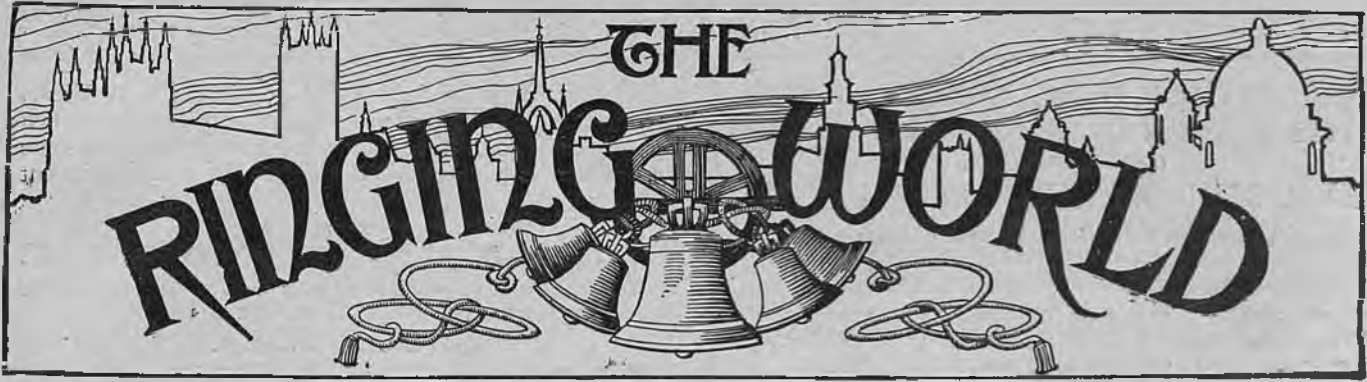


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It is difficult to write with restraint when one reads such words at this from the ecclesiastical head of an important parish. Kingston is a town with a long and honourable history; within its boundaries it preserves the stone on which Saxon kings were crowned, it is the administrative centre of an important county, and its church in the past has had no mean share in the life of this Thames-side community. For more than 200 years the bells in this old tower have served the church, and played their part on civic and national occasions. They have called generations of worshippers together, and he would be a bold man who would deny that their voices have failed to have any influence among the people.

The Rev. T. B. Scrutton's views seem to be on a par with that other clergyman who said he would prefer a steam siren to bells for his new church. We cannot believe that the Vicar of Kingston really represents the views of the townspeople. Indeed, the attitude of the meeting which he addressed pointed to the fact that something should be done to put the bells in order. But for a responsible Vicar to declare that the bells are of no interest to the church as a church is one of the most extraordinary declarations which we have ever heard. Let it be said the Vicar is quite ready to have the bells put in order if someone else raises the money, but it is not the question of who raises the money that concerns us so much as the amazing declaration that the bells are of no interest to the church as a church. To us it seems a marvellously distorted view to take of responsibilities which go with the office of head of a church, which has a valuable peal of bells in its care; bells which for centuries have fulfilled a purpose which has endeared them to thousands of Christian worshippers and which, happily, are a part of the local life of Kingston however

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lacking they may be in interest to the present Vicar. There is this to be said about it; men may come and men may go, but the bells remain, and it may be that some future Vicar of Kingston will view his bells in a different and truer light.

MEMORIAL PEALS FOR KING GEORGE V.

The following peals were rung with muffled or half-muffled bells to the memory of His late Majesty, King George V.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
A. WINGFIELD DURHAM 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 8
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	FREDERICK PAGE 9
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5	STANLEY E. ARMSTONG ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung with the bells muffled for the death of the late King George V.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK 8
*WILLIAM LIDBETTER 4	*WILFRED G. WILSON 9
PERCY E. JONES 5	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as an expression of respect and esteem from the members of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild to the memory of His late Majesty King George V.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
*ERNEST W. PYE 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCK. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal away from the treble. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of deep respect to His late Majesty King George V.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 21, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS LEE Treble	HARRY GRACE 5
THOMAS ROBINSON 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 6
THOMAS W. HESKETH 3	ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS 7
JOHN W. GARDNER 4	*FRED J. GIBBS Tenor

Conducted by E. L. HUMPHRISS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late King George V.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 22, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

GEORGE SLACK Treble	WILLIAM O. TALBOT 5
*REV. P. THORMAN 2	G. WILFRED SLACK 6
FREDERICK G. SHERWOOD 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
*A. ROWLAND TYSOE 4	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.
* First peal. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute to the glorious memory of His late Majesty King George V.

PENARTH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EVAN COLES... .. Treble	GEORGE LARGE 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	REGINALD ADDIS 6
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ERNEST COOMBS... .. 4	ALBERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute of love, affection and loyalty to the late King George V. First peal on the bells.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;
Consisting of 2,944 changes of London, 608 of Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... .. 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT
First peal of Spliced Surprise by all the band, on the bells and for the association. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late King George V.

CHURCH, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ANTHONY CHADWICK Treble	WILLIE AARON 5
JAMES PARR 2	JACK CLEGG 6
SYDNEY BROWN 3	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS 7
*HERBERT HOLDEN 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the late King George V.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	JESSE HARRISON 5
PERCY NEWTON 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	JOHN W. EUSTON... .. 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	TONY PRICH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.
Rung with fully muffled clappers as a tribute to His late Majesty King George V.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE ... Treble	WILL H. VIGGERS 5
*MISS DORIS VIGGERS... .. 2	†EDWARD J. BRAGG 6
*THOMAS E. DENVER 3	CHARLES W. DENVER 7
*MISS MARJORIE W. SMITH ... 4	*ERNEST J. GOWER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. DENVER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung with the bells fully muffled for the late King George V. All are local ringers.

TIPTON, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 6
ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 3	JOHN GOODMAN 7
BERT HORTON 4	ARTHUR E. REED Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.
Rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect to His Majesty King George V.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
HARRY BAKER 4	THOMAS E. SONE... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Specially arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of our beloved King George V.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
LEWIS TYLDESLEY 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
GEORGE LEDSHAM 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 7
*ERNEST F. BENNETT... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a tribute of respect to our late beloved King George V.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

ERNEST STONE Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN... .. 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
*MALCOMBE C. C. MELVILLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.
* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late King George V.

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**RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Lt. W. A. COOKE Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY 5
FRANK CHEAL 2	WILLIAM WALKER 6
FRANK BELSEY 3	GEORGE NAYLOR 7
*HORACE BARDEN 4	FREDERICK STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE NAYLOR.

* First peal. First muffled peal by all the band. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a tribute to the memory of His Most Gracious Majesty King George V.

**BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	A. VICTOR WILLIAMS 5
HAROLD W. EMMETT 2	HERBERT MILLS 6
GEORGE BROWN 3	JACK BRACEWELL 7
FRED KENDAL 4	ALBERT MILLS Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRACEWELL.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of King George V.

**SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Sunday, January 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary, Prittlewell,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK B. LUFKIN Treble	HENRY S. WILSON 5
NORMAN C. TOWNSEND 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
WALTER D. TAYLOR 3	ALBERT E. NORTH 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	GORDON A. BACON Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by HENRY T. WILSON.
Rung, fully muffled, in memory of His late Majesty King George V.

**OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(OVER SOCIETY.)**

On Sunday, January 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES ROBINSON Treble	FRED C. GINN 5
BERRY WAYMAN 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 6
ROBERT SMITH 3	ARTHUR J. GINN 7
JACK PARISH 4	MANSFIELD GINN Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung with clappers fully muffled in deep respect to His late Majesty King George V.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

**COMPTON MARTIN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, January 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Lightfoot, Durham, York, Wells, London and Cambridge.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JAMES TARGETT Treble	DAVID G. MACKAY 4
FREDERICK TARGETT 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
LEONARD DUNFORD 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BECK.

