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### THE PROBLEMS OF SURREY.

The Surrey Association is confronted with some special problems of its own, and at the moment it is much concerned to find a solution. Founded in 1880, it entered the field just after the formation of the Winchester Diocesan Guild had ear-marked, as it were, a big slice of the county territory. In those days the Diocesan connection was not nearly so strong as it is to-day; ringers as a whole did not take their pursuit as being a phase of Church work; neither did many of them look upon ringing as anything but a secular pastime. Indeed, one of the main objects of the societies, which at that time were being formed up and down the country, was to correct the abuses which existed in connection with ringing. The association of the ringing societies with the Church did not, therefore, make the same appeal then as it has done in later years, when the results of the reforming efforts of the organisations have made themselves felt.

Some few of the then new societies adopted diocesan titles, but many of them took on county status, and Surrey was one of them, and its reason for doing so is fairly obvious. We are not aware whether it was the intention of the founders that its operations should extend over the whole of the county and thus overlap a portion of the Winchester Guild's area; but there was a considerable slice of ground left uncovered at that time in the north and east of the county, as well as a portion, inside the diocese of Winchester, which never took very kindly to the Diocesan Guild, whose centre was so far removed from them. The question of a Diocesan Guild for that portion of Surrey was at that time out of the question. The bulk of the area was in the Diocese of Canterbury; the Diocese of Southwark was not formed. Kent, which is in the two dioceses of Canterbury and Rochester, had, or was about to have, a county organisation, and Surrey, therefore, had no choice. Since then they have worked successfully in a portion of the area, but have been faced with tremendous difficulties in the South London district, where little headway has been made outside one or two parishes.

The formation of the Diocese of Guildford with its new Guild, which, while not extending its territory beyond that of the old Winchester Diocese, has, nevertheless, brought a new force into play, has accentuated the problem of the Surrey Association as to how best to promote its own well-being and further the interests of the art. At the annual meeting on Saturday the members discussed the question of amalgamation with the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the alternative suggestion was put forward that the Association should become diocesan in character and take the Southwark title. One of the

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difficulties in the latter proposal is that part of the Southwark diocese is in Kent, and another that Croydon is still in Canterbury diocese. So far as amalgamation is concerned—assuming the referendum which it was decided to take among the Surrey members, gives approval to a scheme—the Guildford Diocesan Guild has still to consider what attitude they will take up towards it. Surrey's problems are truly numerous and difficult, but there is a good spirit abroad, and that goes a long way.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

STEPNEY, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON ... .. Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 8
THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 9
HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5	ERNEST BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BROXBORNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

ARTHUR RADLEY ... .. Treble	EDWARD H. KING ... .. 5
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6
GEORGE RADLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

THORNBURY, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*VICTOR WILLS ... .. Treble	STANLEY POOLE ... .. 5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 6
ERNEST PALMER ... .. 3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. 7
GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 4	E. GEORGE TREW ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by STEPHEN H. WOOD.

\* First peal of Major. Believed to be the first peal on the bells for 17 years.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, January 13, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5924 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*J. R. DUFFIELD (Selwyn)... Treble	J. BUTLER (Fitz. House) ... 5
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 2	E. G. BENSON (St. Cath's) 6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) 3	S. H. WOOD (Magd.) ... 7
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's) 4	J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare) Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART. (TRIN.)

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

\* First in the method on tower bells. This is the first tower-bell peal of Major for the above Guild rung entirely by laymen.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(CHURCHKIRK SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

ANTHONY CHADWICK ... .. Treble	ARTHUR INGHAM ... .. 5
RICHARD BOLDERSTON ... 2	JAMES INGHAM ... .. 6
SYDNEY BROWN ... .. 3	JOHN HIRST ... .. 7
ARTHUR BROWN ... .. 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a mark of esteem for Mr. John Watson, who has retired from the Exercise through ill-health after 21 years' service as secretary to the Blackburn Branch.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Treble	HAROLD G. FRAMPTON ... 5
*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	THOMAS V. GOFTON ... .. 6
ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. 7
R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON

\* First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Reginald D. Marshall, of Eastbourne (late Deptford, London) and Miss Irene V. Ovenden, of Padbury, Bucks, who were married the same day at St. Mary's, Padbury, Bucks.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILFRED SLEATH ... .. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	LEONARD W. JOHNSON ... 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7
ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 4	JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. Rung half-muffled to the respected memory of Alfred Ballard, many years a ringer and sidesman of this church, who died January 12th, aged 61. This composition was specially chosen as being the same as that in which deceased took part on his silver wedding day, August 9th, 1919.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, DEPTFORD,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES A. BINES ... .. Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 5
FREDERICK WM. RICHARDSON 2	JIM HURRELL ... .. 6
ALBERT BRADLEY ... .. 3	WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES ... 7
HENRY NORGATE ... .. 4	ARCHIBALD BENNINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

\* First peal in the method. This peal was rung, at the request of the Vicar, to commemorate the rejection of the revised Prayer Book by the House of Commons.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

LINDOFF'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHINSON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 4	CHARLES H. COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This composition is one of three only genuine variations of Thurstans', the other two being Haley's and Brooks'.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

SAMUEL BAKER ... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5
JOHN JAGGAR ... .. 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
A. EDWARD REEVES ... .. 3	CYRIL WINWOOD ... .. 7
JESSE SCREEN ... .. 4	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell to the Vicariate of Sedgley.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 5
WILLIAM R. BOND ... .. 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7
ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 4	EDWARD HADLOW ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

This composition contains 90 6-7's at backstroke, and it is believed that it has now been rung for the first time. The band wish to thank Mr. E. Hadlow for kindly standing in after meeting short.

LLANBRADACH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in G.

WILLIAM PIKE ... .. Treble	PERCY JONES ... .. 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 2	GEORGE COOKE ... .. 6
*WILLIAM HURFORD ... .. 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 7
†CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 4	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT ADDICOTT.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 90th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

CHIPPING BARNETT, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRED ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7
WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 5
MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 4	WILLIAM HORAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Shuker, Mrs. W. Crabtree and Mr. W. Horan.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Wednesday, January 11th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Busby 1, G. W. Park (conductor) 2, W. N. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, J. T. Titt 5, T. Clark 6. This was the first 720 for R. Busby.—Also on January 18th, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. G. H. Sharpe 1, G. W. Park (conductor) 2, J. T. Titt 3, W. H. Porter 4, T. T. Allan 5, R. Park 6. This was the first 720 for the Rev. G. H. Sharpe.

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

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... <i>Treble</i>	*RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 5
PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by CECIL C. MAYNE.

\* First in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20½ cwt.

REGINALD C. KERSEY ... <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5
ALFRED KERBLE ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
GEORGE WILSON ... 3	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... 7
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung on the 20th anniversary of the first Surprise peal on the bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD ... <i>Treble</i>	JACK BRANCH ... 5
*THOMAS ADAMS ... 2	JOHN COOK ... 6
WILLIAM HOOKER ... 3	ALBERT FEIST ... 7
PETER CHARMAN ... 4	WALTER CHARMAN ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. COOK.

\* First peal in the method.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM E. DAVIES ... <i>Treble</i>	JOHN BOURNE ... 4
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 2	GEORGE R. HANKS ... 5
*ALFRED MORRIS ... 3	SIDNEY BAKER ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. E. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal.

EAST CARLTON, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.)

FREDERICK H. PEARCY ... <i>Treble</i>	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... 4
A. NORMAN GEARY ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5
RONALD RUSSELL ... 3	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells by the M.C.A.

