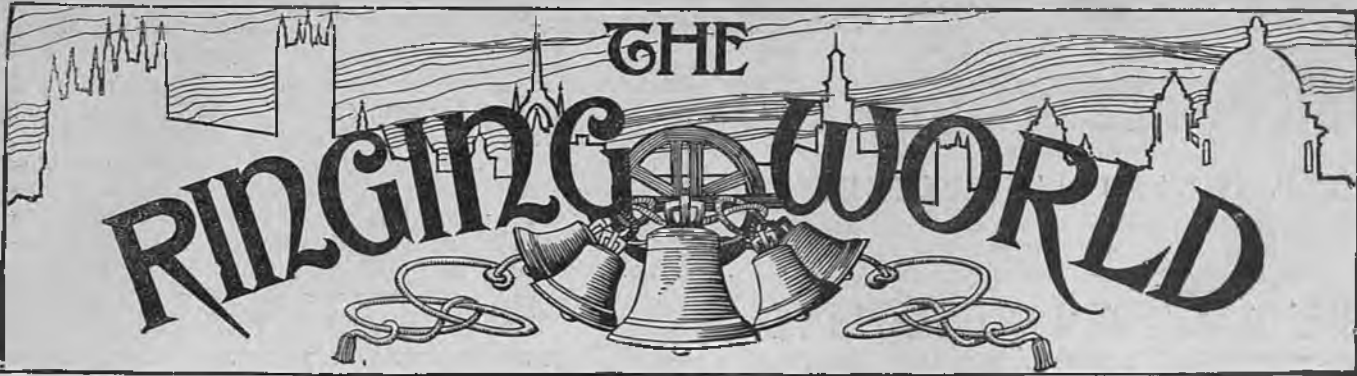


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Distinction has come to Miss Phyllis Tillet, of Ipswich, at an early age. There are many capable lady ringers up and down the land, but few have achieved so much so early in their ringing career. To have rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, to have rung peals of Superlative and Rochester Surprise on twelve bells, to have rung Grandsire and Stedman Cinques and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, to say nothing of peals in other methods, before the age of 17 years, is something which makes one pause and think. There is no limit to the triumphs of youth. It is true Miss Tillet has been happily placed and has had facilities which few other people, let alone young ladies, have had, but the fact remains that what she has done, especially in the realm of twelve bell ringing, remains unequalled. And now she has been honoured by her own society at St. Mary-le-Tower, by being elected, among a band of veterans, to fill the office of Deputy Master. It is not only a pretty compliment, but a recognition of skill and competence.

There is something in the theory of heredity, in ringing as in other paths of life. It is not always that the son, or daughter, will display the talents of a parent, but there have been notable instances of the family interest and ability in ringing descending from generation to generation. This handing on of talent in ringing finds no better example than in the Tillet family. There are three generations of the same name holding office to-day at St. Mary-le-Tower. But more than that, through the maternal side, there is a direct line back to John Naunton, of Ipswich, who was ringing peals a hundred and twenty-five years ago, so that Miss Phyllis Tillet is at least the sixth successive generation of the family to engage in our art.

Such things as this are of more than passing note. They are of the kind that has made ringing history full of interest. There is the same thread of tradition running through a family in this case, as is to be found in the 'pedigree' of a foundry like that at Whitechapel, which can be traced back to 1570; or like that of Loughborough, which, wandering over the country, carries us back two hundred years. In the case of the founders, the craft of bell casting, tuning and hanging has come down through the years bringing with it the accumulated knowledge of time, with its marked expansion in the methods applied in the last half century. So, too, in the art of ringing. The accumulated knowledge of the art has come down through six generations, at least, of the Tillet family; opportunities and facilities have increased with each succeeding generation until a girl of sixteen

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has surpassed in achievement even the wildest dreams of her distant ancestors; and, still on the threshold of what we may hope will be a long and active life in ringing, what advances may she not see in the art? Phyllis Tillet has already added to history; we hope that as the years pass she will continue to uphold the family tradition and add to the honourable achievements attached to the name.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5230 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 7
* CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	† DANIEL T. MATKIN 8
JOHN BASS 3	* THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	† C. HOWARD STANLEY 10
SIDNEY T. HOLT 5	THOMAS HEMMING 11
* JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 6	* CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise Maximus. † First peal of Maximus. First peal of Surprise Maximus as conductor and on the bells.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY Treble	THOMAS BEVAN 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 2	JAMES E. BAILEY 8
EDWARD J. BEER 3	GEORGE W. SIEERE 9
MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS 4	HARRY HOVERD 10
CHARLES A. HUGHES 5	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 11
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK 6	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal of Stedman by Mrs. C. J. Matthews, and first peal on twelve bells by the ringers of the 5th and 8th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. J. Matthews.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PRESTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES SHARPLES Treble	* FRED RIGBY 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	JAMES W. GROUNDS 8
JOHN BOOTH 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 9
* JAMES L. WRIGHT 5	† ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (141). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. The Rev. Canon Wallis met and congratulated the band on their fine ringing. First peal of Caters on the bells.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY Treble	ERIC YATES 6
KEITH WELSBY 2	FRED GRUNDY 7
THOMAS ALLRED 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 8
WILLIAM JONES 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 9
ROBERT ALLRED 5	* HARRY ALLRED Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

* First peal. First peal of Caters by all except the conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUFFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 3120 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	LESLIE G. BRETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by L. G. BRETT.
The first peal of Suffolk by all the band and on the bells, and rung at the first attempt.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM J. CLOVER Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL 5
*PHILIP W. J. FRYER 2	WILLIAM G. MAYERS 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	HENRY TOOKER 7
THOMAS E. SPEIGHT 4	†WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.
* First peal. † 100th peal and first attempt to call Bob Major.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
RICHARD V. FULLER 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5050 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.	
EDWARD HOLT Treble	NORMAN J. GOODMAN 5
ERNEST G. FLETCHER 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
JOHN S. MASON 3	*F. HENRY HAWKINS 7
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	*ARTHUR E. RAISON Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
* First peal.

COLCHESTER.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM DENT Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
*GEORGE R. TOWENS 2	GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK 3	†VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 7
WILLIAM CHALK 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung for the watchnight service.

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On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 17½ cwt.

*PEYLLIS F. KNIGHTS Treble	EDITH K. FLETCHER 5
*HOWARD S. IRELAND 2	ISAAC ATTWATER 6
ELSIE M. GREENALL 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7
†WALTER L. C. BARLOW 4	JAMES PARKER Tenor

Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service.

CHORLEY, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the R.C. Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS BARKER Treble	FRED RIGBY 5
*CYRIL CROSSYTHWAITE 2	FRANCIS MCCARTHY 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	ALFRED BLOGG 7
JOHN JACKSON 4	WILLIAM SHARPLES Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
*CECIL H. WOOD 3	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 7
JOHN COOK 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. 50th peal by ringers of 1 and 2. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. T. Beeson.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1936, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	*RICHARD WALSH 5
*ALBERT MORLEY 2	JAMES HARRISON 6
THOS. CALDERBANK 3	*JACKSON PICKOP 7
JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON 4	WILLIAM CATLOW Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung with muffled bells as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Yates, a devoted worker at the above church, and mother of one of the ringers, who was interred at Blackburn cemetery earlier in the day.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

*HAROLD S. BLACKETT Treble	MISS MOLLIE REDPATH 5
*MISS RENE REDPATH 2	*GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Mr. H. S. Blackett. The average age of this band is 20 years, and they are the youngest eight-bell band, all being resident in Kent, to ring a peal for the association.