First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung half-muffled as an expression of great sorrow for the death of H.M. King George V.

**GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Tuesday, January 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

A. GRIMWOOD Treble	F. BORLEY 4
J. STEED 2	A. R. WOODWARD 5
E. CRACKNELL 3	F. ROPER Tenor

Conducted by F. ROPER.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled for the death of His Majesty King George V.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

On Thursday, January 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 4
BERNARD GILLATT, JDN. 2	JACK BRAY 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	ERNEST BRITAIN Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect and affection for our late Sovereign, King George V.

**BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Friday, January 24, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Rood,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 11 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire, 18 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*PARCY H. J. CHANT Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
HERBERT GROVES 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 5
HAROLD C. R. VINE 3	WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal in three methods. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of deepest respect to the memory of King George V. Quickest peal on the bells.

**GREAT GADDESSEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of : (1) Lytham and Thelwall; (2) London and Wells Surprise; (3) Norwich Surprise; (4) Netherseale; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Double and Reverse Bob; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE Treble	HORACE L. WAITE 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in 12 methods by all the band. Rung fully muffled in affectionate memory of His Majesty King George V.

**EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)**

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob and two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JACK CASSWELL Treble	†GEORGE LEE 4
†LIONEL PARKIN 2	†NORMAN CHADDOCK 5
†SIDNEY BRIGGS 3	†CHARLES POULTNEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES POULTNEY.

* First peal. † First peal in four methods. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung muffled as a token of respect to the late King George V. First peal in more than one method by a band of regular Sunday service ringers at this church, and rung at first attempt. All except ringer of 3rd learnt to ring at Eastwood.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*REV. A. B. WESTCOTT ... Treble	LEONARD G. TOSELAND ... 4
HERBERT W. ABBOTT ... 2	BURLY P. MORRIS ... 5
JACK D. BELL ... 3	*ERIC CHAMBERS ... Tenor

Conducted by **BURLY P. MORRIS.**

* First attempt for a peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to His late Majesty King George V.

ALDEBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Bob Minor. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RAY PECK ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 4
†JACK PILGRIM ... 2	H. J. VINCE ... 5
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by **NORMAN R. BAILEY.**

* First peal. † First peal of Minor on tower bells. Rung deeply muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of His late Majesty King George V.

BRABOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ARTHUR J. BALL ... Treble	†PHILIP H. PIERCE ... 4
*LEONARD FINN ... 2	†SIDNEY FINN ... 5
*GEORGE K. FINN ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by **EDWARD S. RUCK.**

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of sincere and deep respect to His late Majesty King George V. The conductor hails from Willesborough, the rest being local service ringers.

STRATTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 12 of Grandsire, 22 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ARTHUR G. CHUBB ... Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3
*CECIL H. SMART ... 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... 4
*PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... Treble	

Conducted by **E. T. P. FIELD.**

* First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of deepest respect to the memory of His late Majesty King George V.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford and five of Kent, with different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE C. MELLOR ... Treble	*WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... 4
FRANK LINFOOT ... 2	RONALD SQUIRES ... 5
FRANK POPPLEWELL ... 3	FRANK RHODES ... Tenor

Conducted by **JOE C. MELLOR.**

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the hand. The bells were fully muffled in the King's memory.

DEPTFORD.—At St. John's Church, Lewisham High Road, on Sunday, January 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Easterby 1, R. Wood 2, C. Elliott 3, E. Crowder 4, G. Rawlings 5, A. Bennington 6, G. Daynes (conductor) 7, W. Bland 8.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 6010 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

CECIL F. MOGFORD ... Treble	ALBERT S. GALE ... 6
RICHARD CLARK ... 2	FREDERICK TARGET ... 7
JOHN SPILLER ... 3	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 8
GILBERT PEARSE ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
ALFRED PEARSE ... 5	GEORGE BOUCHER ... 10

Composed and Conducted by **JOHN A. BURFORD.**

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Richmond, 50 years steeplekeeper and curfew ringer at the above church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN ... Treble	THOMAS ADAMS ... 5
ALBERT FEIST ... 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
RAYMOND WOOD ... 3	JOHN COOK ... 7
PETER CHARMAN ... 4	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by **J. REEVES.**

Conducted by **R. WOOD, JUN.**

First peal in the method as conductor.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID MACKAY ... Treble	EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 5
*NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	*PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... 6
JACK CARMAN ... 3	RONALD G. BECK ... 7
KENNETH FORD ... 4	†JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by **R. G. BECK.**

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Surprise Major. First in the method as conductor.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS CHINERY ... Treble	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 5
ALBERT WIFFEN ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
HARRY G. FELTON ... 4	DAVID ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by **L. W. WIFFEN.**

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 60th birthday of Mr. David Elliott, to whom all members extended their greetings. Mr. Elliott kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,

5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
PERCY SWINDLEY ... 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... 6
JOHN HAYES ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
JAMES MORGAN ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by **H. W. WILDE.**

Conducted by **S. JONES, JUN.**

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb.

*WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE ... Treble	*ARTHUR J. HART ... 5
*FRANK H. HICKS ... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
*ARTHUR F. SEWRY ... 3	CHARLES BRASIER ... 7
FRANK BENNETT... ... 4	*HAROLD HINSON... ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a 61st birthday compliment to Mr. C. Brasier.

**WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*HARRY HOSKINS... ... Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 5
WILLIAM RAWLINGS ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6
WILFRED HOLLAMBY... 3	WALTER SMITH ... 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 4	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. S. RICHARDS.

* First peal of Bob Major. First touch of Major as conductor. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late H. McCabe, a former member of St. Mary's band, and the father of the present secretary. It was also rung as a tribute to the late Rudyard Kipling.

SIX BELL PEALS.

**MUCH MAROLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Monday, December 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN COX Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 4
CECIL COX 2	H. ERNEST COX ... 5
†CHARLES COX 3	HARRY E. COX ... Tenor

Conducted by H. ERNEST COX.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss H. Bellamy on her 102nd birthday. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5 are sons of the tenorman, and all are Sunday service ringers at the church.

**MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS AMY E. WALDOCK ... Treble	*STANFORD C. CARD ... 4
*RICHARD BIRD ... 2	FRED CHALK ... 5
*HENRY R. A. APPLETON ... 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

* First peal.

**MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, 1935, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

With 15 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... Treble	*FREDERICK J. PRIDDLE ... 4
*PERCY H. SPARKES ... 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... 5
*WILLIAM A. OSBORNE ... 3	*CLEMMENT C. VOWLES ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... 4
*WILLIAM HARRISON ... 2	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... 3	SIDNEY CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

* First peal of Minor.

SANDY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

SYDNEY FOX Treble	JOHN CHURCH ... 4
C. HENRY HARDING ... 2	CHARLIE J. BALL ... 5
FRANCIS BEAUMONT ... 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

**RIPPINGALE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT ... 4
ALBERT L. WARD ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for Mr. Ward, it being his first Surprise peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM HOLMES ... Treble	JOHN NELSON ... 4
HARRY FRANCE ... 2	JAMES MILLER ... 5
JACOB RYDING ... 3	JOHN T. MILLER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MILLER.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar and his wife, the Rev. G. H. and Mrs. Heaslett.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The peal rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on March 2nd, 1935, is not recognised by the society, as it was subsequently found that one of the ringers was not a member.