KING'S CAPEL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Morris', and ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CYRIL GODWIN ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED T. POULTON ... 4
FEES EVANS ... 2	WILLIAM POSTON ... 5
HENRY E. COX ... 3	*HERBERT J. HARRIS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

LYMNSTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIS AYLMOORE ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS SEARLE ... 4
ARCHIE LEE ... 2	JAMES STANDING ... 5
PERCY H. DOICK ... 3	JOHN NETLEY ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JAMES STANDING.

\* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Messrs. Lee and Searle were elected members of the association prior to the peal.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. 17 lb.

*JACK WM. TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS E. TAYLOR ... 4
KENNETH C. TAYLOR ... 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 5
HERBERT T. PIPER ... 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANCIS BROTHERTON.

\* Proposed a member before starting. First peal for all except conductor, and first as conductor. First peal of Doubles for all. First peal on the bells. Birthday compliment to H. T. Piper and H. Boswell.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARTIN BROOMFIELD ... <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED J. CHERRYMAN ... 4
JAMES W. WHITE ... 2	FREDERICK F. TRUSLER ... 5
GEORGE A. STEELE ... 3	ARTHUR H. WHITE ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. H. WHITE.

First peal as conductor, and first peal in the method by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers at the church. This is believed to be the first peal of London Surprise Minor rung in Sussex.

ENGLEFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

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

GEORGE ABERY ... *Treble*

\*ARTHUR T. CLAYDON ... 4

\*EDWARD RICHARDSON ... 2

JAMES ABERY ... 5

JAMES SMITH ... 3

FREDERICK WIGMORE ... *Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES ABERY.

\* First peal.

KING'S WALDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being one 720 of Pitman's and the remainder with ten different callings.

Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.)

WILLIAM TAYLOR ... <i>Treble</i>	HORACE W. ANSTEE ... 4
JOE HOBBS ... 2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 5
GEORGE DANIELLS ... 3	JOHN H. P. CONQUEST ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Major Harrison.

KING'S CAPEL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being twelve six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, eight of Plain Bob, and twenty-two of Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*C. LEWIS ... <i>Treble</i>	A. J. TAYLOR ... 4
W. TAYLOR ... 2	F. ARROWSMITH ... 5
G. TAYSON ... 3	A. HARRISS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

\* First peal.



## GAULBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JOSEPH NORTON ... .. Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY ... .. 4
RONALD RUSSELL ... .. 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. 5
A. NORMAN GEARY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Minor accomplished on these bells. Specially rung to mark the birthday of Miss Rene Norton, daughter of treble ringer, and her engagement to the 3rd ringer. It was also the conductor's 500th peal.

## WESTON, BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

REGINALD F. BECK ... .. Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... .. 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	RONALD G. BECK ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor, and in Bath.

## MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANCIS LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK STANTON ... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5
CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

## HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES TOTT ... .. Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN ... .. 4
ERNEST H. MASTIN ... .. 3	TOM BARTRAM ... .. 5
†STANLEY WALLIS ... .. 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. NEWINGTON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal and first attempt.

## TREDUNNOG, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, in ten callings.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. Treble	WINDSOR LEWIS ... .. 4
LIONEL JONES ... .. 2	ARTHUR HAWKINS ... .. 5
ALBERT PROBERT ... .. 3	GEORGE HAWKINS ... .. Tenor

One half the peal Conducted by A. HAWKINS, the other half by D. G. CLIFT.

First peal for all. First peal on the bells. The ringers of 3rd and 4th elected members before starting.

## HARMONDSWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*RICHARD WARNETT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. 4
*JAMES H. LUCAS ... .. 2	PERCY E. JONES ... .. 5
*WILLIAM A. LEWIS ... .. 3	FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CORKE.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Birthday compliment to W. E. Taylor.

## STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

*ALBERT HUCKELL ... .. Treble	*FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 5
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the association by a resident band.

## WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HAROLD G. SMITH ... .. Treble	HARRY PARKER ... .. 4
FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 2	*WILLIAM EDGE ... .. 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal of Minor.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

## BRISTOL UNITED GUILD'S DINNER.

Ringers from all parts of the country gathered at Bristol on Saturday for the seventh annual dinner of the United Ringing Guilds, and the event was a greater success than ever. The chairman was Mr. John G. Jefferies, and the principal guest was the Lord Bishop of Malmesbury, who responded to the toast of 'The Church,' which was given from the chair. The Master of the College Youths (Mr. J. S. Hawkins) proposed 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' which is this year celebrating its jubilee, and the Master (Rev. C. D. P. Davies) responded. 'Kindred Guilds and Associations' was submitted by the Vice-chairman (Rev. R. H. Whitford), and replied to by Mr. J. P. Fidler (Midland Counties Association) and Mr. J. W. Jones (Llandaff and Monmouth).

As usual, a most delightful musical programme had been arranged, and the proceedings were marked by the greatest cordiality and enjoyment.

A full report will appear in our next issue.

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## THEORY AND PRACTICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With many others I am following with interest the controversy on method extension, and I sincerely trust that some good may result. The views of those who have the courage of their convictions are always good reading, although not of necessity acceptable, but, as Mr. Jenkins says, we must give some credit to the 'other fellow.'

My reading of Mr. Trollope's article differs from that of 'A Plain Ringer,' and this does not determine which of us is correct; but I should like to fasten upon two of his statements, and carry them, if I may, to an illogical conclusion.

There is 'nothing' between the rows. An extent of Bob Minor contains every one of the 720 possible rows obtainable upon six bells, and an extent of London Surprise Minor likewise. Then the rows in the 720 of one are identical with those in the 720 of the other. Nothing between the rows means that Plain Bob is London Surprise!

'Go Plain Bob' produces 214365 as the row immediately next following rounds (no ambiguity here), and 'go London' produces 213546 as the corresponding row. Why? His course-end of Stedman Caters, with nothing between it and the next row, is thus:—

214365879  
214365879

and no amount of shouting 'Rounds next change' can alter it.

No, Sir! There is nothing amusing in the work, places, or changes between the rows, nor anything ridiculous in the lead 'ends' being also the lead 'heads.' It is the difference between theory and practice which Mr. Trollope emphasises, and which cuts all of the ice in the world, when the practical ringers turn attention to matters other than rope pulling.

I am afraid the belogging lies in our own understanding, and is no fault of the modern theorist. Read Snowden's proof of Treble Bob, and see explained there that the false rows 'follow' the course 'end' next preceding. This same 'end' is the 'head' of the course in which the false rows appear, and yet we must call it the 'end' of the previous course instead of the 'head' of that course with which we are dealing. Read 'Method Spicing' and compare Mr. Parker's 720's by the lead-heads and Mr. Fidler's by the lead-ends, and decide which is the more straightforward way. Prove a method, arriving at certain false lead 'ends,' and search for the false rows in the lead of which your 'end' is; see if they can be found.

I am afraid that the modern theorist knows what he is talking about, and we must do what we can to follow him; but I could wish that he would always take the trouble to offer the explanation that is contained in Mr. Trollope's restrained and instructive articles.

If 'A Plain Ringer' could meet the band with whom I have the honour to ring, he would be introduced to practical ringing where lead 'heads' and action between the rows cut all of the ice that he would care to freeze.—Yours sincerely,

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Leytonstone.

## LEAD-HEADS AND LEAD-ENDS.

Dear Sir,—Anyone who knows how to prove methods—Plain, Treble Bob, or Surprise, by transpositions, as they can and should be proved, i.e., by the path of the treble—will not be in any doubt about which are lead-heads or lead-ends.