ROTEWELL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOSHUA WORMALD Treble	THOMAS WM. STRANGWAY 5
*ARTHUR G. WOOD 2	*ALBERT WORMALD 6
*FRANK ELLIS 3	*PERCY MASSAM 7
*GEORGE COPLEY 4	GEORGE WM. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by T. W. STRANGWAY.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor. First Surprise peal on the bells by a local company, all being Sunday service ringers, at the above church.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	JESSE HARRISON 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
JAMES BLACKMORE 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE
Arranged for Mr. J. Blackmore as a 70th birthday compliment;
also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	THOMAS HARRISON 5
JOHN JACKSON 2	THOMAS CALDERBANK 6
KENNETH HALL 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE 4	FRANCIS MCCARTHY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
The composition (the author's No. 1) was composed in September, 1883, and is now rung for the first time.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.	
A. NORMAN GEARY Treble	ALBERT L. WARD 5
RONALD RUSSELL 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
PERCY AMOS 3	JOHN H. BLUFF 7
J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4	EDWARD TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of 3rd and also to Mr. A. P. Cannon.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 11 cwt 2 qr. 16 lb.

KENNETH A. ROE Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	PERCY L. HARRISON 6
*HERBERT W. PERKINS 3	RICHARD F. ROE 7
MRS. HAROLD J. POOLE 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Major.

LINGFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

W. CYRIL SMITH Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 2	TONY PRICE 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	FRANK E. DARBY 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.	
GEORGE WIGHTMAN Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
JOHN FORD 2	† THOMAS H. CHAPPEL 6
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
* WALTER MARTIN 4	WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
WILLIAM A. COOKE Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
GEORGE NAYLOR 2	* FRANK BELSEY 6
HARRY SPRINGATE 3	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 7
FRANK CHEAL 4	† FREDERICK G. STREVBENS Tenor

Conducted by F. BELSEY.

* 100th peal. † First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Charles Belsey, of Rainham, who has been a member of the St. Margaret band for a great many years. His health prevented him from standing in this peal.

ORAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JAMES LAKER Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
CECIL NICE 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 6
WILLIAM T. BRESON 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JOHN E. MORETON Treble	PERCY STONE 5
CHARLES E. RAYSON 2	JOHN GIBBONS 6
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 3	ERNEST STONE 7
JAMES DRAYCOTT 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH

Rung with half-muffled clappers to the respected memory of Sir Francis Alexander Newdigate-Newdegate, G.C.M.G., of Arbury Hall, Nuneaton, and Harefield, Middlesex, Squire of the Parish of Chilvers Coton, and patron of the living, who was interred at Coton earlier in the day. All the band are Sunday service ringers at Coton.

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**BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, January 6, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;*
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

*MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT ... Treble	† HAROLD S. BLACKETT ... 5
ALLISON PURDON ... 2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 3	JACK DAFTERS ... 7
JIM HURRELL ... 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. P. CANNON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell. Rung, on the feast of the Epiphany, as a 23rd birthday compliment to Mr. A. P. Cannon. This is the quickest peal of Major on the bells, the previous quickest being 2 hours 54 minutes.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

**BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

*JAMES W. GODDARD ... Treble	GEORGE W. MOODY ... 4
*ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... 2	ERNEST BRITAIN ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 3	*WALTER M. GODDARD ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in seven methods. Rung in honour of the ordination of E. C. Varah, son of the Vicar of this parish, who is taking up duties in the parish of St. Giles, Lincoln.

**NORTHMOOR, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, December 28 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;*

Being three 840's and 21 six-scores, twelve callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.
*GORDON COSTAR... Treble † HARRY FARMER... 4
CHARLES BOWSER ... 2 NOBLE SPINDLOW ... 5
PERCY TRINDER... 3 BERTIE R. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

**DARLINGTON.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 7½ cwt.
ROBERT JEFF ... Treble GEORGE W. PARK ... 4
JAMES T. TITT ... 2 ROLAND PARK ... 5
WILLIAM OLIVER ... 3 W. NORMAN PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. R. Busby, a member of this band, to Miss E. A. Rogerson, which took place on December 21st, and of Mr. S. Oliver, son of the ringer of the 3rd, to Miss J. Stavily, which took place on December 26th.

**BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5048 CHANGES;*

Being seven six-scores of St. Simon's, 14 of Plain Bob and 21 of Grandsire. Tenor 19 cwt. approx.
JOHN W. CROWDER ... Treble WALTER M. GODDARD ... 4
JAMES W. GODDARD ... 2 JOSEPH ATKINSON ... 5
CHARLES TAYLOR... 3 *ARTHUR CROWDER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.
* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. C. Taylor.

**SOHAM, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*
Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JOHN BUCKENHAM ... Treble	FRED WIGMORE ... 4
WALLACE COUSINS ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS... 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.
First peal ever rung on this grand back six, which were cast by Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market, in 1788.

**RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Sunday, December 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID WHITING ... Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON... 4
HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... 2	EDWIN A. HARRISON ... 5
ERIC G. BENNETT ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.
First peal on the bells since the restoration of the tower.

**CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sunday, December 29, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;*

Being 30 six-scores and six 240's of Morris'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS BEAVER ... Treble	† JAMES P. HYETT ... 4
*FREDERICK J. WATKINS ... 2	† ALBERT E. JONES ... 5
WILLIAM BEAVER ... 3	V. JAMES CARLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. JONES.
* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal of Doubles in the tower and rung with 25 'firsts.' † 25th peal. 25th peal together by ringers of 4th and 5th.

**HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)**

*On Monday, December 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;*

Being 30 different six-scores of Gandshire and 12 different six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... Treble	GEORGE GUNNELL ... 4
CHARLES YOUNG ... 2	CHARLES CAMM ... 5
EDWARD MAUND ... 3	HENRY BISHOP ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.
UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, December 30, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;*

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED WHEELWRIGHT ... Treble	FRANK PHILLIPS ... 4
ALFRED NORMAN ... 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 5
GEORGE L. CORNWALL ... 3	THOMAS A. LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. WEBB.
* First peal.
LITTLE HORKESLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5048 CHANGES;*

42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES H. EDWARDS ... Treble	BERT F. LEGGETT ... 3
EDWARD LEGGETT ... 2	CPL. V. B. LEGGETT, R.A.F. 4
	WILFRED V. GUSTERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD LEGGETT.
First peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. Rung at first attempt.

BOURNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, and Wednesday, January 1, 1936, in
Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 23 methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth and Rossendale, (2) Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle and Chester, (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich and Primrose, (4) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley, (5) Berwick and Hexham, (6) Lincoln and Coldstream, (7) London, Cuneastre and Wells.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN POLLAND Treble	JAMES OSBORNE 4
FREDERICK W. FRENCH 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

The peal rang 'the old year out and the new year in.' 'Go' was called at 9.4 p.m. and 'That's all' at 12.8 a.m.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Double Court and five 720's of Plain Bob, seven different callings.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

VICTOR EVANS Treble	RICHARD BLABY 4
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	PERCY NEWTON 5
*ROBERT G. CROSS 3	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First peal of Minor. This peal was finished at 12 midnight.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM DIGBY... .. Treble	DOUGLAS E. RUST 4
ARTHUR S. BROTHERS 2	ERIC DURRANT 5
ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal at first attempt, and aged 70 years. Mr. Digby has been sexton at above church for 42 years.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER Treble	REGINALD PAYNE 4
*TOM BROTHWELL 2	ALBERT NASH 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 3	*ERNEST WAGSTAFFE... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Surprise Major.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 1 treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS
CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) 2	(St. Cath's) ... 5
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3	FRANK E. HAYNES
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON (Trin.) ... 4	(St. Cath's) ... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. Wilfrid H. J. Hooton, M.C., and Miss Dilys M. Lewis, eldest daughter of the president of the Central Council, which took place at this church earlier in the afternoon.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MASTER YOUR BELL FIRST.