W. T. COCKERILL, Hon. Secretary.

This was the Bankers' Peal of Bob Major rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**PUDSEY'S EXAMPLE.**

The society's first meeting in 1936 was held at Pudsey on Saturday week, instead of as usual on the last Saturday in the month, in order to avoid clashing with the Yorkshire Association's general meeting. The weather conditions were not of the best, as frost and snow made travelling very difficult. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a variety of methods were rung until tea time. The meal was served in the usual generous Pudsey style in the Park Hotel.

At the business meeting the president occupied the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Burley, Bradford, Calverley, Drighlington, Eland, Halifax, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Shipley, Sherburn, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Tadcaster and the local company.

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. A. E. West and D. M. Sharpe, of Sutton-on-Hull, and E. S. Morley, of Selby.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who said he wondered how often these votes of thanks were passed on to the Vicar and churchwardens.

In thanking the local company for the splendid way in which they received the society, he reminded those present that the Pudsey headquarters had not always been as easy to find as they were to-day.—Mr. C. Pratt, in seconding the vote of thanks, referred to the new peal board in the Pudsey tower, which showed five different peals of Surprise, and he thought that other towers should attempt to emulate this feat by regular attendance and practice. He made a special appeal to the ringers who were in the habit of having five extra minutes in bed on a Sunday morning to think of their friends waiting for them in the tower.

The reply should have come from the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, but, unfortunately, he was indisposed and unable to be present; the deputy chairman was too busy entertaining; and after Sam had been asked 'to pick up his musket,' the reply came from Mr. W. Barton, who informed the company that the vote of thanks was always passed on to the proper quarter.

The date of the next meeting was discussed in view of the fact that the Ladies' Guild had taken the usual Saturday. One proposition was that the meeting be held as usual on the last Saturday in the month (which is leap year day) in order to keep the young members out of Aunt Kate's clutches in case that lady came to Ossett, but the proposition, which was accepted, was that the next meeting be held on February 22nd at St. Michael's, Headingley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP IN WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.**

The annual branch meeting of the Wellingborough District of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, January 18th, by kind permission of the Rector, the Rev. L. W. Wright. Despite the wintry conditions, ringers were present from Wellingborough, Northampton, Kettering, Warkton, Fytchley, Burton Latimer, Grendon, Earls Barton, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Raunds, Stanwick and Addington, besides a full muster of local ringers.

Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, Vicar of Finedon. The address, given by the Rector, was much appreciated. He took for his text, 'Make thee two trumpets of silver, of a whole piece shalt thou make them, that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly and for the journeying of the camps' (Numbers x., 2). Their ringing, said the Rector, was of little use or value unless it brought them nearer to God, and, as their Guild prayer reminded them, it should prepare them for the time when they, too, should depart from this life.

The singing of the three hymns, with the excellent accompaniment of Mr. Ross Hickling on the new organ, was most enjoyable.

A collection for the Belfry Repair Fund amounted to 11s. 6d.

Tea was served in the St. Peter's Rooms by the wives and friends of the Irthlingborough band, about 50 being present. At the business meeting which followed, 'Bozeat was chosen for the next gathering.

Two honorary, five ringing and one out-county members were elected. The secretary's report and balance sheet for 1935 were read and adopted, and although there was a disappointing loss in membership, through various causes, a satisfactory balance in hand was obtained. There are now on the books three honorary life, 17 honorary and 150 ringing members.

The officers for the year were all re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley; Central Committee, Messrs. G. Basford and A. Plowman; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, F. Jones and A. H. Martin; auditor, Mr. E. Johnson. Mr. W. Perkins, who was congratulated on ringing 400 peals, is to officiate as Branch Ringing Master.

Among those present were Mr. R. G. Black, of Geddington, Guild general secretary; Mr. H. Baxter, Kettering branch secretary; Mr. W. Whitmore, Thrapston branch secretary, and Mr. F. Wilford. Mr. F. Barber, the former branch secretary, was also a very welcome visitor. The handy ring of eight bells were rung during the afternoon and evening, practice extending from rounds to Surprise Major methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It would be very interesting to know which tower was first to toll out 70 in the early hours of January 21st. It was ascertained at the Cumberland Youths' meeting on Saturday that Guildford Cathedral commenced at about 12.20 a.m., and Burnham, Bucks, at 12.17. Was there anything earlier?

The same band that rang a peal at Aldershot for King George's Silver Jubilee on Saturday rang a muffled peal to his memory. It is a purely local band. Last May there were four 'first peals' and a 'first in the method.' On this occasion there were five who rang their first peal in the method.

Mr. A. J. Ginn, of the Over, Cambs. Society, has rung for two Jubilees, Diamond and Silver, for the deaths of two Queens and two Kings, for two coronations and four royal weddings, a record of distinction shared by a comparatively limited number of ringers.

The ring of six at Malborough, near Kingsbridge, Devon, is to be tuned and rehung with new fittings in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

Ringers requiring copies of any of the Central Council publications should apply to the hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex, sending the necessary remittance with the order.

The Shropshire Association's meeting at Shrewsbury is postponed to February 22nd, and the Essex Association meeting at Little Waltham to February 29th.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, are rehanging three peals in Derbyshire, viz., the rings of eight at Matlock and Melbourne Churches and the ring of six at Spondon.

On Sunday, Mr. Edward Clapshaw, Farnham's oldest ringer, celebrated his 91st birthday. He continues to enjoy fairly good health, and in the congratulations conveyed to him by Mr. R. Hasted and Mr. T. Upshall, on behalf of the local band, all ringers will join.

The many ringing friends of Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, will congratulate him upon his promotion last week to the rank of Inspector in the Leicester City Police Force. Inspector Poole is hon. secretary of the National Guild of Police Ringers, whose annual meeting is to be held in Leicester on February 8th.

RINGING IN WEST CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was very surprised to read in 'The Ringing World' of the 17th inst. that Father Trehella has taken exception to what appeared over my initials. I do think he could have come and told me, as I was at home for a full week after the paragraph appeared.

Let me say, and both Lt.-Col. Jerram and Father Trehella know, that I have always respected the positions which they hold, and that I have always been willing to help them. The whole tone of the latter's letter savours more of 'glorious officialdom,' which I detest, than what one would expect of a priest.

I think a great reflection has been cast upon Mr. P. R. O. Williams, who, last September, succeeded me as Truro district secretary, and Mr. C. E. Lanxon, who, last February at the annual meeting of the Guild, was elected peal secretary for a special purpose, and who has put in a tremendous amount of work, collecting and typing all peals rung for the Truro Guild since its formation for a proposed peal book. These two have worked together splendidly, and practically every week visit one or more towers, with other ringers, to help local bands. It was owing to these practices that we scored several 'first' quarters and peals during the past month. Father Trehella knows well that in the past he has often received letters from visitors seeking information and has passed them on to me, as district secretary, for attention. Why not Messrs. Williams and Lanxon, who, with a few others, are the live wires of the district, and why have a district secretary or peal secretary?

If I had asked visitors not to write to the Diocesan Master or secretary, a complaint would have been legitimate.

Now, I will go on and point out a glaring mistake which has appeared in the new 'Ringers' Directory.' Wrong names appear as Truro Diocesan secretary and treasurer, Mr. Williams being stated as the former and not Father Trehella. The latter and Col. Jerram are not mentioned. Somebody should be ticked off—not me this time!

It is not my nature to take up matters like this, but I am afraid the two whom I mentioned may have their enthusiasm damped a little.

Several of my friends who have visited Cornwall know only too well how a few, who are really enthusiastic to advance, appreciate being able to take part in an occasional peal with their help. No, we are not 'peal mad,' because often we are rising, ringing rounds or call changes and falling, but we like to make such visits worth while both for visitor and visited.