Except for the fundamental row (rounds), all lead-heads of properly-constructed methods are complex transposition rows; all lead-ends, without exception, of properly-constructed methods are simple transposition rows.

In a complex transposition row the face value and the proving value are not the same.

In a simple transposition row the face value and the proving value are both the same.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

## A DIFFERENCE DEFINED.

Dear Sir,—My article does not bear the meaning your correspondent, 'A Plain Ringer,' puts on it, and I cannot be responsible for his mistakes in reading it.

He is amused because I said that there is a difference between a row and a change—a little thing he calls it. Perhaps; but it is in the differences between such little things that all these questions like extension lie. He wants to know 'where, except in the writings of modern theorists like Mr. Trollope' (who presumably doesn't count) 'has the word "change" received the definition' I gave it. I will tell him. The very earliest written sentence explaining anything connected with ringing which has come down to us is Fabian Stedman's definition of a change. It strikes, as it were, the keynote of his book. It supplies his reader with the foundation idea on which ringing is based. Here it is: 'A change is made between two bells that strike next to each other by removing into each other's places, as in these two figures. 1.2. Make a change between them and they will stand 2.1, which is called a change. Make another change between them and they will stand in their right places.'

I should have thought that the very word 'change' itself would have told anyone who stopped to think for a moment that what is primarily meant is not so much a particular order of bells as the

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## WATH RINGERS' REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT.

184 METHODS IN A YEAR.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, the 13 members of the local company, with the exception of two visitors (who took part in three methods), have rung during the year 1927 197 Minor extents in 184 different methods, the only methods rung more than once being Oxford three times and Kent twice, chiefly to oblige visitors. Of these extents, 121 were rung for Sunday services and 76 for special service, practice and peal attempts. The methods rung were all Treble Bob, 3rd and 4th's-place Delights, and Surprise methods in the Central Council Collection, with the exception of Superlative, totalling 132, and 62 other methods, namely: Primrose, Tulip, College Treble, Snowdrop, York Minster, Arnold's Victory, York Delight, Morning Pleasure, Ebor, Woodbine, Woodcock's Delight, Tanner's Pleasure, South Kirkby, King Edward, Raymarsh, London Delight, Hailamshire, Dearne Valley, Lyndale, Dunford, Duke of Leeds, Royal Sovereign, Gladstone Delight, Morning Exercise, Royston Delight, New London Pleasure, Penistone, Nelson's Victory, Ecclesfield, College Pleasure, City Delight, Duke of York, Violet, Queen Bess, New College Treble, Oxford Delight, Barnsley, Felkirk, Campanula, Bristol, Worcester, Overton, Darfield Pleasure, Royal Bob, Coverleigh, White Rose, Trowel, Teesdale, Lichfield, Cluchester, Strathmore, College Bob I., Poynton, Grove Delight, Nostell, Sutton, Blythe, Cawthorne, Shelley, Markham, Bolton Abbey and Fountain Abbey, with Oxford rung twice more and Kent once more, making a grand total of 197.

The following ringers took part: W. Bramham 128, H. Chamberlin 102 (conducted 2), R. J. Ricketts 144, A. Nash 69 (conducted 56), A. Gill 174 (conducted 31), W. Ashworth 130, A. Panther 171 (conducted 105), C. Walsh 83 (conducted 2), J. W. Champion 36, G. Lord 28, W. Green 106, A. Nicholls 5, E. G. Nicholls 3, C. D. Potter (visitor) 2, J. Lawson (visitor) 1 (conducted 1).

## BUCKNALL RINGERS' 70 METHODS.

During the year 1927 the ringers at Bucknall, Staffs, rang 161 720's in 70 different methods. The ringers taking part were: William Wheelodon (leader), 115 720's (conducted 24); Charles Preston, 127 (10); William Fradley, 138 (16); Miss Alice Preston, 144 (22); Charles Bowen, 129 (35); Harry Billings, 133 (38); Reg. Preston, 149 (16); Master Jack Wheelodon, 23.

The following were the methods: York, Duke of Clarence, Bucknall, Westminster, Ipswich, Richborough, Crowlands, Beverley, Oxford Bob, Wells, Plain, Allendale, Southwark, Lincoln, Kent, Annabel's London Surprise, Combermere, Canterbury, College Single, St. Werburgh, Vale Royal, Duke of York, Durham, Chester, College Pleasure, Cambridge, College Exercise, Castleton, Double Court, Chelsea, Knutsford, Rothern, Ely, Dunedin, Coldstream, London, Double Oxford, Sandiacre, Kelso, Burslem, Beswick, Munden, Violet, Alawick, Morpeth, Whitby, Newcastle, Canterbury Pleasure, Sandal, Duke of Norfolk, Burton, Rochester, Morning Star, Denton, Evesham, Tewkesbury, Chadkirk, Abbeville, Marple, Woodcock's Victory, Carisbrooke Castle, Donatta Castle, Sandiacre Pleasure, Wooler, Warkworth, Wilmslow, Cambridge Delight, Queen Victoria, Pevensey Castle, Belvoir Castle.

The band's records in previous years were: 1924, 108; 1925, 114; 1926, 131.

## LITTLE MUNDEN.

The number of 720's rung at Little Munden, Herts, during 1927, was 98 in 15 methods.

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alteration from one order to another. And practically every term that is used in actual ringing—hunting, dodging, snapping, leading, lying, place making, bob, course, lead, and the rest—has reference to the movement of the bells, which produces row from row, and not to the row itself. I am quite aware that from very early times, probably even from Stedman's time, the term included the resulting row as well as the movement which produced it. I am also quite aware that since peal composers are interested exclusively in the rows, for a long time the term 'change' was used as synonymous with 'row' as well as in its original meaning. Forty years ago, in the generation just before my time, the term 'row' was introduced as a better one to describe the actual arrangement of the bells. I do not remember who first used it. It was one of the group—Bulwer, Heywood, Thompson, Davies and the rest—who were the leading intellectual members of the Exercise during the eighties and nineties of the last century. When you use terms in an exact thing like the science of ringing you cannot be too accurate, you cannot be too careful in knowing exactly what the terms mean. I should not find fault with a man who spoke of a change when he meant a row, provided he was not confusing the two things. I should certainly advise one who is writing to use them carefully. But that is not the point. The point is that an anonymous writer has (as I think, unnecessarily) gone out of his way to find fault with me because I use the term 'change' with a meaning which was not only its original but which it has never lost. When your correspondent has recovered from his amusement he may with profit consider the fact that while rounds is certainly the first row of a plain course, the instinct of the Exercise is quite sound which treats rounds as the result and included in the last change.—Your truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

**PRESENTATION AT STANMORE.****RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER.**

The Stanmore (Middlesex) ringers held their annual dinner on Saturday, January 7th. In the regrettable absence of the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett), through illness, the chair was taken by the vice-president of the society, Mr. E. Heading, who was supported by a company of 24, which included Mr. G. Hughes (Master), Mr. F. Hill (secretary), Mr. F. Edwards (instructor), and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association).

After a very nice dinner had been put 'out of course,' the loyal toast was honoured.

Mr. G. Hughes proposed the toast of 'The Rector and Churchwardens,' expressing regret at the absence of the former, who was to have taken the chair, and wishing him a quick recovery.—The toast of 'The Visitors,' coupled with the names of Messrs. Coles and Edwards, was proposed by Mr. Hill, who thanked Mr. Edwards for the great amount of interest he had taken in instructing the Stanmore ringers.—The Chairman then presented Mr. Edwards with a handsome timepiece as a token of their gratitude to him.

In replying to the toast, Mr. Coles referred to the progress made by the Stanmore ringers, and congratulated them on the improvement made in their ringing since Mr. Edwards had given them such valuable assistance.