Not until a beginner has thoroughly mastered the handling of his bell, so that he has got complete control of it, that is, can put it in its proper place after the bell he is following, so that he keeps the rhythm, and is able to set it either at handstroke or backstroke immediately on command, should he attempt method ringing. Many a young ringer has been spoilt—as a striker—by being allowed to try change ringing before he could properly control his bell. If he cannot put it into its proper place in rounds, where he pulls after the same bell all the time, at exactly the same interval, he certainly cannot 'place' his bell when he is not only striking after a different bell each time, but has to vary his own stroke by holding up or cutting down.

Therefore, if your instructor does not put you on to change ringing as quickly as you think he ought to, it may be that you are not accurate enough in your round ringing. If, before you can strike properly in rounds, you try to take a bell in changes, you will probably get into a slovenly style, and almost certainly develop defects in handling which will grow into a bad habit.

Constant practice will give you confidence. When you begin ringing you cannot, with successful results, try to give your attention both to the bell and to the method. The handling of the bell must be automatic before you can hope to do any good with method ringing. You cannot very well concentrate on both at the same time.

But while you are learning to handle your bell, by actual practice, there is no reason why you should not begin to study change ringing in theory. Get one of the many elementary books advertised in 'The Ringing World' and study it. Merely reading it through will not help you much. You want pencil and paper by you when you start, to work out for yourself the examples or illustrations that may be given you.

But first of all it may be just as well to explain here how changes are produced, for this particular article is meant specially for those who are at quite the beginning of their interest in change ringing.

What is aimed at in producing changes is that in every change every bell shall speak once, and that the next time they speak, it is in a different order. Moreover, the order is changed to the greatest extent possible, within certain prescribed limits. No bell moves up or down more than one place at a time, and (except for a covering bell when changes are rung on odd numbers) no bell stops in one place for more than two changes. Subject to this, the object in producing changes is to change as many pairs of bells as possible. If there are five bells, to change two pairs; if there are six, alternately three pairs and two pairs; if seven bells, three pairs each time; and if eight bells, four pairs and three pairs alternately; and so on. Every pair of bells that is changed must be bells in adjoining places, that is 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6; or 2 and 3, 4 and 5, etc.

In this article we are not going into the question of method ringing. We have only tried to explain how changes are formed. Would you like to try an experiment for yourselves? Write down the figures 1.2.3.4.5 to represent five bells, and draw a line under them. Underneath write out changes, by changing two pairs at a time in regular succession, first the two front pairs and then the two back pairs, varying it at the 6th, 16th and every succeeding tenth change by changing, instead of the two back pairs, the front pair and the back pair, leaving the bell in the middle where it is, the succeeding change being, of course, a change of the two front pairs. In addition, at the 14th, 34th and 54th change, make a similar variation—change the front pair and the back pair instead of the two back pairs. You should be able to produce 60 changes before you come back again to 1.2.3.4.5, and it will facilitate your work if you put a line under every tenth change. When you have done it, examine the path of the figure 1, which represents the treble, and see how regular it is.

In the meantime, get one or other of the following books for study:—

- 'Ropesight,' from the Jasper Snowdon Series.
- 'The Ringers' Handbook,' by E. S. and M. Powell.
- 'Village Bells,' by the Rev. R. Howes.
- 'Grandsire Doubles and Triples,' by I. Roe and M. Broome.
- 'Change Ringing,' by C. A. W. Troyte.

SEDBERGH'S PROUD RECORD

Sedbergh, in Yorkshire, can rival Bridlington Priory in the aggregate length of ringers' service. Bridlington's nine ringers can total approximately 200 years. Sedbergh's eight have an aggregate of 240 years, while with the addition of one other veteran, who gives assistance when required, the total is raised to 260 years!

The bells were put in in 1897, when Mr. G. F. Woodhouse got a band together, two of whom, Messrs. T. Sisson and E. Pennington, are still active members of the company. The 'extra' man referred to above, Mr. R. Atkinson, also joined at the same time. Messrs. J. W. Pennington and H. Haresnope began in 1900, J. Smith in 1906, H. Dawson in 1917, and Miss N. Harrison in 1932.

The average length of service is thus 30 years. Can any tower beat this?

SHEFFIELD LOSES A RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. T. O'HARA.

The Sheffield ringers regret to record the loss, by death, of Mr. Tom O'Hara, for several years past a member of the St. Marie's Society. Mr. O'Hara commenced his ringing at St. Francis' Church, Holbeck, Leeds, under the tutelage of the late Mr. Robert Binns, and came to Sheffield about 1905, when he joined the St. Marie's Company, Norfolk Row.

On the break up of the company, owing to the Great War, he remained a free lance, visiting different towers and taking part in many peals round about Sheffield, on eight, ten and twelve bells, under the auspices of the Yorkshire Association. Possessed of a naive wit, his humour at the various district meetings was always a source of amusement, and he was particularly entertaining when he was exhibiting sleight of hand tricks.

For some time he was associated with the late Mr. Joe Sykes, of Huddersfield, in erecting gas works machinery in various parts of Great Britain, and wherever they were located the pair of them did what they could to further the cause of ringing in what spare time they had.

Mr. O'Hara lost his wife from bronchitis and heart trouble early last December, and probably this loss may have done something to hasten his demise.

He was ringing at St. Marie's on Friday evening, January 3rd, in connection with preliminary details for the broadcast, on Sunday, January 5th, of the service at that church. The following morning he was found unconscious in his home, evidently having had a seizure. He was conveyed to the Royal Hospital, but in spite of every skill and attention he never regained consciousness, and died on Sunday, January 5th, in his 70th year.

He was borne to his grave in Abbey Lane Cemetery on Thursday, January 9th, by workmates, and the family mourners were followed by a representative number of ringing friends. The customary honours of a course of Grandsire Triples were accorded at the graveside by four of his old colleagues, and the tower bells were also rung at night by various bands as a tribute of respect. A son remains to mourn his loss.

On Sunday, January 12th, before evening service, at St. Marie's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung as a tribute of respect: M. B. Wilson (Cathedral) 1, G. Holmes (St. Marie's) 2, F. Ward (Cathedral) 3, H. Thorpe (Cathedral) 4, R. Harrison (St. Marie's) 5, G. Lewis, conductor (St. Marie's) 6, R. Harrison, jun. (St. Marie's) 7, H. Hurst (St. Marie's) 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MAKE A GOOD START IN NEW YEAR.

A most successful meeting of the Eastern District took place on Saturday, January 4th, at Houghton-le-Spring, ringers being present from Darlington, Middlesbrough, Whickham, Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Sunderland, Jarrow, West Hartlepool and Durham. The Rector visited the belfry during the afternoon and gave the ringers a very hearty welcome.

A short meeting was held after tea, Mr. R. L. Patterson presiding.

After the loyal toast, the Chairman said he was very pleased to see such a representative gathering, and welcomed ringers from other districts. He hoped this, the first meeting of the year, was a good augury for the coming meetings—it was a pleasure to see such a good meeting—and he hoped that ringers would support the district meetings during the year.

Mr. Pickering proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for use of the bells, and this was carried with acclamation.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Gateshead in March. The date will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

Further ringing afterwards took place, the methods including Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich, the bells being brought down in peal at 7.30 p.m. It was a very happy gathering, and the learners were quite enthusiastic at this, their first meeting, all getting a good share at the bells. All those present are looking forward to the next meeting; others are asked to remember Gateshead in March and to watch 'The Ringing World' for the date.