Ringling in Cornwall will improve when young ringers are encouraged, like Miss Phyllis Tillet, to whom you referred (may I add my congratulations?). At present there are several who have to struggle hard to practise what they hold in theory, and who, in their own towers, are never asked to conduct.

I think this is my very first outburst. I hope it will be the last.

A. S. ROBERTS.

Bishop Wilson College, Isle of Man.

THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE.**BELLS IN THE NATIONAL MOURNING.****A Background to the Funeral Procession.**

The national mourning for King George V. has been expressed in no more fitting manner than by muffled bells sounding from the church towers of the land. Many peals have been rung, but in less pretentious forms, in a multitude of cases, perhaps, only in rounds and call changes, the ringers of England have endeavoured to interpret, by their ringing, the nation's grief at the passing of their King.

Those who stood in the neighbourhood of Westminster on Tuesday morning and watched the great funeral procession set out on its journey to Paddington Station, and those who listened in their homes to the impressive broadcast of this first stage of the solemn final obsequies of the dead monarch, heard as a background to this poignant scene, the half-muffled bells of Westminster Abbey. In slow and stately rhythm they sounded, above the tramp of martial feet and the distant strains of funeral music, with, intermittently, the booming note of Big Ben, tolling out the passing minutes and the roar of the guns in their last salute to the dead Sovereign. Few who witnessed, or even listened to the description of this historic event, could have failed to be impressed by the part which the bells played upon this mournful occasion.

Peals which have been rung with muffled bells as a tribute of loyal respect and sympathy with Queen Mary, King Edward VIII. and the Royal Family are printed in other columns. Below we give some of the lesser performances of the past days:—

On Tuesday, January 21st, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Caters (1,259 changes): F. W. Bond 1, H. L. Cooke 2, A. Painter 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, S. Hicks 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. J. Lewis, jun. 10.

At Southwell Minster, on Tuesday, January 21st, 1,296 Stedman Triples with half-muffled bells: G. E. Foster 1, G. E. Padgett 2, F. G. Hooper 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, W. D. Shorthose 8.

On Tuesday evening, January 21st, the bells of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, were rung, half-muffled. Two touches of Grand sire Caters (359 and 287) were rung by G. A. Baker, T. Smith, J. Williams, T. Roden, J. Whatmore, N. H. Smith, C. Griffiths, H. Knight (conductor), F. Brotherton, W. H. Lawley and R. Thompson.

On Tuesday, January 21st, the tenor bell of the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants, was rung every half-minute from 8 to 9 a.m. and immediately after, with the bells deeply muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss C. Sparshott 1, E. Hinton 2, Mrs. Williams 3, K. Derham 4, G. Scragg 5, F. Sparshott 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, J. Wakem 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1, 3 and 8.

At St. Giles' Church, Reading, on Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples with clappers half-muffled: A. Prentice (first quarter-peal) 1, A. E. Pound 2, W. Osborne 3, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 4, L. T. Osborne 5, H. Osborne 6, A. Jeffery 7, A. E. Payne (first quarter-peal) 8.

Before evening prayer at Rainham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples: E. Strevens (first quarter 'inside') 1, F. Cheal 2, W. Walker 3, H. Barden 4, C. Belsey 5, W. A. Cooke (conductor) 6, W. Seager 7, F. Webb (first quarter) 8.

For a memorial service on Sunday, at Alsager, Cheshire, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples: E. Peake 1, B. Fernyehough 2, H. Dixon 3, G. Cartwright 4, G. Kennerley 5, F. E. Corfield 6, D. R. Whalley (conductor) 7, R. Moseley 8. All are local ringers.

On Sunday, January 26th, at Heston, Middlesex, with the bells half-muffled, for the memorial service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. F. Ellingham 1, P. J. Cattermoul 2, W. T. Godfrey 3, C. S. Bird 4, H. C. Chandler 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. A. Lewis (conductor) 7, W. W. Webb 8.

For matins on Sunday, January 26th, at Overseal, Derbyshire, 720 Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: H. Adams 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Brooker 3, W. E. Clayfield 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, G. W. Clayfield 6.

At St. John's, Bournemouth, on Sunday evening, with the bells muffled, but the tenor open at back stroke, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples: Miss F. Child 1, H. R. Bennett 2, W. Waylen 3, Miss M. White 4, A. G. Rose 5, E. T. Griffin 6, H. A. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

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A VICAR'S STRANGE DECLARATION.**BELLS 'NO INTEREST TO THE CHURCH.'****Who Will Pay for Restoration?**

An extraordinary attitude towards his church bells, which are now silent for want of repair, has been taken up by the Vicar of Kingston-on-Thames (the Rev. T. B. Scrutton).

Last week the Vicar attended, by invitation, a meeting of the Kingston Chamber of Commerce, who were anxious to learn what was going to be done about Kingston's silent bells, which have not been rung for King George's death, and may not, unless action is quickly taken, be rung for King Edward's coronation.

The cost of the restoration would be about £600, and the President of the Chamber explained that Kingston was now without its peal of bells because the structure upon which they were mounted was in such a perilous condition that to use the bells would be courting disaster. Did the town want the bells? He thought there could be only one answer to that question, but who was to pay for the necessary repair work?

The Rev. T. B. Scrutton said (we quote from the report of the 'Surrey Comet') he was not there to make any appeal; he was really representing the Mayor. The peal comprised ten bells, which had existed since 1748, when two were added to the peal of eight already existing. The question was, did the town want the bells rung? He said 'the town' because the bells were of no interest to the church, as a church. As a machine for spreading Christianity, which was its primary function, the church had no interest in bells. They might be of some slight interest to the church in awakening people's interest in it, but if he regarded himself as one whose business it was to assist Christianity in Kingston, then he took not the smallest interest in the bells.

'NOT A CHURCH OF ENGLAND INTEREST.'

The only interest he had in them, he added, was as a Kingstonian. The interest was municipal—civic. It was not a Church of England interest. Some people might be inclined to say 'It is the business of the parish church—let them get on with it,' but, said the Vicar, 'quite honestly, if it is left to us the bells will be left.' The Parochial Church Council was prepared to find half of the £600 needed, although they would prefer not to raise any of the money because they had plenty of other things they could spend £300 on. The sum of £600 was the minimum requirement, as advised by experts, and should result in the peal being all right for 50 or 60 years. The Mayor had in mind the issuing of an appeal to the town and surrounding district for half of the £600.

The Vicar said he did not regard the Parish Church as being the preserve of any one denomination. He regarded it as being held in trust for the whole of Christianity, and he asked people to rise to that conception of the church, and, in that conception, have the bells put in order.

Mr. H. S. Durbin asked whether it was intended, in the event of the bells being put into commission again, to have a lot of practice and competition ringing.

The Vicar said that so far as he knew there was no intention to intensify the ringing as compared with what used to be. The Kingston ringers did their practices at evening; and occasionally, because the peal was a good one, the Surrey Society of Change Ringers rang at Kingston. It was hoped to arrange the belfry so that the sound was thrown upwards, reducing the volume in the immediate vicinity and sending it further. As to the value of bellringing, that was a matter of individual opinion. One person would say that the bells were a nuisance; another would say that the town did not seem the same without them. It was a matter of taste upon which it was no use arguing.

Mr. C. W. Beckett and Mr. H. Funston Benson spoke in favour of the bells, from historic and sentimental points of view; and the matter was left for the Executive Committee to bring to notice again at a later date.

IN THE HANDS OF THE MAYOR.

