough, etc. Tea was provided in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Vicar of Thornaby, the Rev. W. Palin (in the absence of the president, Mr. J. Stott, Thirsk), supported by Mr. T. Metcalfe and the Rev. Yates, curate at Thornaby.

The only business that came before the meeting was a proposed alteration of the Easter meeting. After various suggestions had been discussed, it was finally agreed to hold the Easter meeting at Catterick Bridge.

The ringing during the day was very satisfactory, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Superlative Surprise.

## LATE NOTICE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than 20th inst.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol.



## ANOTHER 'EIGHT' FOR LINCOLN GUILD.

## JOINT MEETING OF THE LINCOLN AND GRIMSBY DISTRICTS.

Walesby—a tiny village lying at the foot of a hill a mile or two to the north of Market Rasen—was 'captured' by ringers on Saturday, March 2nd. It is certain that the annals of the county's ringing history will record Saturday's event as one of importance, due to the fact that the Lincoln Diocesan Guild claimed another eight-bell tower to its list. The village of Walesby possesses two churches; one, which is called the new church, situated in the centre of a few houses representing the village, while the other church, the north and south arcades of which were built round about the years 1180 and 1200, is situated practically on top of a high ridge, which shelters the neighbourhood from the north. Considerable interest is now being taken in this very old church, and the renovations so far executed have included the provision of a peal of bells. Though the approach to the church necessitates a somewhat laborious task, yet the situation of the building affords campanologists unrestricted possibilities for ringing practice and peals without causing undue disturbance to the villagers.

The peal contains five new bells and three old bells which have been retuned and quarter turned. The new bells have been supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The bells have been erected in a massive wooden frame, the work of the local wheelwright and carpenter, who, together with the bell founders, under whose supervision the whole job has been executed, are to be congratulated upon the excellence of their respective undertakings. Walesby now claims two peals of bells—surely a rare distinction for a village with so small a population—but the peal at the new church is hung 'dead,' and, therefore, does not offer much attraction to the change ringing fraternity.

About 70 ringers were present at this auspicious meeting, and represented a large majority of the towers situated in the northern half of the county. Parking of cars might have presented a problem, but here the wheelwright, with his spacious yard, solved a difficulty. Negotiating a steep gradient of indifferent foothold through the official way to the church, the campanologists almost represented a contingent of hikers, minus haversacks, etc. The exterior appearance of the edifice on the hill undoubtedly exemplified its life in its lofty position as having withstood the test of time and storm. With practically the whole company assembled in the church, all eyes were turned toward the ringing chamber situated on the ground floor. A prayer followed and immediately the bells were raised in peal to be followed by a course of Stedman Triples.

The event was a joint meeting of the Lincoln and Grimsby districts, an arrangement which received unanimous approval by all concerned. Within a short space of time practically everybody had tried out the new ring. A little difficulty was occasionally experienced with the smaller bells, for they needed very careful handling to keep them off the stay at the handstroke position, but as time went on the situation in this respect was practically mastered. We learn that a slight alteration is to be made to the wheels of the bells concerned to give the ringer improved control at handstroke. The methods rung ranged up to Bristol and London Major. Ringing was curtailed for the service, tea and meeting which followed.

## HOW THE BELLS WERE TAKEN TO WALESBY CHURCH.

For the service the seating capacity of the little church was taxed to its fullest extent, and officiating clergy were the Rector of Walesby, assisted by the Rev. N. S. Harding, of Lincoln, and Mr. A. Simpson, organist at Brantson Church, played the organ. The service over, there was speedy retreat to the village in search of the Institute, where the warmer atmosphere of the room was indeed very welcome in comparison to the chilly conditions on the hill top. An excellent tea awaited the visitors, and the ringers were given a very hearty welcome, and the very meagre charge made for the tea should be an inducement in itself to persuade ringers to visit Walesby again.

Business meetings followed tea. First the Lincoln section, and then the Grimsby items. Appreciative remarks came from the Grimsby side thanking the Lincoln District for the invitation to the meeting, which had so far culminated in a very satisfactory event. Thanks were also extended to all those who had rendered service in any way to make the event the success it was. Although the meeting was arranged by the Lincoln District, the Grimsby District claimed an association with this new tower, due to the fact that one of the old bells was originally cast in their district.