The latter gentleman also replied to the toast, and expressed sincere thanks for the handsome present made to him, which, he said, would remind him of many happy hours spent at Stanmore.

Interspersed between the speeches were songs by Messrs. Lawford, Bergun, Langley, and Hughes, with Mr. Springett very efficiently presiding at the piano, whilst some clever conjuring was given by Mr. Schofield.—An enjoyable evening terminated all too quickly.

**GUISELEY RINGER'S DEATH.**

The death of Mr. Stanley Walker at the age of 35, after two years of sickness, has made a gap in the ranks of the Guiseley band. Deceased had been connected with the tower for over 20 years, and had rung seven peals.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, January 10th, when four members of the local company acted as bearers, and rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside: W. Dixon 1-2, T. M. Thompson 3-4, F. W. Dixon 5-6, J. Woodhead 7-8. Canon J. F. Howson conducted the service, and Mr. John Rhodes was at the organ.

**OLD RINGER REVISITS BELFRY.**

On Sunday, January 15th, at St. James' Church, West Derby, Liverpool, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Holmes 1, W. Hargraves (conductor) 2, A. Taylor 3, R. Harvey 4, E. Ginesi 5, H. Hancock 6. This 720 was rung also in honour of a visit to the belfry of Mr. W. Hargraves, who was for 50 years a regular ringer at the church, but owing to illness had to retire about 12 months ago, and now resides in the Birmingham district.

**A JOINT MEETING.**

A very enjoyable quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and Ely Diocesan Guilds (Peterborough and Wisbech Branches) was held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday week, and was well attended by members of both societies. The service was taken by the Vicar, who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Chatteris. Referring to the holding of a joint meeting, he said he thought it was a good idea, and showed the friendship that existed among bellringers. He hoped it was only the beginning of many more such meetings.

The ringing during the afternoon was of a high standard, and touches of Cambridge, London, York and Norwich Surprise were brought round, as well as of plain methods.

**BELL LECTURE AT COTGRAVE.**

A very interesting lecture, organised by Mr. Walter White, on bells and bell ringing, was given in the Parish Hall at Cotgrave, Notts, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, with a view to the enlightenment and instruction of the parishioners and neighbours, and to awaken interest in the art of church-bell ringing.

The lecture, which was very ably given, was illustrated by lantern slides and change ringing on handbells from 'sixes' to Caters by Messrs. Coppock, Milner, Oldham and Wilkinson, assisted by the local ringers. Five 'bob' leads of Bob Major were 'lapped' by the local band, so that the audience might see the marked treble actually hunting up and down.

The lecture, which was preceded by a pianoforte solo by Miss Wilson, of Farnsfield, was followed by a concert, at which Miss M. Knowles, of Matlock, gave some very fine excerpts on the violin, exhibiting great talent. Miss McNair, of Cropwell Bishop, and Mr. A. Coppock rendered some excellent songs, and Mr. E. Batters, of Nottingham, supplied the comic element. The accompanist on the piano was Miss K. A. White (daughter of Mr. Walter White).

Thanks are due and tendered to Mr. E. Morris, of Leicester, and Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for kindly lending the lantern slides.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. R. C. Clark, of 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford, has been appointed secretary of the South Eastern Division of the Essex Association in place of Mr. P. Timson, who has resigned.

A football cup-tie at Swindon to-morrow has necessitated the postponement of the Gloucester and Bristol (Swindon Branch) meeting at Highworth to February 11th.

The first association to pay its subscription to the Central Council this year was Guildford Diocesan Guild, followed closely by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Members of the Council are reminded of the fact that, under the resolution passed last year, notices of motion must be in the hands of the secretary three months before the meeting, which will be held on May 29th.

Mr. F. G. Woodiss, of Sutton, Surrey, fell off an omnibus in London, one day last week, and fractured an arm. We are glad to say he is progressing favourably.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, had a fall during the bad weather after Christmas, and is still confined to his house.

A College Youths band, on the evening of January 19th, visited and rang at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, and at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park. The object was to observe the difference, if any, in the tone of the 'ring' cast 50 years ago by Lewis, the organ builder, and those recently cast upon modern lines. The striking at both towers was much admired by the interested listeners.

A hundred and twenty-five years ago to-day a peal of 10,386 Grand-sire Caters was rung in 6 hrs. 56 mins. at Kingston-on-Thames.

To-morrow is the anniversary of a peal of '5,040 real Double Eight in, with two bobs in a lead, as many 7th's as 2nd's, with bobs behind and before.' This was rung at Richmond, Surrey.

This, however, was not the first peal of Double Bob. The first was rung at Whitechapel on January 29th, 1769, and is recorded in 'The Clavis.'

The anniversary of Benjamin Annable's death occurs on Wednesday next. He died in the year 1756, and was buried at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

The bells of Birmingham Cathedral will be broadcast from 7.50 to 8 p.m. on Sunday next.

Over a hundred ringers were present at Chittlehampton on Wednesday week, when the bells were reopened, after having been rehung in a new frame and fittings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Mr. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, gave a lecture on bellringing last Thursday week before a large gathering of the Midland Branch of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. The lecture was followed with keen interest, and handbell demonstrations, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and a splendid course of Stedman Cinques, were greatly appreciated. The interest taken by the gathering in the subject was illustrated by the fact that a discussion afterwards lasted three-quarters of an hour.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Subscriptions to the Central Council for the year 1928 are now due. The annual meeting will be held at Hereford on Whitsun Tuesday, May 29th, and notices of motion must be received by the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alex. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6, not later than February 28th next.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the diocese of Birmingham was held at St. Martin's Hotel on Tuesday, January 17th, and was well attended. In the absence of the Presiding Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who apologised for his inability to be present owing to the fact that he was engaged in the capacity of judge at Hereford, the chair was taken by Mr. Vice-president J. H. Shepherd.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, Mr. James George being added to the vice-presidents, and Mr. Thos. H. Reeves being made a trustee in place of the late Mr. Charles Dickens.

The following are the officers of the Guild: President, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; vice-presidents, Rev. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, Wm. Kent, Thos. Russam and James George; Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker; trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and T. H. Reeves; auditors, Messrs. T. H. Reeves and Jonathan Preston; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Routine business having been disposed of, the Secretary informed the meeting that the Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, had promised to preside at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner to be held on Saturday, February 25th.

## OVER A HUNDRED 720's AT LAMBERHURST.

During the year 1927, 104 720's were rung on the bells at St. Mary's Church, Lamberhurst, Kent, in 47 different methods, including the 41 Surprise methods of the Central Council Collection. Seventeen ringers took part in them.



## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

## SUGGESTED AMALGAMATION WITH GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Surrey Association at Guildford on Saturday had an added importance in view of the proposals of the committee to advance a scheme for amalgamating with the new Guildford Diocesan Guild. Nearly sixty members were present, and enjoyed ringing on the ten bells at St. Nicolas' Church in the afternoon, the methods including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob and Treble Bob Royal, London Surprise Major, etc. A service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. G. M. Wheeler), the address being given by the Rev. Sir John Herschel (Rector of West Clandon).

After tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel, the business meeting was presided over by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., of Mitcham).

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) presented the balance sheet, which showed that there had been a loss of about £2 on the year.