At the annual church meeting at All Saints' Parish Hall on Thursday, at which the Rev. T. B. Scrutton presided, the Parochial Church Council reported that the bells had been declared unsafe and their use was suspended until the necessary work had been carried out.

Dr. W. E. St. L. Finny asked when people would be asked to subscribe to the repairs.

The Vicar said the matter was now in the hands of the Mayor, and he could not prejudice what he would do. The Mayor, however, was taking a great deal of interest, and steps were being taken towards something being done. His own hope was that they would have the bells in working order in time for the coronation of King Edward VIII. 'If that is to happen things have got to move,' he added.

THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.**To the Editor.**

Sir,—May I, through your columns, inform subscribers to 'The Ringers' Directory' that all copies should have reached them on or before January 27th? Any subscriber not receiving a copy should notify me.

EDGAR GUISE, B.U.R.G.

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DEATH OF REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE HON. LIBRARIAN OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Killed by fall of a Tree.

In the midst of the national mourning, the Exercise has to lament the death, under tragic circumstances, of one of its leading members. On Saturday night the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rector of Walsoken, near Wisbech, was killed by a falling tree. He had been Honorary Librarian of the Central Council since 1933.

It appears that a man, Alfred Freeman, was engaged in felling a large tree which stood near a new house adjoining the Rectory grounds. The Rector went out, shortly after ten o'clock, to see how the work was progressing, and found that the man was about to drop the tree. The Rector, it is said, was advised to stand near a shed, which would be well clear of the tree when it fell. After it had been dropped, Freeman went in the darkness to the spot where he expected to find the Rector. Failing to see him, Freeman made a search, and the Rector was discovered lying with his face buried in the ground. He had been struck by an arm of the tree as it fell and his neck had been broken.

The whole Exercise will extend its heartfelt sympathy to the widow and family who have been thus tragically bereaved.

The Rev. Barnard Halsey Tyrwhitt-Drake, who was 53 years of age, was the youngest son of the late Rev. W. T. Tyrwhitt-Drake. After leaving Haileybury, he proceeded to Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he took his B.A. degree in 1904. He was then at Wells Theological College, before being ordained deacon in 1905 and priest in 1906. He became M.A. in 1908. His first curacy was at Almond-bury, Yorkshire (1905-9), and he then became chaplain to the South African Railway Mission, in the Diocese of Grahamstown, an office which he occupied 1909-10. Returning to England, he was successively curate at St. Mary's, Hitchin (1910-12) and of Sandy, Beds (1912-14). He was appointed to the living of Thundridge in 1914, and from 1916 to 1918 was Temporary Chaplain to the Forces, becoming Honorary Chaplain in the latter year. In 1925 he became Vicar of Wigginton and in 1928 Rector of Watlington, Norfolk. His appointment to the living of Walsoken took place in 1933.

WITH THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake was one of the clergy who got his interest in ringing stirred when he went to Pembroke College in 1901 and joined the Cambridge University Guild. Prominent among those who joined the Guild at the same time were Messrs. E. H. Lewis, H. S. T. Richardson and P. S. Poole. Under the tuition of the president, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, rapid progress was made in handbell ringing, and among the peals that were subsequently rung was the first peal of Maximus (Plain Bob) 'in hand' by the Guild and, incidentally, by the College Youths, of which all six ringers were members. Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake rang the tenors to this peal. This was in November, 1903, and a month later he took part in the Guild's first peal of Royal 'in hand.'

His first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on one of the Guild's tours, at Henley, Norfolk, in 1904, this being also the first in the method by the Guild. Then, having taken Holy Orders, he rang in the Guild's first peal of Stedman Triples (1906), and at Drayton, Berks, in 1909, he took part in the first clerical peal of Double Norwich Major, the other ringers being the Revs. H. S. T. Richardson, T. Lewis Jones, H. J. Elsee, A. H. F. Boughey, C. A. Clements, C. W. O. Jenkyn and H. L. James.

These, of course, are only some of the notable peals in which the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake took part, but they are sufficient to show that he played an interesting part in the earlier activities of the Cambridge University Guild. A little later he was associated with it in another notable performance, the first handbell peal rung by clergymen, a peal of Grandsire Caters, in which the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, E. Bankes James, H. S. T. Richardson and H. Law James also took part, Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake ringing 9-10. After the war he was one of the ten officers who rang a peal together at Croydon to celebrate peace.

SERVICES TO HERTS AND ELY ASSOCIATIONS.

Greater parochial responsibilities afterwards prevented him from taking an active part in peal ringing, although he has never ceased to render valuable service in other directions. While Vicar of Thundridge, Herts, he was in 1916 elected president of the Hertford County Association, a position which he also filled the following year. At his first election the late Canon Papillon humorously commented on the fact that Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake, unfortunately, had no ringing peal of bells at Thundridge, for of four bells in the steeple, two were cracked. A fifth was in the Vicar's pigsty. The bells were later restored and increased to six.

The Herts County Association elected Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake as a representative on the Central Council in 1919, and he continued to represent that body until 1923, when he removed to Watlington. The Ely Diocesan Association quickly took advantage of his willing services and elected him their hon. secretary, and in 1929 their representative on the Council. Last year he resigned the secretaryship

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

TRIBUTES TO HIS LATE MAJESTY.

Representatives from Kington Magna, Winterbourne Earls, Britford, Warmminster, Wilton, Damerham, Dinton, Martin, the City Churches of St. Martin and St. Thomas and other neighbouring parishes attended the annual meeting of the Salisbury District of the Diocesan Guild, held at St. Martin's, Salisbury, on Saturday last.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., the bells at St. Edmund's also being available, both peals being half-muffled in recognition of the national mourning.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. K. N. Ross, the address being given by the Rev. E. A. Maycock, of Romsey Abbey. Mr. A. F. Brown was at the organ, and at the conclusion of the service played the 'Dead March' in 'Saul.'

Tea followed in the Parish Rooms, and later the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple) presided at the general meeting, supported by the branch secretary (Mr. F. W. Romaine), the general secretary of the Guild (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), the Rev. R. S. Smith (Martin), the Rev. H. W. Moule (Damerham), the Rev. K. N. Ross (St. Martin's) and the Rev. E. A. Maycock (Romsey Abbey).

Opening the meeting, the Chairman said, 'Before commencing the business of this meeting, I would refer to the matter which is foremost in our minds at this time, the passing of our King. No Sovereign could have devoted a more active life to the good of his people, and we join in expressing our sympathy with the Queen and Royal Family.'

The company then stood in silence for a few moments.

The balance sheet was adopted, Mr. Caple re-elected chairman, and Mr. F. W. Romaine secretary and treasurer.

Other officers elected were: Ringing Masters, Messrs. L. Harris and F. O. Smith; committee, the Rev. R. S. Smith, Messrs. W. Wyatt, A. Southey, W. Roberts and W. Wright.

A ballot on the choice of towers for the quarterly meetings during the ensuing year resulted in Semley, Coombe Bissett, Wylie and Downton being chosen.

Mr. F. Wright, of Dinton, reported the satisfactory completion of the rehanging of Dinton bells, and extended a hearty invitation to the branch to attend the rededication and opening of the bells. It was resolved that notification should be made to the towers by the branch secretary, when the date of reopening was known.

Two new members were elected from Damerham.