RINGING IN WEST CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With regard to the paragraph in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' headed 'West Cornwall Ringers Busy,' and signed A. S. R., I write to inform you that until the annual meeting, when our term of office expires, the Master of the Truro Diocesan Guild is Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram, of Pengwedhen, Helford, and that I myself am the general secretary.

It would, perhaps, be wiser, therefore, for visitors to Cornwall to disregard, for the present, A. S. R.'s advice and communicate with one of us, as by reason of our official positions we are both well acquainted with the activities of ringing throughout the whole of the county.

W. H. R. TREWHELLA.

St. Paul's Vicarage, Truro.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A notice of the annual meeting of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild says 'important business with regard to the Cathedral bells is on the agenda.' Is this the first 'whisper' of a coming augmentation? And will Chester have the next ring of twelve? At present there is a heavy ring of eight.

The parishioners of St. Clement's, Jersey, C.I., last week accepted the offer of Elizabeth, Lady Knott, to provide a carillon of 17 bells for the Parish Church tower, in memory of the late Sir James Knott. The specification provides for a bass bell of 7½ cwt. in A sharp.

Mr. George Grills, hon. secretary of the First Jersey Guild of Handbell Ringers, informs us that this will be the third chime in Jersey, the others being at St. Mark's, six bells, and St. Matthew's, eight bells. St. Thomas' Church (R.C.) has five bells hung for swinging in Continental style. 'We deplore the fact that we are still without a ringing peal of bells in Jersey,' he says, 'but while we live, we hope.'

In connection with the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on January 25th, Shoreditch bells (12) will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. It was hoped that St. Bride's, Fleet Street, would also be available, but, unfortunately, unforeseen circumstances prevent this.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles at Little Horkesley, on the last day of the year, was rung by a band, four of whom had not rung a peal before, while the other ringer rang his first as conductor. The peal was scored at the first attempt—a meritorious performance.

By the peal of Grandsire Caters, at Worsley, where recently the bells were augmented to ten, Messrs. William Jones and Joseph Ridyard celebrated 25 years as ringers, and Mr. P. H. Derbyshire 40 years as a ringer. It was also a birthday peal for the last-named, his 'brother strings' wishing him many happy returns. It was the first peal on the bells since the old ring of eight was recast and two trebles added by Taylor and Co. They were dedicated on Saturday, October 19th. Further interest is added to the performance by the fact that it was the first peal of Caters by all except the conductor.

Mr. Tom O'Hara, of Sheffield, whose death is recorded in another column, was proud of the fact that his was the first name printed in 'The Ringing World.' He was the ringer of the treble in the first peal that was recorded in the first issue.

Two items of news from New Zealand. At Christchurch Cathedral progress is held up for a time by the absence of three of the band—one gone to North Island, one to the extreme end of South Island and the other to Dunedin. It is not easy to replace ringers in this part of the world.

'It's an ill wind that blows nobody good,' and we hear that the visit of the Christchurch ringer to Dunedin has enabled the handbell practice of Bob Major to be taken up. Mr. J. S. Wilde and two others have for some time been meeting weekly, and can now ring 720's in six methods fairly well.

The ring of eight of Coscley Church, Staffs, is to be recast and rehung in a new frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. At present the bells are a very poor toned peal, and it will be a great acquisition to the district for this to be transformed into a musical and pleasing ring.

The venue of the meeting of the Western District of the Hartford County Association, fixed for Apsley on January 25th, has had to be changed to Redbourn.

DEATH OF THE REV. C. A. CLEMENTS.

MASTER OF THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A brief intimation has just reached us of the death of the Rev. Charles A. Clements, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild and one of its representatives on the Central Council since 1927.

He had been a member of Cambridge University Guild since 1887 and took part in many interesting performances with that society. He went to Cambridge in 1887, in the same year as the brothers E. B. and H. L. James and Herbert Drake, and rang the tenors to the Guild's first peal of Bob Major 'in hand' in November, 1890. In the following February, with the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and E. B. and H. L. James, he took part in the first peal of Double Norwich Major ever rung on handbells.

Having entered Holy Orders, he rang in 1894 in the first peal of Grandsire Triples for the Guild, at Sawston, Cambs, and it is interesting to note that in that band were G. F. Woodhouse, the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (then an undergraduate) and W. J. Conybeare (now Archdeacon of Nottingham). This was also the first peal rung by the Guild on tower bells. He also took part at Darlington in 1908 in a peal of Kent Treble Bob rung by clerical members of the Guild, and the names of this band are worth recalling. They were the Revs. H. Law James, H. S. T. Richardson, A. H. F. Boughey, E. W. Carpenter, H. J. Elsee, C. A. Clements, W. W. C. Baker and C. W. O. Jenkyn, every one of whom has occupied some prominent position in the Exercise and all of whom have served or are serving on the Central Council. The same day, with the exception of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones in the place of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the same band rang a peal of Bob Major at Bishop Auckland.

In more recent times Mr. Clements has been unable to take much part in peal ringing, but he kept his connection with the art through his office in the Chester Diocesan Guild.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BISHOP MEETS MEMBERS AT ANNUAL DINNER.

President of the Central Council and Peal Ringing.

One of the most enjoyable in the series of dinners which have been held by the Guildford Diocesan Guild took place at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday. If the number attending was not quite so large as in the previous year—88 were present representative of all the four districts—the evening was an extremely pleasant one. The Bishop, who is president of the Guild, met the members for the first time, and, having greeted each one of the company as they entered the dining hall, presided over the proceedings. He was supported by the Provost (Very Rev. E. C. Kirwan) and Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-presidents), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Canon E. M. Girling (Farnham), the Rev. Bankes-Jones (Bagshot), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Capt. H. J. Cann, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes. Among those also present were Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Messrs. A. T. Greenwood, T. R. Taylor and Robertson (Portsmouth), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), H. E. Anderson (Croydon), M. R. Taylor (Hobart, Tasmania), etc. A telegram of good wishes was received from Mr. John Pelloe (son of the Rector of Chiddingfold), who is a member of the Guild.

After the repast, the loyal toast was honoured.

Our President was proposed by Mr. Walter Harrison, who reminded the assembly of the Bishop's record of achievement during his first year as diocesan of visiting 107 parishes in the diocese.

THE MINISTRY OF BELLRINGING.

Responding, the Bishop said he was reminded of a picture that appeared in 'Punch' at the end of the war of a Somerset lad who was in a French village which had recently been in the occupation of the Germans. He was mooning about the village and came across a notice in German, 'Zum unerstandeu,' which meant 'This way to the dug-out.' Not being a German scholar, the Somerset lad scratched his head and remarked, 'Zum unerstand and zum don't' (laughter). When it came to bellringing, he (the Bishop) was halfway between the position of 'Zum unerstand and zum don't.' He could not pretend he understood the mysteries and perplexities of change ringing. He had been talking with the Mayor and Provost about detective stories, and one of the most delightful he had read concerned bellringing—'The Nine Tailors.' In it there was a long column of figures which caused him to regard them with very great respect, for he must say, like the Somerset lad, 'Zum I don't understand.'

There was another side of ringing which he did claim to understand, and that was the very important character of the service which was rendered by bellringers. The sound of church bells was one of those things which touched a variety of simple human chords. That sentiment was embodied in Tennyson's famous quotation of the sound of the bells over the Lincolnshire wolds. 'You and I,' said Dr. Macmillan, 'have different kinds of ministries in the service of the Church. Yours is a ministry which may in some unconscious way mean a very great help to people when they need that help, and I think you can silently apply it to yourself.'