The Master reviewed the work of the association during 1927. Twelve district meetings had been held, he said, and most of them were well attended, but the last meeting of the Western District was a failure, only five members being present. Forty peals were rung. This was 36 less than in the previous year, but the standard of the methods was higher, and it was gratifying that the bands ringing the lower methods in 1928 rang higher methods in 1927. They had lost four well-known members by death—Messrs. A. Otway and E. Hull, of Leatherhead, W. Shepherd, of Streatham, and H. Ewins, of Reigate. The last-named had been Southern District secretary for some years. They had also lost a former member in Mr. S. Daniels, who in 1911 was assistant hon. secretary. There had been three notable bell restorations in the county, namely, at Reigate, Horley and Wimbledon (increased to eight). There were 32 towers affiliated to the association, with 250 members. They also had 42 hon. members, 62 unattached, and 120 life and non-resident members. The Master referred with pleasure to the recovery of Mr. A. Dean and Mr. A. H. Pulling from serious accidents, and also spoke of the great rally of ringers at Croydon last year. He recalled the fact that the association had now been established for 48 years, and was thus only just a little junior to the Winchester Guild, which would celebrate its jubilee in 1929.

Four new members having been elected, the Master proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. J. Beams, of Ewell, for the work he had done in the past in entering the association's peals in the peal book. He did this work for many years, having entered 523 peals in all, and they were beautifully and expertly done.—The vote was heartily accorded.

Reigate was selected as the place for the next annual meeting.

## THE AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

The question of amalgamation with the Guildford Diocesan Guild was then considered. The following scheme was put forward by the committee of the association:—

- (1) The amalgamation shall take place on January 1st, 1929.
- (2) The Surrey Association agrees to the rules of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, except for the following minor alterations:—
  - (a) The society shall be called 'The Surrey County Association and Guildford Diocesan Guild' of Church Bellringers.
  - (b) The Bishops of Southwark and Guildford shall be ex-officio joint presidents (subject to their consent).
- (3) Cash in hand on December 31st, 1928, shall be paid into the account of the joint societies.
- (3a) One report shall be published for the year 1928, recording both societies' performances, which shall be distinguished separately.
- (4) The boundaries of the districts in the Diocese of Guildford shall not be altered.

The Southern District of the Association shall be renamed 'Reigate District,' but its boundaries shall not be altered.

The remaining area of Surrey shall be called 'The Croydon and South London District.'

(5) All subscriptions due on or after January 1st, 1929, will be for the joint societies.

(6) Any person who is an honorary or ringing member of either society on December 31st, 1928, shall automatically be admitted a member of the amalgamated societies.

Any person who is a compounding member of either society on December 31st, 1928, will be automatically admitted a compounding member of the amalgamated societies without further payment.

(7) A preliminary meeting of the two societies shall be held during 1928 to approve the proposals put forward for amalgamation. The meeting shall be called by the two secretaries jointly, and the expenses of calling such meeting are to be borne by the two societies equally.

(7a) The first meeting of the amalgamated societies shall be held on January 1st, 1929, when the scheme approved of at the preliminary meeting shall be formally adopted.

At this meeting any resident member of either society may be nominated for election as one of the officers provided that the 14 days' notice has been given to the general secretary of either society, as required by the rules.

(8) After this meeting has taken place, the amalgamated societies shall continue absolutely as one society.

The Master, in introducing the proposal, said it arose from the previous annual meeting, when there was a discussion as to the possibility of amalgamating with the new Guildford Diocesan Guild then about to be formed, and the committee was deputed to approach the

representatives of the Guild. A conference was held, and the committee engaged in organising the new Guild suggested that the proper way to proceed would be for the association to consider a scheme, pass it at the annual meeting, and then forward it to the new Diocesan Guild for consideration, as the Guildford committee had no power to discuss the matter. The result was that the association's committee had met and drawn up the scheme now presented. There were 12 members of the committee present at the meeting, and 10 voted for the scheme, while two did not vote. As chairman of the committee he formally moved the adoption of the report.—Mr. J. Hoyle seconded.

In reply to a question by Mr. C. Reading, it was stated that the scheme had not been considered by the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Northover (Reigate) said he could not see there was any advantage to be derived by the Surrey Association from the scheme, particularly in the Southern District. He would like to hear some good reasons given in favour of it.

## SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD SUGGESTED.

Mr. F. W. Richardson suggested that instead of amalgamating they should strike out and keep the association going (applause). He had come there specially to say that instead of joining with the Guildford Diocesan Guild they should consider forming a Southwark Diocesan Guild. They had not yet got the Bishop of Southwark's consent to an amalgamation, and if they went to him he might say, 'No; I want a diocesan association of my own.' He knew Croydon was in the diocese of Canterbury, but they might get over that difficulty by some such name as the 'Diocese of Southwark and the Archdeaconry of Croydon.'

Mr. Kippin pointed out that the diocese of Southwark included a piece of the county of Kent.

Mr. Richardson, continuing, said this raised the question whether their associations should be diocesan or county. Some time ago an article on the subject appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and he had been very much surprised that not one single letter had been written on the subject. The thing was, were they to be diocesan or county? They would not all think alike, but he thought they should be the Southwark Diocesan Guild (hear, hear). The Surrey was a good old association, and he thought something like that would be better than joining the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Let them strike out and keep 'on their own' (applause).

Mr. Kippin said if they became a Diocesan Guild they would have to throw out lowers which had belonged to the Surrey Association for 50 years.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said, as many of them would know, there had been talk of creating another diocese, namely, the Diocese of Croydon, and he was not sure that was not actually in the offing. He thought they ought not to hurry over the question of amalgamation, when the whole situation might be drastically altered in a year or eighteen months' time. With regard to the scheme itself, it might be advantageous to both sides, but it occurred to him that if Surrey had only two districts, while Guildford had four, Surrey might find it hard work to keep pace with Guildford. They had also to remember the position of the Southern District, which had worked for some years most successfully. They had also to remember that many of the association's towers were in the Guildford diocese, and their position was, perhaps, as difficult as anybody's.

Mr. A. J. Bull (Southern District secretary) said the Southern District was all against amalgamation.

After further discussion, in the course of which it appeared that there was a considerable division of opinion, an amendment was carried that discussion of the report be adjourned until a plebiscite of the members had been taken, and it was agreed that this should not be done before March 1st, so that all might have the opportunity of thoroughly considering the question. After the vote has been taken, a special general meeting will be held.

## NEW RULES DEFERRED.

As the result of a motion passed at a Southern District meeting, 'that the present rules of the association were not satisfactory or sufficient,' the committee presented a new set of rules, and the Master moved, and Mr. Trappett seconded, that they be substituted for the existing rules.

Mr. Northover objected to any decision being come to that day, as many of the members had not seen the new draft.

Mr. Kippin said the committee considered it was not necessary that every member should have a copy. A copy was sent to everyone who had intimated that they intended to be present that day.

Mr. Northover moved that the consideration of the rules be deferred until the members had had time to discuss them.—Mr. Bull seconded.

Mr. Reading said the rules had only come into his possession that day. He had read them, but had not had time to consider them carefully, and he considered it unreasonable to ask them to pass a set of rules at such short notice.

Mr. Northover's amendment was carried by 22 votes to 7, and it was understood that the rules will come up again at the special meeting.

The meeting was then asked to decide the charge to be made to members for the annual report (if one be printed), or any other means of avoiding a deficit on the 1928 balance sheet.—After discussion, it was resolved to charge each member taking part in a peal a 'booking fee' of 3d., and that a charge of 6d. per copy be made for the report.

The officers were then elected as follow: President, the Bishop of

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**SURREY ASSOCIATION—continued.**

Southwark; Master, Mr. J. D. Drewett; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippen; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Deau; assistant secretary, Mr. P. Cooper; hon. members on the committee, Revs. C. A. Finch and G. E. G. Hoare, Messrs. C. Reading, R. Henderson and Kennedy; auditor, Mr. F. W. Housden.