The general secretary (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards) addressed a few words to the meeting on the subject of arrangements during national, diocesan or local bereavements. He stated that the branch secretary had wired for his directions as to whether the meeting should be abandoned in view of the death of His late Majesty. He (Mr. Edwards) stated that he himself had been the proposer of a motion to the Central Council on this matter, and it was considered that it was quite in order to hold a meeting when arrangements had been made, provided the bells were rung half-muffled. He cited the instance of the recent death of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. There were two branch meetings on the day following his death—these were held, and the bells muffled, in accordance with custom.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. K. N. Ross for conducting the service in the absence of the Rector of St. Martin's, and to the Rev. E. A. Maycock for coming from Romsey to give the address, also to Mr. A. F. Brown for his good offices at the organ. Mr. Brown had expressed his regret at being unable to attend the tea owing to another engagement during the afternoon.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

STEPNEY.—At the Parish Church of St. Dunstan's on Sunday evening, January 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), six callings: H. Thompson (first quarter-peal) 1, G. W. Cecil (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, L. J. Fox 3, T. G. Fox 4, H. Pinchbeck 5, A. A. Jarvis 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Fox, the captain of the band.

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of the association, but was a member of the Council up to the time of his death, holding the office of hon. librarian, to which he was elected after the death of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn in 1933.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake made one particularly valuable contribution to ringing literature. After the celebration of the jubilee of Cambridge University Guild in 1929 he wrote the Guild's history, which he himself produced in his own little private printing works, the printing art having been one of his hobbies.

In addition to the widow, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake leaves in bereavement two sons and a daughter. The eldest son has recently passed out of Woolwich to Cambridge, and Miss Tyrwhitt-Drake is in the nursing profession.

On Thursday last week, Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake took part in King George's funeral procession at Sandringham, and was to have been among the representatives of the British Legion at the King's funeral in London on Tuesday.

The funeral of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake took place at Walsoken on Wednesday afternoon.

Owing to this sad event, the commemoration luncheon of the Cambridge University Guild on February 4th has been postponed.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HOW 'IN COURSE' AND 'OUT OF COURSE' AFFECTS METHODS.

A short time ago a reader sent to the Editor, for publication, what he described as a new method of Minor. He had been experimenting and had found a method, with the treble making places in 3-4 instead of dodging, which produced the regular lead-ends which are found in recognised methods. On the face of it, it looked interesting and seemed to conform to requirements, but on examination it had a fatal blemish—it would not produce 720 true changes.

Actually it only needed the close examination of the first lead to prove its fault, which was that all the rows (that is the figures denoting the changes) with the treble in 3rd's and 4th's were 'of like nature'; that is to say, they were all 'in-course.'

To obtain the extent of the changes in any method, half the rows must be in-course and the other half out of course. In other words, the extent of a method is made up of half the changes 'in course' and half of them 'out of course,' and unless a method will produce this necessary condition, the extent of the changes on that number of bells is not possible.

It is conceivable, on eight or more bells, to have a method which will produce a peal of 5,000 changes, without having in the plain course an equal number of in course and out of course changes. As a simple example, there is Grandsire Caters (the Grandsire method rung on nine bells). In this you can have a peal of 5,000 without once having the bells out of course—but that is because you have such a vast number of changes to select from. As you may know, the extent of the changes on nine bells is 362,880, so that there are actually 181,440 changes 'in course' which can be utilised.

When, however, it comes to Minor, the extent of which is only 720 changes, it is a different matter. Not only must you have an equal number of in course and out of course changes before you can produce a true 720, but this half and half business must apply, if the treble has any form of regular hunt, to every position of the treble.

In a 720 the treble (and, indeed, every other bell) strikes 120 times in each place; that is 120 times at lead, 120 times in 2nd's and a similar number of times in each of the other places, 3rd's, 4th's, 5th's and 6th's. To obtain a true extent, therefore, 60 changes with the treble at lead must be in course, and 60 out of course, and so on with the changes in which the treble strikes in each of the other places. (This applies to all the bells, but we use the treble as the simplest guide.)

Whatever the nature of the rows may be in one lead, they will, in every regular method, be of the same nature in the corresponding place in every succeeding lead, unless a single is made, but as a single cannot be used in Treble Bob and kindred methods, it is not possible, if all the rows with the treble in any one place are of like nature, to produce a true 720.

In the first lead of the method sent to 'The Ringing World' there are these rows, as the treble makes places in 3-4:—

Treble going up	261435	Treble coming down	436125
	621345		346152
	623154		341625
	263145		431265

An 'in course' row, or change, was explained in an earlier article in this series; but briefly it is this: It is a row which is obtained by changing an even number of pairs of bells from rounds. Thus, 213465 by changing two pairs is 'in course,' but 214365, having been obtained by changing an odd number of pairs, is out of course, and, as a matter of interest, you will find that if you have an out of course row, no transposition of an equal number of pairs will ever produce rounds. If you take, say, 214365, you can go on changing the row two pairs at a time, whether they are adjoining figures or not, until doomsday, but you will not produce 123456. It needs two 'odds' to make an 'even,' and once you have an 'out of course' or 'odd' row, you must have another before you can come back to rounds. But this is rather by the way.

The point which we want to emphasise for the benefit of beginners, who are searching for new methods, is that unless you have your hunt bell in an equal number of odd and even rows in each place, you cannot produce the extent of the method, and the first lead is the test of the whole method. If you take the eight rows given above, you will find they are all 'in course.' You can test it for yourself. Take the first row and transpose two pairs at a time, say from 261435, make 216453, by transposing 6 and 1 and 3 and 5. Then transpose two other pairs 2 and 1 and 6 and 3, and you have 123456. You have transposed four pairs—an even number, proving that 261435 is 'in course.' The next three rows are easily proved. Each is a two pair transposition from the one before it.

In the same way, test 436125. Transpose first 4 and 1, and 6 and 2, giving 132465; then transpose 3 and 2, and 6 and 5, and again, with four pairs changed, you have 123456. The other three rows are each a two-pair change from the one in front of it.

Now, in the method as it stands, it would be impossible, for instance, to produce 621435, or 261345, or 263154, or 623145, or any other one-pair variant of any of those eight rows; and as the method will not produce these rows, it is obvious a true 720 cannot be obtained.

Which all goes to show that the question of 'in course' and 'out of course' changes is important to those who want to become composers.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 18th, when members and friends were present from Alverstoke, Arundel, Brighton, Chiddingfold, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Southampton, Soberton, Swanmore and Wickham.

The Guild service was held in the Cathedral. The Rev. J. A. S. Rutherford officiated and addressed those present. An excellent tea was partaken of in the Green Row Rooms, after which the business meeting was held, the chair being taken by the Rev. J. A. S. Rutherford.

The Chairman first apologised for the absence of the Provost (Very Rev. T. H. Masters), who was unfortunately confined to his bed.

The balance sheet showed a slight increase in membership, and after the sum of £7 10s. 8d. had been forwarded to the general treasurer, the district balance was £15 4s. 1d.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, and new ringing members were elected from the Cathedral, Curdridge and Gosport.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Fareham on Saturday, January 16th, 1937.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Provost for granting permission for the use of the bells and Green Row Rooms, to the Rev. J. A. S. Rutherford for officiating at the service and presiding at the business meeting, to the organist and caterers.

The members returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT'S EXCELLENT RECORD.

The annual meeting of the Southampton District was held recently at Southampton, when over 70 members were present from a large number of Hampshire towers. Mr. Taylor (Newbury) brought along a very welcome contingent from the Oxford Guild.

The towers of St. Mary, St. Michael and Holy Rood were at the disposal of the members during the afternoon and evening, and various performances, ranging from rounds and call changes to Cambridge Royal, were rung.

Service was held at Holy Rood Church, and the Rev. A. C. Hopkins gave an inspiring address.