The thanks already mentioned were very comprehensive, but evidently one member, feeling very grateful for help extended to him, moved that thanks be accorded to the motorists, who had rendered yeoman service in bringing friends along who would otherwise have been unable to attend.

A return to the tower was then made, and one was perhaps too concerned with climbing the hill to consider the task that would be met in transporting the bells to their lofty position. A motor lorry, we understand, was incapable of performing this work, and, therefore, a sledge drawn by horses was requisitioned to take the bells from the lorry to the church, and we understand that there were a few anxious moments as the tenor bell was being taken over the very uneven surface of the field next to the church. The bell, complete with  
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## CASUALNESS—AND RECRUITS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. George Gilbert on the first part of his letter dealing with 'casualness,' even though he did not add that it is the Sunday service ringer who in many cases keeps that particular lower open for peal ringing.

To the latter part of his letter, however, I should like to add a few words. He says truly, 'We can't keep learners, yet nearly every church has a choir,' but—in how many cases do the junior ringers stand on an equal footing with the juniors in the choir? In the first place, the choir would naturally appeal to a youngster at the first glance, for I think none will deny that our art is carried on behind the curtain, and it takes a pretty inquisitive youngster to push his way in to a tower, whereas he can get his information first hand from his school chum of the choir.

This can doubtless be overcome by fishing for recruits, but when we have fished and landed one, we have then to get him sufficiently interested to believe that it will be worth while to stick at something which will take months to get a start at—in many cases for love—while his chum in the choir drops into line much sooner, and generally has a little extra pocket money every quarter, plus a free outing in the summer or some festivity at Christmas.

I do not say this is so in every case, but I think generally that it will be found that voluntary ringers far outnumber voluntary choristers as regards the juniors. I am no advocate of paid ringing generally and have not been associated with it since about 1911, but I do consider it a point worth taking up, with those church authorities who desire their bells rung, that they should consider some form of recognition to those under the age of, say, 21 who attend regularly. This would help to ensure regular attendance and stimulate some immediate interest while we get the recruit really interested in method ringing, and if, when the time comes for him to join the voluntary ranks, he can't ring for the love of it—write him off as another 'bad boy.'

Another point regarding the teaching of beginners is the temperament of both learner and instructor. One often hears the remark that 'youngsters nowadays can't be told anything without taking the huff.' Perhaps so, and perhaps there is a reason for it. Let us look back and count the years since 1914 and consider the conditions under which recruits of 17 or 18 first saw the light—air raids by night, distant sounds of guns by day, etc. Small wonder if they are of a highly strung disposition and resent the sergeant-major attitude of some conductors, and decide that a hobby which involves 'bullying' as a matter of course is best left alone. I am not theorising in this matter, but quoting from actual experience, having seen more than one 'go west' from an overdose of 'loud speaker.'

I know the reply full well: 'There is no time to be polite'—and agree, but would add neither will bullying produce good striking when the victim gets 'all hot and bothered.'

Crayford.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, Jun.

## ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW.

Sir,—Having studied this question almost from my first entering a belfry, nearly 14 years ago, I must say I fully agree with every word Mr. Gilbert says in his excellent letter.

It is the small-minded type of ringer, usually the ones who reckon to be 'in' or of the Surprise class, who are the cause of many another ringer becoming haphazard and often giving the art up. So long as the other man is content to remain just a pupil or looker-on, in their eyes he is all right. But immediately he begins to show any real enthusiasm, or, like themselves, to know a little, he becomes 'in the way' or is considered to be too keen, and the thought is in their mind, 'I must watch this man or he will be having my place'—whether it be in the belfry, holding some official position in a guild, or (and here is where the snag generally comes in) in ringing certain peals. He usually does his utmost to put every obstacle in this man's way until, losing interest, the beginner becomes haphazard. Then he is the first to grouse at not being able to get learners to stop with him and will attempt to lay it down to counter attractions, which, as Mr. Gilbert says, is now an old cry, and almost worn threadbare. I, like Mr. Gilbert, can imagine murmurings and many resentments, but should any ringer care to challenge my statement, I should be pleased to entertain him with references from some forty to fifty cases I can quote as ample proof. Having travelled about I have seen so much of it!