Mr. W. Shorter raised the question of the recording of peals rung by members who had not paid their subscriptions, and referred to a peal at Thames Ditton, published as being by the association, when two of the ringers, he believed, were not members at all.

It was resolved that this peal should not be entered in the association's records, and not to publish the annual report until after March 1st. This, it was felt, would give members in arrears the opportunity of paying their subscriptions. After that date, the peals in which those who were more than a year in arrears had taken part would be excluded.

**WESTERN DISTRICT FAILURE.**

The Master read a letter from Miss N. E. Shorter, saying that it was useless to arrange meetings in the Western District, and resigning the office of district secretary. Mr. Drewett said they were all very sorry for the circumstances that led up to Miss Shorter having to write a letter like that, and her resignation was not to be wondered at.

Miss Shorter said at the last three meetings they had an average attendance of only five, and on one occasion she was the only member of the district present. She had had a hard struggle for about four years, and it had been most disheartening to arrange meetings when no one turned up. Without the help of outside members it would have been impossible to hold the meetings at all.

The Master appealed to Miss Shorter to continue for another year, but Miss Shorter declined, and the cordial thanks of the association was passed to her for her work.

On the suggestion of Mr. Kippen, it was decided to attach the Western District to the Central District for this year.

The question of the resting place of the association's peal books was raised by Mr. Northover, and it was resolved that they be placed in Reigate tower for the ensuing twelve months. The meeting then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding, to the authorities of St. Nicolas' Church for the service and the use of the bells, and to Sir John Herschel for his address.

A collection for the 'Irenæus Pistor' fund amounted to £1 14s.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION PEALS.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, held at Guildford last Saturday, it was decided that for all peals rung for the association for the ensuing year the band are charged a fee of 3d. per rope.

The conductor is responsible for collecting the money and forwarding it with particulars of the peal to the secretary in whose district the peal is rung, or, if outside the county, to the secretary of the district nearest.

Will the Analysis Committee of the Central Council please note that the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Thames Ditton on December 28th, 1927, is not to be credited to the Surrey Association?—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPEN,

Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****PEALS FOR ASPIRANTS.**

The members of the Southern District held a meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, January 14th, which was well attended, there being 24 members present. The following towers were represented: Bishop Auckland, Shildon, Darlington (St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity), Staindrop and Willington. The proceedings began with a well-struck touch of Bob Major, and, during the afternoon, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

The Rev. A. Hammond, curate of St. Andrew's, Auckland, presided at the meeting, in place of the Vicar, the Rev. Parry Evans, who was unable to attend.

A vote of sympathy on the death of Mr. A. M. Hall, a member of the Newcastle Cathedral band, was passed, the members standing in silence. A suggestion was made that in order to promote a greater interest in change ringing a quarterly peal should be organised, and, after some discussion on this subject, the following proposal was made: 'That any member desirous of taking part in a peal should send in his name and the method he would like to ring, to the district secretary, and when a band had been made up by this means the vice-president and district secretary would arrange the peal attempt.' This was agreed to.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, February 25th.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kindness in partly defraying the expenses of the tea, and for the use of the bells, also to the Rev. A. Hammond for presiding at the meeting.—The ringers then sat down to a good tea prepared by Mrs. Peverell and other ladies, and later again visited the tower, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Minor, and Bob Minor were rung and brought to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

RICHARD HART HART DAVIS: PRIEST.

A FOUNDER OF THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14th, there passed to his rest this well-known and respected member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It occurred almost at the moment when Canon Coleridge, as chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch, was speaking about him at the annual meeting at Wokingham, and asking for the sympathy and prayers of those with whom he had been associated for so many years as founder and chairman. Though four years past the 'four score years,' there had come to him but little of the 'labour and sorrow' spoken of by the Psalmist. For it is little more than two months since he was sculling up the Thames and bringing back, as was his delight, a load of driftwood; while as recently as November 9th he was taking his morning plunge into the river. He had been, as a young man, a good, all-round athlete, excelling particularly as a wicket-keeper at cricket and as a half-back in Rugby football, and not only did he maintain his keen interest in games and athletics till the end, but also preserved in a wonderful way the body of youth.

Though never himself a bellringer, he was keenly interested in ringing, and formed one of the committee appointed by the Diocesan Conference in 1880 to carry out the formation of the Oxford Guild. From 1890-1923, he held office in the Guild, either as secretary or treasurer, and for a time as both. During these years he was also devoted to many other good works. From 1871-1904, he was working as a parish priest, first of all as assistant curate at Sonning, under Canon Pearson, and later as Vicar of Dunsden. When he gave up parochial work and went to live at the Ridge Field, Caversham, overlooking his beloved river, he threw himself heart and soul into all kinds of social and philanthropic work. When, in his eightieth year, he began to resign most of the positions of public trust that he held, it was not because he was losing his interest in things nor because he was physically failing, for, except in the matter of hearing, his faculties were unimpaired, but because he could not naturally expect to live much longer, and he desired to spare trouble to those who would have to settle his affairs after his death.

The congregation that assembled for the first part of the funeral service on Thursday at St. Peter's, Caversham, was a testimony to the affection and esteem in which he was held by 'all sorts and conditions of men.' The interment took place in the churchyard at Mapledurham, where the bodies of his wife and only son had previously been laid. Here it was that he assisted chiefly in the services of the church after leaving Dunsden, for this was really his parish church.

At the close a 720 of Bob Minor and 120 of Stedman Doubles were rung in the tower, with the bells half-muffled, by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

On the Saturday following, a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Sonning by a mixed band of Guild members, but, unfortunately, it came to grief after ringing about 1½ hours.

May he rest in peace.

C. W. O. J.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**

At the meeting of the South and West District on Saturday, January 14th, over 60 ringers gathered at Acton, where touches for all tastes in 'low,' 'middle' and 'highbrow' methods, and rounds for those whose enjoyment only extends at present to this height of the art, were indulged in.

The Rector (Rev. Newsham-Taylor) at the short service gave a much appreciated brief address after dedicating a magnificent peal board, mahogany and gilt lettered, recording two peals of special interest—an officers' peal of the South and West District and Carter's Odd Bob one-part peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Robert Fardon.

After tea, the usual vote of thanks was passed to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The Belcher family entertained the company with tunes on their handbells, much to the delight of everyone present.

**COMMEMORATIVE PEAL AT SEDGLEY.**

The peal at Sedgley, Staffordshire, on Saturday last, January 21st, was rung in honour of the fortieth anniversary of the induction of the present Vicar (Rev. Dr. T. G. Swindell) to the Vicariate of Sedgley, which took place on January 21st, 1888. The peal attempt was made by special request, and as it was also to be rung by members of the society of the Archdeaconry of Stafford, the ringers were thus unable to attend the society's meeting at Willenhall. A letter of apology was, however, forwarded to the secretary on behalf of the band.

After the peal, the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar, whose hospitality was greatly appreciated by all present. The Vicar extended his best thanks to the ringers for the splendid peal they rang in honour of such an important event.

During the evening, Mr. Babb (people's warden) joined the company and made an eloquent and characteristic speech on the work of the bellringers.

The bells were 'fired' forty times, to represent the number of years the Vicar had worked in the parish.

Thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. B. Fullwood for their excellent services during the evening.

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

## THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 14th. Permission was given for the use of the bells from 5.45 p.m. until 6 p.m., and from 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Tea was served in the St. Martin's Club as usual, but this year the management of this part of the programme was placed in the hands of Miss Wise, the new manageress of the club, who made a most promising start, and it is evident that the 'tea-party' side of the society's meetings of the future will quite equal that of the past. Miss Wise and her helpers well earned the thanks of the members—and the course of Grandsire Cinques, on handbells, they demanded.