The Bishop expressed his pride at being president of the Guild, and appealed to the older and stronger branches in the diocese to make a great effort to hold out the great hand of fellowship to those who were doing the work in the smaller parishes and try and make the Guild cover the whole diocese. He was constantly grateful to the sound of the church bells, and he loved to come up their High Street in Guildford and hear the two peals ring (applause).

IMPORTANCE OF PEALS.

The toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild' was submitted by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers), who congratulated the Guildford Guild on its progress. They were one of the youngest of the diocesan guilds and a very fine child for their age (applause). He was told that the Guild covered 70 per cent. of the possible towers, which was very satisfactory. It was a much higher percentage than that covered by the Kent Association, although they were something like six times as old. At the same time he felt they should be 100 per cent. and rope in every tower in the diocese.

He understood there was one thing which was hindering their Guild and that was the difficulty of getting towers in which to ring peals. He did not want to advocate competition in the number of peals, but in the quality of peals. It was a little difficult to explain to incumbents why they wanted to ring peals. There was something about ringing a peal which taught a ringer to strike and handle his bell in a way which he did not think anything else could do. The ordinary short touch scarcely gave time to get used to the bell before it was all over. It was only after a quarter-peal that a ringer could settle down and polish up his ringing and the finer points of striking at which they all ought to aim.

Amid laughter, Mr. Lewis drew an analogy between ringing and rowing. He reminded the two Oxford men on his left (the Bishop and Canon Coleridge) that Cambridge's success was due to the fact that before they left Cambridge they had a ten mile pull every day for a fortnight. The long pull saturated the crew with the rhythm of rowing, and that was the same with peal ringing.

There were some people who objected to bells, but on the whole they were a very small minority. There were people to whom the

sound of bells was a positive torture—about the same proportion of people who could not stay in a room with a cat or to whom strawberries were poison. He was sure the vast majority of people in this country loved bells, provided the striking was good.

There were circumstances where the sound of bells wanted to be kept out, and that could be done with little expense. The sound of bells, particularly the modern harmonic tuning, sometimes required some modification. The idea was that the sound should be thrown upwards and not downwards, so that it stretched around the town and not in the immediate vicinity of the tower. The most famous example was Lincoln Cathedral, where Mr. Law James arranged for the bells to be dropped 40ft. so that they could hardly be heard in the Close, but could be heard in the town. At the new church at Chislehurst, acting on the advice of Canon Coleridge, they arranged to have no opening in the side of the tower, but in the roof. He listened outside, and it was possible to carry on an ordinary conversation. One had to go a quarter or half a mile away to get the full beauty of the bells. Where bells were noisy outside some steps should be taken to modify the sound by blocking up with 4in. brickwork a part of the inside of the louvres. They wanted to experiment with the bells while bricking up the louvres to find the right height.

MANY RESTORATIONS.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who replied, said as far as the Guild was concerned they might say they had a successful year. He could say they were a happy family and got on remarkably well together. One of the things which pointed to the success of the Guild was the increasing number of bell restorations in the diocese. They had in their Master (Major Hesse) one of the most expert people in regard to bell engineering and bell hanging they could find in the country, and he only wished his services were more frequently called upon in the diocese. However, he had done some excellent work, and they hoped he would do more. During the past twelve months there had been six restorations. There was the recasting of Albury bells, restorations at Witley, Ewell and Dorking and the recasting of the bells at Ockham. He believed the bells at Shalford were to be recast from a peal of six to a peal of eight. That was an exceedingly good record for a diocese like theirs. Restorations were contemplated at Horsell, Ash and Croudall.

It was a pity that the number of peals they rang in the diocese last year was only 27, of which 25 were on tower bells. Of that number, 11 were rung during Jubilee week. Last year there were 27 peals rung without the incentive of the Jubilee. There had been a gradual drop in the number of peals since 1931, when they rang no fewer than 55 peals. Out of 26 eight-bell towers peals were rung in only eight towers, while out of 29 six-bell towers there was only seven where a peal was permitted. Peals were not the only thing that mattered, but it was no question that peal ringing meant good service ringing. Another thing the Guild had done was to start a benevolent fund for those members who might fall on evil times. That was a great step forward and showed an excellent spirit. They had still a number of towers outside the Guild, and they would welcome those ringers if they would come in. The only way was for the clergy and the Church authorities to take up the cudgels and induce the ringers to join, even if the Church authorities paid the subscription.

Major J. H. B. Hesse extended a cordial invitation to 'The Visitors,' especially the Mayor of Guildford, and expressed the hope that he would find time during his year of office to visit one or both of the Guildford towers (applause). He could not regard Canon Coleridge as a visitor. He had known him for 34 years and rung peals with him. Major Hesse also mentioned Mr. Lewis, Mr. F. W. Rogers and Mr. M. Taylor, from Tasmania.

The Mayor of Guildford, who replied, confessed to being one of those who did not understand the mysteries of bellringing. He was absolutely devoted to the sound of English church bells. Change ringing was a definitely English thing which only Englishmen had practised. The sound of English church bells was a sound which only the ears of an Englishman could appreciate. He always felt the B.B.C. did well to choose that beautiful gramophone record of Bow bells to signify the interval period in the programme. Most of them, although they started to criticise, had got to love that more than any other interval signal.

'ABSOLUTE PERFECTION.'

All of them in life found at one time or another some moments in their lives which reached absolute perfection. One such moment occurred to him in November, 1928, immediately after the death of Queen Alexandra, when he was walking along the North Downs to Shere. As he was descending in the half-misty dusk into Shere village the bells were ringing a half-muffled peal in honour of Queen Alexandra, and that cameo of life for those ten minutes he would never forget. It was one of the moments of absolute perfection that he had experienced (applause).

The entertainment was very happily chosen. There was community singing to accompaniments played by Mr. H. Cyphus, and handbell solos of great beauty and charm by Mrs. A. A. Hughes. Songs were sung by Mr. H. Platt and touches were rung on handbells. The surprise of the evening was the first public exhibition of a new 'ringing machine,' presented by the hon. secretary, which successfully rang a course of Grand sire Triples with no little merriment. To the uninitiated the eight performers gave a very realistic demonstration of the art of change ringing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday, January 4th, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, Mr. Vice-President J. H. Shepherd being in the chair, owing to the absence of the Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett) through illness.

The Chairman referred to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. Harry Mason. He had personally known him for 45 years, and could testify to his charming personality. He asked all to stand for a moment as a mark of respect.

An apology was read from the Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes), who was that day attending the wedding of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton and Miss Lewis.

Mr. W. C. Dowding referred to the William Pye Memorial, and proposed that one guinea be subscribed from the funds of the Guild.—This was seconded by Mr. J. George and carried.

It was decided to purchase a copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' latest book, 'Legends of the Bells,' for inclusion in the Guild's library.

The president and vice-presidents of the Guild were re-elected en bloc.

Mr. W. Davies proposed the election of the Rev. H. McGowan, Vicar of Aston, as a vice-president, and, in doing so, referred to the enthusiastic way the Vicar had worked, often against much opposition, in order to get the new peal of twelve at Aston.—The motion was seconded by Mr. G. Swann.—Mr. Councillor Paddon Smith, in supporting the resolution, said that now the Guild had two peals of twelve for headquarters it was only fitting that the Vicar of Aston should be a vice-president.—The resolution was unanimously adopted.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MASTER.