At the business meeting the secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger) reported that 1935 had been a very successful year from the point of finance and number of members. Only two towers in the district were not affiliated to the Guild, and one of these was without a band. Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, with one or two exceptions, where bands were below strength and had difficulty in getting and retaining recruits. The district had lost by death three old and valued members—Mrs. G. Williams, the Rev. E. T. Butler and Mr. F. Raskin.

All the district officers were re-elected. Mr. W. T. Tucker was elected as an additional representative on the Executive Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on January 9th, 1937. District meetings were arranged as follows: Romsey on February 22nd; Fawley, May 16th; Sherfield English, July 18th; and Upham, October 3rd.

Twenty-one new ringing members were elected at the meeting.

STANMORE RINGERS' DINNER.

MEN WITH LONG SERVICE.

The annual dinner of the St. John's, Stanmore, ringers took place on Saturday, January 4th, at the Crown Hotel, Stanmore. The Rector (the Rev. W. A. Hewett) presided. After a well-served meal the party drank the loyal toast, with musical honours.

The Rector then proposed the toast of 'The Hon. Secretary of the Middlesex Association (Mr. C. T. Coles),' and, in reply, the latter expressed his pleasure that he was once more able to attend this annual dinner, especially as the band at Stanmore was one of the oldest in the association. He referred to the long service of some of the local ringers, Mr. W. Cheshire, with 53 years, and Mr. G. Hughes and Mr. Moxon, with 43 years each. He also said he was very pleased to see Mr. F. Edwards present and hoped he would soon be restored to complete health again. Mr. Coles urged the Stanmore and Harrow Weald bands, so closely allied, to vie with each other in friendly rivalry now that Harrow Weald possessed eight bells.

The toast of 'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. E. Leversuch (hon. secretary), who referred to the presence of friends from Harrow Weald and Bushey.

Mr. G. R. Goodship responded, and referred to the good relations existing between the bands at Harrow Weald and Stanmore.

The Rector proposed the re-election of Mr. G. Hughes as Master, saying that Mr. Hughes had been a faithful servant to the Church for very many years, and they could not do better than re-elect him.—This was agreed to with acclamation.

Mr. Hughes accepted office, and asked the members for their continued loyal support. He proposed the health of the Rector and thanked him for the encouragement he always gave to the ringers.

A pleasant musical evening followed the dinner. During the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was attempted, but failed after two hours' good ringing.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**CHANGE OF OFFICERS IN NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the North-Western District was held at Mitcham on Saturday, and about 70 members and friends attended from Banstead, Beddington, Bonhillon, Bishopsgate, Brockley, Bushey, Epsom, Ewell, Edmonton, Camberwell, Croydon, Clapham Park, Finchley, Hampstead, Hillingdon, Kingston, Leatherhead, Merton, Mitcham, Reigate, Sunbury, Uxbridge, West Wickham and Hillingdon.

Both towers were available for ringing from 3 p.m., the Parish Church (eight bells) and Christ Church (six bells), and the bells were rung fully muffled for His late Majesty King George V.

Service was held at Christ Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Johnston), and the presence of the choir helped considerably in the singing. Tea followed the service at the Welfare Centre Hall, and 67 sat down to a splendid meal prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Miller and other members and wives of the Christ Church band.

The District Master (Mr. E. G. Talbot) presided over the business meeting, which was rather a lengthy and spirited one.

At the commencement the Chairman asked the company to stand for two minutes in silence as token of loyalty and respect to His late Majesty King George V.

The Vicar then spoke a few words of welcome and wished the association success.

The new year was started well by the election of twelve new district members and four compounding members.

The committee presented a very favourable report on last year's activities. This was adopted by the meeting, as also was the treasurer's report, which showed a good balance on the right side.

It was decided to hold the following meetings during the year if possible: Easter Monday, April 13th, Ewell; June 5th, Banstead; July 25th, a joint meeting with the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild at Rammore; September 26th, Beddington; November 28th, Wandsworth; and the annual district meeting on January 30th, 1937, at Streatham.

RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT MASTER.

The next item on the agenda, that of the election of district officers, caused a great deal of discussion, mainly through the resignation of the present District Master. The results were as follows: District Master, Mr. D. Cooper; district treasurer, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; district secretary, Mr. F. Housden; district auditor, Mr. C. Parks; and the three representatives on the committee were Mr. A. W. Clark, of Croydon, Mr. W. C. Smith, of Beddington, and Mr. H. O. Young, of Leatherhead.

Mr. Dan Cooper was, for several years, hon. district secretary.

The Honorary Secretary informed the meeting that Mr. John Lee, of Streatham, an old and well-known member of the district, was very seriously ill in Balham Hospital, and instructions were given to send him a letter and some flowers with an expression of sympathy in his illness.

The secretary also gave notice of a joint mid-week meeting with the Ladies' Guild, to be held at Beckenham on Wednesday, February 12th.

The following general officers were nominated for election at the annual meeting of the association, to be held at Southwark on March 21st: Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt; general secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippin; assistant general secretary, Mr. F. E. Darby; treasurer, Mr. M. Northover; Central Council representatives, Messrs. C. H. Kippin and D. Cooper.

A discussion arose from the auditor's report, read earlier in the meeting, about the balance in the hands of the district treasurer, and as time was getting late it was decided to bring the matter up for discussion at the next meeting.

The officers were accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for their work during the past year, and the meeting closed with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of the Parish Church for the use of the bells and the ringers for having everything in readiness, to the Vicar of Christ Church for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and choir, and last, but by no means least, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Miller and members of the Christ Church band and their wives for their kind hospitality in providing such an excellent tea.

Will members please note that the new district secretary is Mr. F. W. Housden, 134, Park Lane, Carshalton, Surrey.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING OF GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 18th, and, in spite of the wintry weather, a large number of ringers were present. Members attended from Lea, Gainsborough, Upton, Willingham and Stow, and visitors came from Treeton (Yorks), Surfleet, Lincoln and Blankney. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and some good ringing was done in the standard methods, all who wished having a turn at the ropes.

Services was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Round-Turner), and afterwards tea was partaken of at the Sun Hotel.

At the business meeting which followed the officers were re-elected en bloc with the exception of Mr. E. Dawber, who wished to be relieved of his duties as district committee representative. Mr. G. W. Creasey was elected to fill the vacancy. Two new members were elected from Lea, and the following six-bell towers were provisionally chosen for this year's meetings: Stow, May 9th; Broughton, June 10th; Epworth (Isle of Axholme, tenor 30 cwt.), August 22nd; and Brigg, October 17th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, to the organist and to the caterers.

An added attraction to this meeting was the display of the film depicting scenes of the Australian tour by Mr. Rupert Richardson, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. Butler afterwards proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Guild Master for contributing such an interesting item to the meeting.

RINGERS WEDDED.

On Saturday, December 28th, the wedding took place of Mr. J. H. Crampion and Miss A. Petty. The bride is a ringer at Christ Church, Wansstead, where the marriage ceremony was performed, and the bridegroom is a member of the Woodford Parish Church company.

Mr. Crampion's ringing prowess is too well known to require description, suffice it to say that he achieved a remarkable degree of fame during the time when he was intimately connected with London ringing circles.

The happy couple were the recipients of many splendid gifts, including a chiming clock from their ringing colleagues. The best wishes of all those readers of 'The Ringing World' who know them will go with it. Mr. and Mrs. Crampion are now living at Chadwell Heath, and are, of course, still continuing their campanological activities.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday week. Ringing began at 3 o'clock, the bells being half-muffled owing to the death of a local resident. The Guild service followed and an address given by the president (the Rev. G. Wright).

Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, and at the business meeting all the officers were re-elected.

The hon. secretary (Mr. P. Page) reported an increase in members and in the balance in hand.