PERCY AMOS.

Abington, Northants.

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fittings, weighing approximately 14 cwt., had a very rough crossing, and at times reached an alarming angle, but, fortunately, the destination was reached without any mishap.

Ringling was continued until nine o'clock, when the bells were lowered and brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting. The towers represented at the meeting were Cathedral, All Saints', St. Giles' and St. Botolph's, Lincoln; Brantson, Blankney, Nettlesham, Barrow-on-Humber, Ulceby, Louth, Bigby, Waltham, Grimsby, Upton, Lea, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather and Elsham.  
H. C.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 21st, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 28th, at 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m., at the Half Moon Inn. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tendring on March 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by Vicar at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Beeston on Saturday, March 16th, at 5.30 p.m. New members welcomed. Subscriptions for 1935 due, please!—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Tilsworth on Saturday, March 16th. The bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—March meeting on the 16th (Saturday) at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Proceedings commence at 3. Tea 5. Business 5.45. Ringing before and after evensong 7.30. Postcards re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, March 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Egerton on March 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by invitation of the Church Council at the George Inn, 5 p.m. Please send a postcard on the Sunday previous if you wish to come. Every ringer welcome. Plenty of methods from Carter Doubles to London Surprise. Easy running bells, and every prospect of a large gathering. Notify A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, or P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Kent, Hon. Secs.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Amport on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify Mr. L. Smith, Rectory Gardens, Rolleston, by March 21st. All ringers cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Overseal.

**ALBURY, NEAR GUILDFORD.**—At 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 23rd, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge will dedicate the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. All ringers invited. Bells available after opening touch. Those requiring tea, 1s. each, notify G. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford, by Wednesday next.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, March 20th, without fail? Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions welcomed. All ringers cordially invited—members and non-members, learners and veterans.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, March 23rd, for election of officers, etc. Service at 4.30. Tea, price 1s., in St. Mary's Hall, at 5. Tower open 3. Names for tea by previous Wednesday, please. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d. to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Secretary, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles (6 bells) on Saturday, March 23rd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me, not later than March 18th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. J. Newman not later than the 21st? Tea 1s. each.—J. P. Tarlton, North Wingfield, Chesterfield.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Lincoln and Northern Branches) **AND NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Joint meeting at Collingham, Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 2.45. Service 4.15, conducted by Canon Williams. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. East, Low Street, North Collingham, by Wednesday, March 21st.—Mrs. R. Richardson, I. B. Thompson and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—Next meeting will be at Queen Camel on March 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Market Parade) on Saturday, March 30th, at 6 p.m., Councillor Eggleton presiding. The following towers open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary de Crypt (8) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. (Ladies invited.) Tickets, 3s., can be obtained, with remittance, not later than March 26th, from W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingston Seymour on Saturday, March 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. Canon Tonks, the next by-meeting will be held at Walmer on Saturday, March 30th. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify Mr. F. A. Rye, 6, Castle Road, Walmer, near Deal, on or before Thursday, March 28th?

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on Saturday, March 30th. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30 p.m., at 1s. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, March 30th. S. Nicolas' bells (10) from 3 p.m., Cathedral bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service in the Cathedral 4.30. Tea in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, 1s. each, 5.15. Business meeting to follow. After the meeting Mr. Rupert Richardson will show his Australian tour cinematograph pictures. All ringers welcome, but those who

desire tea must let me know by Tuesday, March 26th, or they will not be provided for.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, March 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after tea, with further ringing till 8.30. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by Tuesday, March 26th. This is very important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at York on Saturday, March 30th. The Minster bells (12) will be available from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Please advise Mr. G. Horner, 91, Clifton Green, York, by Thursday, March 29th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea. Subscriptions for 1934-35 are now due and annual report available.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**EARLS BARTON, NORTHAMPTON.**—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, March 31st, at 6 p.m. The peal has been restored and augmented to 8 by John Taylor & Co., Loughbrough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

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