The secretary read a letter he had received from the Master, in which he referred to his advancing years and ill-health, and for that reason placed his resignation in their hands. They all regretted the absence of the alderman from that meeting, and wished him a speedy recovery. He was also sure he was expressing their wishes when he said they desired him to again accept the office of Master of the Guild, and he, therefore, had much pleasure in proposing his re-election.—This was seconded by Councillor Paddon Smith and carried unanimously. The secretary was also instructed to convey the congratulations and best wishes of the meeting to the alderman on attaining his 81st anniversary.

The Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, M.A.; the trustees, Messrs. Tom Russam and A. Paddon Smith; auditors, Messrs. Jonathan Preston and E. T. Allaway; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann, were all unanimously re-elected on the proposition of Mr. H. Withers, seconded by Mr. J. George.

The hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves, was also re-elected on the proposition of Mr. W. C. Dowding, seconded by Mr. A. Walker.

The treasurer presented the annual balance sheet and reported an increased balance in hand of £3. The auditors having given their report, the balance sheet was unanimously adopted.

Two new members were elected—Messrs. J. Gibson, of Erdington, and P. C. Honeybourne, of Sutton Coldfield.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Edgbaston and the bi-quarterly at Perry Barr.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

The secretary reported that he had booked the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for Saturday, February 29th, and it was unanimously agreed to invite the Rector of St. Martin's, Canon T. Guy Rogers, to preside.

This concluded the business, and the meeting then resolved itself into a very pleasant social gathering. This was the first meeting held at the Tamworth Arms since the Great War, and several of the older members of the Guild became very reminiscent of the former gatherings which had taken place in that room.

Several good touches were rung on the handbells as well as tunes, accompanied by Mr. Albert Walker at the piano. Mr. Harry Withers enlivened the evening with several songs, including the famous 'Bob Major.'

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IPSWICH SOCIETY'S BUSY YEAR.

116,000 CHANGES RUNG AT ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH.

At the annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, held on Tuesday, January 7th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, John F. Tillett; Deputy Master, Phyllis E. Tillett; steeplekeeper, Frederick J. Tillett; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, George E. Symonds. This is the first time a lady has been elected an officer of this society. The Tilletts represent three generations.

In his report for the year 1935, the secretary stated there was an increase in the number of changes rung, over those of 1934.

Six peals were rung, viz., two of Stedman Cinques and four of Maximus, viz., Cambridge (2), Superlative (1), Rochester (1). The conductors were G. E. Symonds (3), C. J. Sedgley (1), W. J. G. Brown (1) and W. H. Hewitt (1). These were the only Surprise Maximus peals rung during 1935.

The changes rung included:—

	Changes
The six peals	31,134
24 courses of Rochester Maximus	12,672
18 courses of Superlative Maximus	9,504
17 courses of Cambridge Maximus	8,976
Touches of Duffield, Forward and Plain Bob Maximus	1,188
Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques	13,993
Touches of Rochester, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Duffield, Forward and Plain Bob Royal	18,720
Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters	6,294
Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples	3,238
Touches of Bristol, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major	10,898
Grand total for 1935	116,675

Average 2,244 changes per week.

These figures do not include peal and touch attempts.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH DOING WELL.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held in Devizes on Saturday. The bells of all three churches were available, and ringing continued until 9 o'clock with the usual break for service and meeting.

Representatives attended from Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James'), All Cannings, Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Bromham, Bath, Chirton, Holt, Hindon, Keinton Mandeville, Longbridge Deverill, Melksham, Market Lavington, North Bradley, Nailsea, Bristol, Potterne, Rowde, Seend, Swindon, Trowbridge, Radbourne Cheney, Westbury and Warminster.

The service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke).

Tea was prepared in the Parish Room, to which 86 sat down.

The annual business meeting followed, Mr. E. F. White (branch chairman) presiding. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Guild), the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Past Master), the Rev. C. B. Cottell, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (vice-president) and Mr. A. Taylor (hon. secretary, Marlborough Branch).

The Chairman gave a brief summary of the year's work and thanked those who had assisted him.

The Secretary reported an increase in the balance in hand, and in his report of the year stated all was satisfactory, the membership being just above that of the previous year. Sunday service ringing was good throughout the branch, and the standard of change ringing had slightly increased.

The officers for the year 1936 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. E. F. White (Warminster), vice-chairman, Mr. T. B. Holloway (Westbury); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West (Melksham); Ringing Masters, Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes) and Mr. J. Francis (Trowbridge); committee, Mr. C. F. Andrews and Mr. F. Green.

Six new ringing members were elected, and the Rev. A. Swann, Vicar of Potterne, as an hon. member.

The places suggested for the next three meetings were North Bradley, Potterne and Melksham.

The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

THE NORTH WEALD APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the appeal in your paper for assistance in rehanging the bells of St. Andrew's, North Weald, Essex and tower repair fund, I do earnestly solicit the help of friends in the Exercise on their behalf.

The parish is a small one, and £450 is a large amount to raise. They have a band, 20 strong—a large one for a six-bell tower—belonging to the Essex Association, so if any friends could help them in their time of need I am sure it will be greatly appreciated.

P. H. AVEY.

St. John's, Leytonstone.

FUN AND FROLICS AT HESTON.

SUCCESSFUL MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION FUNCTION.

The fourth annual 'do' of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association was held on the first Saturday of the New Year—and a very good start for the year, too.

Ringling, naturally, commenced the proceedings. The six bells at Norwood Green, under the direction of Deputy Master W. H. Coles, and the octave at Heston, with Ringing Master G. M. Kilby in charge, had the full attention of many ringers during the afternoon. We hear 'surprising' things were done with some Minor—splicing and all that—now really, Bill, what would Jim Hunt say about it? It was a festive occasion and, shall we say, privileged?

Round about 6 o'clock the Village Hall became the scene of much activity. How nice it is to watch ringers meeting old friends, and—can ringers talk? There appeared to be the greatest reluctance to gather round the 'festive board' until the stentorian voice of the head waiter, an old friend, too, sent everyone scurrying to their seats!

The happy party of nearly eighty sat down to an enjoyable supper, under the chairmanship of the Vicar of Heston, the Rev. G. Craggs. He was supported by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), the Ringing Master, Deputy Ringing Master, hon. treasurer and Mrs. Collins, and the hon. secretary and Mrs. Goodfellow. Many well-known ringers were present, including Messrs. E. C. S. Turner, J. Bennett, H. Kilby, W. Williams, J. H. Riding, F. Corke, J. Herbert and Mrs. Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elson, etc. Ten lady ringers were present (without the harmony being disturbed!), and numerous wives and girl friends were there to see fair play. The president (the Rev. W. P. Cole Sheane) was delayed by car trouble, and was only able to pay a short, but none the less welcome, visit later in the evening. Apologies for absence were received from the Vicars of Brentford, Ealing and Isleworth, Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.

At the conclusion of the supper, the loyal toast was duly honoured. The Vicar of Heston, whose presence was required at the old people's party, also being held that evening, gave the association a hearty welcome to Heston before leaving. Heston, he said, is now a very different place to what it was years ago. Then they had green fields, orchards and nurseries. Two of the things he liked best in Heston were the beautiful old church and the bells (applause). He thought the bells played a very large part in the life of Heston, and he heard very few complaints from people who objected to the ringing. Someone told him only the other day that he had had a letter from a friend in Canada, who would give anything to hear Heston bells again. Continuing, the Vicar said he was very grateful to the ringers for ringing the bells. It appeared to him that there was a very great problem confronting young people in these days of comparatively short hours of work, and that was what to do with their leisure. What better could they do than take up the fascinating art of change ringing? He was always pleased to do what he could for the ringers and their ringing.