A vote of thanks was passed to the officers for their services.

This concluded the business, and the members were then entertained by the Willesborough Male Voice Choir, who rendered an excellent programme of songs and choruses, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. A successful meeting was concluded by all joining in 'Auld Lang Syne.'

MEMORIAL TOUCHES—Continued from page 73.

At Christ Church, Southgate, on Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes): A. R. Glascock 1, E. King 2, D. Pink 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, G. Plater 5, J. E. Miller 6, W. Bowden 7, H. Miller 8, N. A. Tomlinson 9, S. Wade 10. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Mrs. E. King 1, A. R. Glascock 2, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 3, D. Ovingdon 4, E. King 5, J. E. Miller 6, H. Miller 7, W. Bowden 8, J. Armstrong (conductor) 9, G. Plater 10.

At St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (half-muffled): J. Luck (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, J. Ewing (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, N. Leiper 3, R. J. G. Thom 4, R. O. Street 5, T. Winderam 6, S. G. Lewis 7, E. Stafford 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, J. Carmichael 10.

On Sunday evening, January 26th, before evensong, a quarter-peal (1,335 changes) of Stedman Caters on the muffled bells of St. Andrew's Church, Derby: T. W. E. Ward 1, G. Ward 2, A. Braines 3, A. G. F. Ward (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, P. H. Tate 5, A. H. Ward 6, *S. Walklate 7, H. Inckle 8, P. W. Cave (conductor) 9, *C. Walklate 10. * First quarter-peal.

On Sunday evening, January 26th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, Dudley: J. W. Smith 1, H. Hubball 2, S. Prestidge 3, J. Round 4, William Davies 5, A. Prestidge, jun. 6, A. Davies (conductor) 7, J. H. Davies 8.

NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above, arranged to be held at Boston on Saturday, Feb. 1st, has been postponed until Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 11th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on Feb. 1st will be postponed until Feb. 22nd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The meeting arranged for Feb. 1st at Little Waltham has been postponed until Feb. 29th.—H. W. Shradrack, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting to be held at the Cathedral has been postponed to Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.15. Branch members are asked to make every effort to attend, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members of the guild, as important business with regard to the Cathedral bells is on the agenda. Tea (price 6d.) will be served in the Refectory after service, for those whose names are received not later than the Thursday previous.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Graveley. Bells available 3 p.m. Learners welcome and will be well catered for, from 'Rounds' upwards.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

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.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

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. Please note: Subscriptions for 1936 are now due.—Alec. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

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. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall at 5.15, with meeting to follow. Ringing: Twickenham (8) 3.30 to 4.45 and after meeting. St. Mary's, Hampton (8), 3.15 to 4.15. Don't forget the p.c. re tea, please.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Subscriptions now due. All welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting Saturday, Feb. 1st, at Wigston Magna. Bells (8) open during afternoon and evening. Committee meet 3.30. Short service and dedication of peal tablet 4.30. Tea in Church Rooms 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. Buses leave Newarkes, Leicester, frequently, and L.M.S. trains to Wigston South. South Wigston bells *not* available for this meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (10) will be ready 3 p.m. A service will be held. Tea, 9d. per head, at the National School, Hullgate. Come and have a pull on the new peal. All ringers welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Boston on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 5 p.m.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

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. No service. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at this ing.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Saturday, Feb. 1st, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Welcome after. All ringing friends heartily welcomed; I hope we may see many.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Feb. 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 at the Rector's Room. Please come. This should be a good meeting. All ringers and other friends welcome.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Beighton on Saturday, Feb. 1st. For tea, please notify Mr. G. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting to-morrow (Feb. 1st) at Hethersett. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Meeting 5.15. The support of every member is required.—Nolan Golden, 35, Harlington Avenue, Keeppham Road, Norwich.

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. Paul's Cathedral on Feb. 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 18th, St. Michael's on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 27th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.—On Tuesday, Feb. 4th, at 3 p.m., the Rural Dean will hallow the new treble bell and the five bells rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, Ipswich.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Owing to the sudden and tragic death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the Cambridge University Guild's commemoration luncheon on Feb. 4th has been postponed.—A. N. Peter Woodard, Hon. Sec., C.U.G.C.R.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting will be held on Feb. 8th at Sleaford. Bells of Parish Church open from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided at 9d. each to those who notify undersigned by Feb. 5th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec., 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Feb. 8th. Holy Trinity bells from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., S. Nicolas' from 3.30. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Ayers' Café (next S. Nicolas') at 5 p.m. Please send me numbers for tea by Feb. 4th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 8th. The bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing at St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., 2 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, 3 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', Strand, 3.15 to 4.15 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m. Short Divine service in St. Clement's at 4.15 p.m. A good tea, at 1s. per head, in Perdy's Restaurant nearby at 48, Essex Street, 5 p.m. Business meeting in Parish Hall 7.15 p.m., to be followed by the handbell contest (about five bands competing). Please let this be a record meeting. Come early.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector (Rev. F. G. Shepherd). Tea at the Royal Oak Café, Tower Street, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 5th?—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next monthly ringing practice will be held at St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) will be ready at 2.30 p.m. Non-members will be welcomed.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at 6 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 4th.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. each. A good turn up is requested.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Longcot on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify the secretary not later than Thursday, Feb. 6th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hollingbourne on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Every ringer will be welcome. Come to help others do what you can already do, and be ready to try something fresh yourself. Double Court and Oxford Bob are worth trying.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. to all who notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday next. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree Hotel at 5.40, 1s. each. *Will all intending to be present please advise me by Feb. 5th?* The District Committee will meet at 3.45 p.m. Business meeting after tea. No. 29 bus or tube to Southgate. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Feb. 8th, from 5 p.m. Bells (8). All ringers welcome. Subscriptions are due for 1936. — E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Paignton on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea should reach me not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 4th.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—The postponed meeting of this branch will be held at Woodston on Saturday, Feb. 8th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Ringing at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8 bells) 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; luncheon, George Hotel (near Clock Tower), 1 p.m.; St. Margaret's (12), 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. John's (10), 3.15 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; tea, George Hotel, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Social at Police Headquarters in the evening. Names must reach me not later than Feb. 4th. Hearty invitation to all members and prospective members. Subscriptions for 1936 now due.—Det.-Sergt. H. J. Poole (Leicester City), The Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, at South Wingfield. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea, at a moderate charge, at 5 p.m. Please notify me how many will require tea by Wednesday, Feb. 5th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. onwards. Will ALL who require tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 5th? — R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The annual meeting, postponed from Saturday last, will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West St., Welford, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Walton St. Mary's on Saturday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Meeting and tea to follow.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Beckenham, Kent, on Wednesday, Feb. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m., tea 5 p.m., service 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. — E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ospringe

on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service. Members' subscriptions are now due and may be paid at this meeting. Will those intending to be present please notify me before Thursday, Feb. 13th? — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove (Repton bells not available for this meeting) on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Subscriptions are now due. Visitors welcomed. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 12th.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held jointly with the quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 15th. Service at 4.30 and tea and business meeting afterwards in the Institute. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Feb. 12th.—A. H. Smith and H. F. Mills, Hon. Secs.

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LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Leicester, on Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. Apply to me by Wednesday, Feb. 19th, latest. Bells available: St. Margaret's (12) 5 to 6 p.m. and St. John's (10) from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

MELTHAM, HUDDERSFIELD. — Centenary of Bells, Feb. 22nd.—Service 3 p.m. Address by Canon Marshall, President, Yorkshire Association. Free tea for ringers sending names to Edward Earnshaw, 124, Helme Lane, Meltham, before Feb. 17th.

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