The business meeting was preceded by a few words of welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. 'Pat' McCormick, who expressed his pleasure and surprise at seeing such a large gathering. Having had a glance at the society's peal book, he said he began to realise there must be something more in bellringing than he had ever thought, and he was going to try to find out more about it. Time would not permit him to take it up as a hobby, but he would certainly interest himself in bellringing and bellringers, and it was his great wish that the annual meetings of the society should continue to be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, as in the days of his predecessor, the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard. Regretting he was unable to stay longer, he wished the society every success, and assured them of his presence at their next meeting.

The Treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand. This being accepted, the Secretary gave his report on the society's happenings and progress during the past year. In remarking on the various peals rung, special mention was made of the peal rung half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. Benjamin Foskett, for which it was hoped a peal board would be placed in Shore-ditch Church.

The election of officers for 1928 produced little change. Mr. J. D. Matthews was re-elected Master, Mr. J. Sparrow secretary, Mr. J. W. Cornford treasurer, Mr. C. J. Matthews senior steward, Mr. T. Bevan junior steward, Messrs. R. Bevan and T. Newman auditors, and Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy trustees.

The making of new members having been carried out and matters of finance decided upon, the meeting was closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the ladies of St. Martin's Club for helping with the tea, and the officers for their services to the society during the past year.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## NEW DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held on Saturday, January 21st, at Putney. The hour of commencement was four o'clock, but ten minutes before that hour a dozen enthusiasts were on the steps at Putney Parish Church, and five minutes later a band was getting on with Stedman Triples. Other methods were rung between then and five o'clock, Cambridge Major being the height attained. Tea, to which 23 members sat down at the Cosy Cafe opposite, being disposed of, the meeting was held. Three new members were made, the officers were re-elected with the exception of the secretary, Mr. C. F. Mitchell, in whose stead Mr. J. Herbert, of Putney, was elected.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Putney for the use of the bells, and to the local Master and his men for the welcome extended to the association. The Vicar of Fulham and Mr. Driver were also included in this proposition.

The ringers then went 'over the water' to keep an appointment at All Saints', Fulham, where these beautiful bells were set going to Stedman Caters, and subsequently in various other methods till about 8.30. Members came from as far afield as Beckenham and Woolwich.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, January 21st. Ringing commenced at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, after which the members went on to Whitechapel, where, after further ringing, a service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. G. O. Mayo) officiated.

After tea, generously provided by the Rev. G. O. Mayo, the business meeting was held. The Master, Mr. L. Gray, being absent, Mr. Alleyway was elected Master pro tem. As Mr. Gray was absent, it was decided to leave over the election of the Master until the next meeting.

The secretary (Mr. J. A. Hales) having resigned, Mr. J. A. Waugh was elected in his place. The other officers appointed were: Steward, Mr. A. Riley; treasurer, Mr. Dymont; committee men, Mr. Newman and Mr. Molton; auditor, Mr. Alleyway.

It was decided, if possible, to hold the next meeting at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. O. Mayo, both for the excellent tea and the use of his bells, also to the incumbent of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East for the use of his bells. The ladies, who very kindly helped at tea were not forgotten, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to them also.—The Rector, in replying, remarked, 'Come whenever you can,' and it is hoped to visit Whitechapel again soon.

After the business meeting, the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

## 'IRENEUS PISTOR.'

Our readers, we are sure, will be as gratified as we are to see that the fund this week has passed the £100 mark. As the list shows, there have been a number of collective contributions, and we hope we may receive many more such.

The following letter from the Rev. Harry Boyes, of St. Polycarp's, Hillsborough, shows how valuable has been the help provided for Mr. A. T. Baker and his family by members of the Exercise, and we hope the amount will continue to grow until it reaches such proportions as to provide something in the nature of permanent help for 'Ireneus' in his affliction.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I say how delighted I am that you have interested yourself and your readers in the case of Mr. Baker, 22, Hawthorn Road, Hillsborough. I know the family well, as I visit them frequently, and they are regular worshippers at my church.

He is bearing his affliction with great fortitude, and although he did not complain, I feel certain that at times his mental suffering must have been very acute. The struggle to make ends meet has been hard, and the prospect none too bright until you took it up. If the numerous subscribers could see the happiness their gifts have given they would feel amply repaid.

I trust that you will forgive me for my intrusion, but I felt that I really must express my appreciation of your kindness and interest in the family.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY BOYES (REV.).

St. Polycarp's Parsonage, Hillsborough.

	£	s.	d.
Amount already acknowledged	92	4	2
Sheffield Cathedral company	1	1	0
Ringers of Warnham, Sussex	10	0	
St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich	10	0	
Ringers of St. Peter's, Portishead	10	0	
Nuneaton Parish Church ringers	10	0	
St. Peter's, Eaton Square, Society, ringing at St. John's, Wilton Road	6	8	
Ringers of St. Michael's Church, East Peckham, Kent	5	0	
Ringers of St. Mary's, Finedon, Northants	12	0	
St. Andrew's ringers, Chippenham	8	0	
All Saints' ringers, Ripley, Derbyshire	10	0	
Ringers of St. Mary's, Oldswinford, Worcs.	10	0	
Ringers of St. Mary's, Worplesdon, Surrey, and Mr. E. Tanner	5	6	
Collected at the meeting of the Kettering Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, per H. Baxter	15	0	
Collected at the Liverpool Branch meeting of the Lancashire Association, per C. I. Davies	1	10	6
Collected at the meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, per A. Walker	1	1	0
Collected at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association	1	14	0
Collected at Crewe Branch meeting of Chester Diocesan Guild, per R. D. Langford	1	6	3
Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kingston Magna	2	6	
J. Swindley, Chester	5	0	
R. Lathbury, Cambridge	10	0	
E. O. G. Clapham	1	0	
G. W. Steere, Carshalton	2	6	
C. Doan, Croydon	10	0	
C. W. P.	5	0	
'Hampshire Hog'	5	0	

Total ... £106 9 11

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District, held at St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 14th, was well attended, upwards of thirty members and visitors being present. Most local towers were represented, whilst visitors were present from Derby, Loughborough, Crewe, Norton (Staffs), Chilcompton (Somerset), and other places.

Before the business meeting, touches in various methods from Bob Major to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

The new Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. J. Goodacre, M.C., M.A.) presided at the business meeting, at which the usual routine business was transacted.

The general officers and local committee were re-elected, and three new ringing members, one from Tufbury and two from Overseal, were made.

Overseal was selected for the next place of meeting, on March 17th, an amendment of Newhall being defeated.

Thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality on finding so many visitors present.

## NOTICE

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Meeting at King's Langley, Saturday, February 4th. Let me know by previous Wednesday for tea.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.