The vice-president thanked the Supper Committee, Messrs. Chandler, Gladman and Goodfellow, for their labours, and was supported vociferously from all parts of the room.

The tables having been removed, the remainder of the evening was devoted to a social programme, which catered with apparent success for both young and old. Joe Herbert and Miss K. M. Bradford led the way with some rousing choruses to put everyone in good spirit. Double musical chairs followed with a prize for the winners. A very fine course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Miss F. Humphrey, Messrs. Kilby, Trollope, Turner and W. Williams, and received the applause it deserved.

Miss K. M. Bradford, who was frequently at the piano, was joined by her sister, and their duets on that instrument gave great delight to the many appreciative critics in the audience. Honorary members actively interested in the association are not often found figuring in a programme of this sort, and a genuine surprise item followed when Mr. F. Stamp, of Brentford, demonstrated some clever conjuring tricks. The Vicar, with his usual thoughtfulness, sent over two turns that appeared at the old people's party. Mr. S. Haywood, mouth organ soloist and champion of Great Britain, 1919-27, displayed his versatility over a range of nearly a dozen instruments of all shapes and sizes. 'Dr. Brown's' whirlwind entrance, performance and exit gave great amusement. His market place oratory—'since taking 937 boxes of your pills, I now have ball bearings in every joint'—threatened to have a serious effect on those whose laughter was becoming uncontrollable! As the two persistent amateurs sang later, 'You can't do that there 'ere!'

And so the evening passed. Games and dancing were very popular. Rugby enthusiasts had a treat when the male members played handball with a balloon (or balloons!). There were scrums, rushes, fouls and injuries as well! A real good 'rough house.' The ladies were more genteel, but not much! 'Auld Lang Syne,' with the company joining hands in the time-honoured fashion, concluded a most successful evening.

BRANSTON, Lincs.—At All Saints' Church, on November 1st, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: Moses B. Billings (first 720 as conductor) 1, Walter Tomlinson 2, Joseph Canham (first 720 of Cambridge) 3, Kenneth W. Mayer 4, Jack L. Millhouse 5, John Walden 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

MARRIAGE OF MR. W. H. J. HOOTON & MISS D. M. LEWIS
PRETTY CEREMONY AT BRASTED.

There were picturesque and animated scenes at Brasted, Kent, on Saturday week, when, as already briefly reported in these columns, Miss Dilys Mary Lewis, daughter of the president of the Central Council, and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, was married to Mr. Wilfred Henry John Hooton, M.C., eldest son of the Rev. H. G. Hooton and Mrs. Hooton, of Cambridge, headmaster of Lindley College Preparatory School, Leicestershire, and non-resident secretary of the Cambridge University Guild.

The bride is keenly interested in horticulture, and passed through Swanley College, securing her B.Sc. London (Hort.). She also serves on the Community Council of Kent, and at one time was a follower of the Bolebroke Beagles.

A large congregation, including some 200 guests, filled St. Martin's Church, the company including many well-known ringers.

The service was conducted by the bride's uncle, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford), and the Rev. E. V. E. Bryan (Rector of Brasted). The bridegroom's father, who was to have officiated, was unable to be present owing to illness.

A large crowd gathered at the picturesque old church to witness the ceremony, and the bride, with her three attendants, made a charming picture in such delightful surroundings.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and she wore her great-grandmother's beautiful Irish lace wedding dress, set over a gown of pale, gold tissue. She wore a brooch set with sapphires and pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a sheaf of auratum lilies.

The bridesmaids were the Misses Agatha and Barbara Lewis (sisters of the bride) and Miss Margaret Hooton (sister of the bridegroom). They carried sheafs of mimosa and daffodils. Their silver hand-made brooches studded with jewels were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. Martin Hooton (bridegroom's brother) was best man.

The church was beautifully decorated with yellow flowers and evergreens, and the hymns, 'God be in my head,' 'All people that on earth do dwell' and St. Patrick's hymn were sung. Mr. Miller was at the organ.

The groomsmen were Mr. D. Thursfield and Mr. H. St. G. Hooton. The reception was held at Moorcocks, when nearly 200 guests were present, and later the bride and bridegroom left for a motoring tour in Wales.

The bride and bridegroom are to reside at Lindley Lodge, Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire.

A peal, recorded in another column, was rung at Brasted in the afternoon by members of the Cambridge University Guild, and the bells at Westerham and Sevenoaks Parish Churches were also rung in honour of the event.

RINGERS' WEDDINGS.
A FAMILY OF RINGERS.

At St. Peter's Church, Twineham, Sussex, on Boxing Day, the wedding took place of Mr. Ernest Frank Packham and Miss Muriel Maud Sayers. The bridegroom is a member of the local band of ringers, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in honour of the marriage: George Albert Jackham, jun. (conductor) (brother of bridegroom) 1, Frederick Charles Packham (brother of bridegroom) 2, Charles Wickens 3, Ernest Willey 4, William Harry Packham (brother of bridegroom) 5. Mr. W. Packham, who resides at Twyford, near Forest Row, had done no ringing for several years, but had not forgotten it. Mr. George Packham, sen. (father of bridegroom and captain of ringers), is vergar at the church.

On Sunday, December 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Kingswinford, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Skidmore (conductor) 1, J. Bass 2, J. Lloyd 3, W. Masters 4, J. Pagett 6, H. V. Cooper 7, E. Myles (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung immediately after the marriage at this church of Mr. Bernard Lawton, a member of the Brierley Hill band and a former member of the Kingswinford band.

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THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.

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The fourth edition of the Directory of Church Bellringers, published by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, is now on sale. It has outgrown its predecessors very considerably, and now mounts up to more than 170 pages of information. It contains the names and addresses of more than 1,600 ringers, and information in respect of approximately 3,750 towers, the particulars in respect to more than 750, including the number of bells, tenor weights, times of Sunday ringing and practice nights.

The officials of all the associations and guilds are given, and a valuable section is one containing hints for young conductors, written by Mr. J. T. Dyke.

The Directory is a most useful work of reference, which every ringer should possess. It increases in scope and value with every edition, and the Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to those hard-working members of the Directory Sub-Committee who have so painstakingly compiled the information.

The committee, in the preface, remark that 'the work already accomplished can be the sound basis of a yet more complete and accurate reference book,' and this is quite true. Its future depends on the support which the ringers themselves give it, but in the meantime the fourth edition is a wonderful shillingaworth. Before it is entirely sold out, those who have not already secured a copy should forward their shilling to the hon. secretary, Mr. Edgar Guise, 46a, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

INJURED BY BELL CLAPPER.

£1,200 DAMAGES FOR BOY.

An action of some importance to Church authorities was decided in the King's Bench Division on Monday, when Mr. Justice Hilbery awarded £1,200 damages to a boy, Charles Edward King, of Broadstairs, now aged ten years, for injuries sustained when the clapper of a bell at St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Broadstairs, fell and severely damaged his skull. The only question for the Court was the amount of damages, liability being admitted. The boy's father, Charles Edward King, was awarded £24 agreed special damages.

The defendants were Dr. P. E. Amigo, Bishop of Southwark, and other trustees of St. Peter's Church, the Rev. Martin de Vidts, priest-in-charge at the time, and Messrs. James Longley and Co., Ltd., of Crawley, who hung the bell in 1931.

Mr. Charles Doughty, K.C., for the plaintiffs, said that in July, 1934, the boy was ringing the bell at the church, of which his parents were members, when the clapper fell from the bell. It dropped a great height and struck the boy on the top of the head.