## NOTICES.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—W. D. Crofts' Memorial Dinner. — The sixth memorial dinner to the above Nottingham ringer, 1742-1809, will be held at the Welbeck Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 4s. each. An early application will oblige. Ringing: St. Mary's, 3 to 5.30 p.m. The Bishop of Southwell has promised to be present. Visitors from kindred societies will be welcomed on this occasion.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**ALL ENGLAND RINGERS' MEETING** at the Croydon Bell Foundry on March 3rd.—Preliminary Notice.—We propose to issue in due course an invitation to all hon. secretaries of Diocesan Guilds and County Associations, inviting their members to the Bell Foundry on the above date to view the 19-ton Bourdon (for the new Riverside Church, New York). It will be rung in its frame, and chimed with nine others, as the tenor of a peal of ten. Full details of the day's programme will be forwarded at a later date.—Cyril F. Johnston, Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Potato pie supper at 5 o'clock. Meeting after supper. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. At 4 p.m. a short service will be held and a peal tablet recording the record of Superlative Surprise Major dedicated by the Vicar of Bolton (Canon Carpenter, M.A., B.D.). In the evening a social will be held at the Bolton Police Club, Old Hall Street. As these are licensed premises, please forward names to the Hon. Sec., Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock, with address by the Vicar. The secretary is particularly anxious for a good attendance at this meeting, at which important business is to be discussed.—Molly Davenport, Broomfield, Dore, near Sheffield.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing 2.30 to 4.30 at St. Mary's (10) and St. Chad's (12). Service in St. Chad's 5 p.m., address by Rev. B. S. Lombard, O.B.E. (Vicar). Tea 5.45 in St. Chad's Institute, 1s. each. Meeting at 6.30.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, who will also give the address. Tea and meeting will follow.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—East and West quarterly meeting at Hadleigh on January 28th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea 1/-, at Bloomfield's Restaurant at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3. Association service in church at 5, conducted by the Rev. W. A. R. Ball, Vicar of Rainham. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and should be paid at or before the meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Jan. 28th. The bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' available from 3 p.m. A ringers' service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m., to be followed by a meat tea and business meeting at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at St. James', Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 by Rev. M. E. Thorold, M.A. (Vice-President). Tea and meeting to follow. — P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec. pro tem., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bowden and Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—The Swindon Branch annual meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Important business to be done. Come and support the branch. Visitors heartily invited. The Rev. Clark Kennedy (Vicar) has promised to take the chair. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon. P.S.—Good bus service to and from Swindon.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The inaugural meeting of this district will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service, with address by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth, at 4.30. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Institute. A good attendance is hoped for and all ringers are welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Sec. pro tem., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at West Hallam on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Clare District.—A meeting of the Clare and Sudbury Districts will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m.—Granville C. Bixby, Dis. Sec., Hall Street, Long Melford, Suffolk.



**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater, Somerset.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Cookham on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Bells (6) will be available for all ringers.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next annual meeting will be held at Totnes on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Jan. 28th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in All Saints' at 5. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteigne District.—The annual meeting will be held at Weobley on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Freiston on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting immediately after tea. The president is kindly providing tea. Buses leave Boston G.P.O. at 1.10 p.m., 1.30 p.m., 2.15 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 3.15 p.m., 3.30 p.m. for Haltoft End, and return 7.10 p.m., 7.40 p.m., 8.10 p.m., 8.35 p.m., 9.10 p.m., 9.45 p.m. Butterwick bells (6) will also be available.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch. — The meeting at Highworth, arranged for Jan. 28th, has been postponed until Feb. 11th, on account of the Football Cup-tie at Swindon. Other arrangements as before. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec.

**ST. CLEMENTS' YOUTHS.** — St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C.—The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 1st, at 8.15 p.m. sharp, the Rector presiding. All members asked to make a special effort to attend. Usual ringing practice at 6.30.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual meeting will take place at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 2.45. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Hall. Will members requiring tea kindly notify me by the 1st inst.? —Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Lincolnshire District.—A meeting will be held at Bassingham, near Lincoln, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 4.45. Tea arranged for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, near Spalding, Lincs.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not attended twenty times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Feb. 2nd and 16th; \*St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 7th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 9th (8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—By kind permission of Rev. Canon Solloway, and the churchwardens of Selby, the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Selby on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Divine service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Bells (10) available from 12 noon onward. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, and all applications for same must reach Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than first post Wednesday, Feb. 1st. Annual reports will be issued at this meeting, and subscriptions received.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meadow Road, Leeds.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Annual meeting, St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Short service, with address by the Rector, at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. One shilling will be charged for tea, and it is essential that I should know by Feb. 1st how many to provide for. Please advise me if you are coming. Other ringing arrangements: St. Clement Danes', 3 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Wells Street, 7.45 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 1st.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec. pro tem., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham (10 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1928 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) will be available from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.—F. W. Bailey, Local Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Leonard's, Streatham, 3.30 to 5.30; Immanuel, Streatham Common, after the meeting until 9 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's 5.30. Tea and business meeting at Streatham Hall. Will those coming to tea please notify Mr. J. W. Chapman, 43, Wingford Road, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 1st?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Church Kirk, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Bedford, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—W. Stapleton, Dis. Sec., 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Treeton, Feb. 4th. A committee meeting will be held, at which a full attendance is desired. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. F. Hanson, 50, Wood Lane, Treeton?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided in Overbury Village Hall for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea please notify on or before Feb. 1st.—F. Farrant, Martock.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea provided for those only who let me know by Feb. 2nd.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Norton-le-Moors on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. W. Corfield, Whitfield Road, Norton-le-Moors, not later than Feb. 1st?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open 2.30. Service 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify E. Webley, Union Street, Faringdon, by Feb. 1st. Visitors heartily invited.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service in church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30 at the White Lion Hotel. All are welcome. Annual subscriptions now due.—Geo. T. Croft, Dis. Sec., 37, Burnell Walk, Letchworth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 1st?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The inaugural meeting of the new Andover District will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8), also Laverstoke (6), available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, business meeting follows. A good attendance requested. All ringers welcome. Those ringers requiring tea please notify by Feb. 2nd.—G. Pullinger, Sec. pro tem., 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Essex Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Ringing commences at 3.30 p.m. Short ringers' service at St. Peter's at 4.30, and 5 p.m. tea and meeting in the Parish Room (1s. each). Will all those intending to be at tea notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 1st, latest.—R. W. Stannard, Pantiles, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The first meeting of the new year will be held at East Markham (Tuxford, L.N.E. Station) on Saturday, Feb. 4th. The peal of 8 bells is in splendid going order; two new trebles added three years ago, and will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at a reasonable cost for those who notify W. Brett, Church Street, East Markham, Newark, not later than Feb. 1st. A good attendance is requested. Visitors from kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. Cheap and frequent buses and return railway fares.—H. Haigh and H. Revill, Hon. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 7th. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Springfield, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify secretary by Wednesday, Feb. 8th, at latest.—R. C. Clark, Dis. Sec., 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. H. Bowden-Smith (Vicar). Tea 5, at the Swan Hotel (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Will all ringers who wish to attend, and all will be welcome, please let the Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury, know by Feb. 7th at the latest? Towers available: Sturminster Newton (6) and Okeford Fitzpaine (6).—R. E. P. Gorringe, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Practice at Hurst (8 bells), Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hindley, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—All members are earnestly invited to the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East from 2.30 to 4, and St. Clement Danes' from 2.30 until the service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. Canon H. Foster Pegg. Tea in the Parish Room, by ticket, followed by business meeting. Other meetings for ringing during February: St. Clement Danes', Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 13th and the 27th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 21st, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E. 14.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Tower open at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at the George and Dragon at 4.30. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1928 can be paid at this meeting. All ringers welcome. — A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.** — Watford, Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells open from 4 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after. Cheap trains from Broad Street, Euston, or Elephant and Castle. Names for tea by the 8th please.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Ely District will be held at Melbourn, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those requiring tea please notify F. Harper, Melbourn, Cambs?—F. Warrington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., business meeting following. Subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting. Tea provided only for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, Feb. 15th. — Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 40th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 25th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets must be accompanied by remittance. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) and Bishop Ryder's (8) from 4 to 5.30. —A. Paddon Smith, Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

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