'It was remarkable that he was not killed,' said counsel, 'His skull was broken and crushed in.' He lay unconscious for a considerable time before he was missed. He was then found near the rope which he had been pulling. The damaged bone was removed and later the boy was fitted with a skull cap in which was an aluminium plate covering the injured place. He would have to wear something of the kind all his life. The accident had seriously affected the boy's health.

Giving judgment, Mr. Justice Hilbery said the boy, knowing that the top of his skull was not complete, would be apprehensive of injury for the rest of his life.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—For evening service, on Sunday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. W. Denyer 1, T. E. Denyer (first quarter as conductor) 2, E. V. Symonds (first quarter-peal) 3, Miss M. W. Smith 4, W. Denyer 5, P. L. Eldridge 6, W. H. Viggers 7, E. J. Gower 8.

CAMBERWELL, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Giles, for evening service, on Sunday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, B. Bragg 3, Miss O. L. Ashbrook (first quarter-peal away from treble) 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, W. Berry 6, E. J. King 7, E. R. Warner (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 8, W. D. Grainger 9, E. E. Peter 10.

ORIPPLEGATE, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Sunday evening, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): *B. W. Brighty 1, J. A. Waugh 2, A. S. Richards 3, C. A. Hughes 4, *G. A. Parsons 5, *F. W. Corney 6, E. G. Cousins 7, J. G. A. Prior 8, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 9, *F. W. Hopgood 10. Tenor 38½ cwt. * First quarter-peal on ten bells. The average age of the band is 25 years.

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NOTICES.

BRISTOL DINNER.—January 18th, 6 p.m., Cadena Café. Bells available: Temple (Leaning Tower, Victoria Street) (8) 2 p.m.; St. Nicholas' (10), 3 p.m.; St. Mary's Redcliffe (12), 4 p.m.; St. Peter's (8), 4.45 p.m.; Henbury (8), 3.45 p.m. Cup of tea and bun at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, 4.15 to 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Serve sharp 6.15.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham Saturday, Jan. 18th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, B.A. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Meat tea in Church House 4.45 by ticket. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting on Jan. 18th. Meet at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Westminster, 3 o'clock to 4.30. Tea and meeting Napier Hall, Hyde Place, Vincent Square, 5 o'clock. Ringing at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 6.30 to 8.30.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Kidderminster (peal of 12) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service in church, with an address by the Rev. Canon L. B. Sladen, at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. B. Cartwright, Hon. Branch Sec., 115, Westhill Road, King's Norton, Birmingham. Phone: King's Norton 1542.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells, a nice peal of 8, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Good bus service. So come, if possible.—A. Bigley, Dis. Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral Church, Portsmouth, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Green Row Rooms, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at Church Room. It is hoped outstanding subscriptions will be paid at this meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows' Church, Bispham (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Sun Hotel, 1s. 6d. per head. Mr. Rupert Richardson will show his films of the Australian tour.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, Jan. 18th. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting at the Parish Room. Please advise early.—H. A. Taylor, 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held in the City on Saturday, Jan. 18th. The bells of St. Lawrence Jewry will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., and the evening ringing will be at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side. Tea will be arranged nearby.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Police Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Ringing at St. Peter's Church from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the Manchester branch will be held at the Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Tower open at 5.45 p.m. All welcome. Subscriptions due.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Margaret's (12), Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South and North Norfolk Branches.—Meetings have been arranged at Pulham Market (South Norfolk) on Saturday, Jan. 18th, and at Hethersett (North Norfolk) on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Service at 4.15, tea at 4.45 at each meeting. Please notify your intention to be present.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Reepham Road, Norwich.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Warwick to-morrow. Ten bells of St. Mary's available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea in the Porridge Pot at 1s. each. Business meeting afterwards. Come yourself and thus help to make the meeting a success, and **PLEASE BRING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION.**—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Mar-tock, Somerset.

THE MEETING is at Watford, Saturday, Jan. 18th, from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea in Old School 5.30. Excellent train and coach service from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual general meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 18th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on Jan. 30th (8 p.m.), St. Magnus' on the 23rd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 21st, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Jan. 25th, when the Abbey bells (10, tenor 25½ cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and after the business meeting to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. (Preacher, Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.) Tea (1s. 6d. per head) in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m., and all who intend to be present should notify Mr. J. W. Hall, 9, Westbourn Road, Selby, by Thursday, Jan. 23rd. The business meeting will be held in the Hawdon Institute immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Mitcham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available: Parish Church (8 bells) and Christ Church (6 bells) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at Christ Church 5 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Christ Church Band), followed by meeting at the Welfare Centre, Cavendish Road. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Miller, 2, Clarendon Road, Merton, S.W. 19, by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Jan. 25th. Tower open at 4.15. The memorial tablet to late master will be unveiled at 5 p.m. by the Vicar. Tea at 5.30 and numbers must reach me by the 21st inst. This is most important.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Braunton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Please send a postcard before Jan. 21st to A. H. Hayward, Gas Office, Combe Martin.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at REDBOURNE on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements, but numbers for tea by the 23rd. Will members please come prepared to discuss the question of appointing a *District Committee* and a new secretary, as well as holding an annual district meeting.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec., Leverstock Green.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at Lyonshall. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 21st, the number to expect for tea.—Jb. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Bridge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Jan. 21st, Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Room. Business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea let me know definitely by Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Godshill on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by the annual meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 22nd?—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8). Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Local Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed immediately by the meeting, 5.30 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Jan. 20th to A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Woodston (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Branch.—Annual meeting at Goring on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Ringing from 2.30. Send number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Beenham Vicarage, Reading.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) available 2.15 to 4.15 and 8 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church House, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. **IMPORTANT.**—Names for tea to be sent to me by first post Thursday, Jan. 23rd. Subscriptions are now due (also arrears) and can be paid at this meeting. The Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson) has kindly offered to show his films on the Great Adventure, providing a good number is present. So do your best.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Norbury (Hazel Grove) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. For tea please advise Mr. W. Fernley, 4, Grove Street, Hazel Grove.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly let me know for tea not later than the 22nd inst.—Frank Skidmore, Branch Sec. (pro tem.), 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Burwash on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—C. T. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.15. Branch members are asked to make every effort to attend,

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Deddington on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Adderbury (8) available after tea. Subscriptions now due. For tea please notify E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea at King's Head Hotel 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield district of the M.C.A. will be held at Eckington on Jan. 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. No arrangements for tea. Election of officers.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bright Street, North Wingfield.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Names to G. A. Newton, 138, High Street, Earl Shilton, Leicester. All welcome.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Guilborough (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Balance sheet and report for 1935 will be presented and officers elected. A good attendance requested.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Will members of the District Committee please attend to arrange programme of meetings for 1936?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Jan. 25th. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, the 22nd.—O. Sippetts, Div. Hon. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

MODBURY, SOUTH DEVON.—On Wednesday, Jan. 29th, at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the ring of 6 bells, rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paulinus', Crayford, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Woodbury on

Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m., also Clyst St. George (6 bells). Service will be held at 4 p.m., address by the Vicar (Rev. R. H. Neely). Tea in the Public Hall, 1s. each, at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 27th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Full details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Wigston Magna, near Leicester. Fuller details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. in Parochial Hall, Brighton Road. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 28th.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Little Waltham on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 29th?—H. W. Shadrack, Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Penshurst, on Feb. 1st, for the first meeting of the year, of the Tonbridge district. If you don't come, we shall be one short. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells three mins. past hour. Please help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Notify me for tea by Jan. 28th. Please note: Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—Alec. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

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