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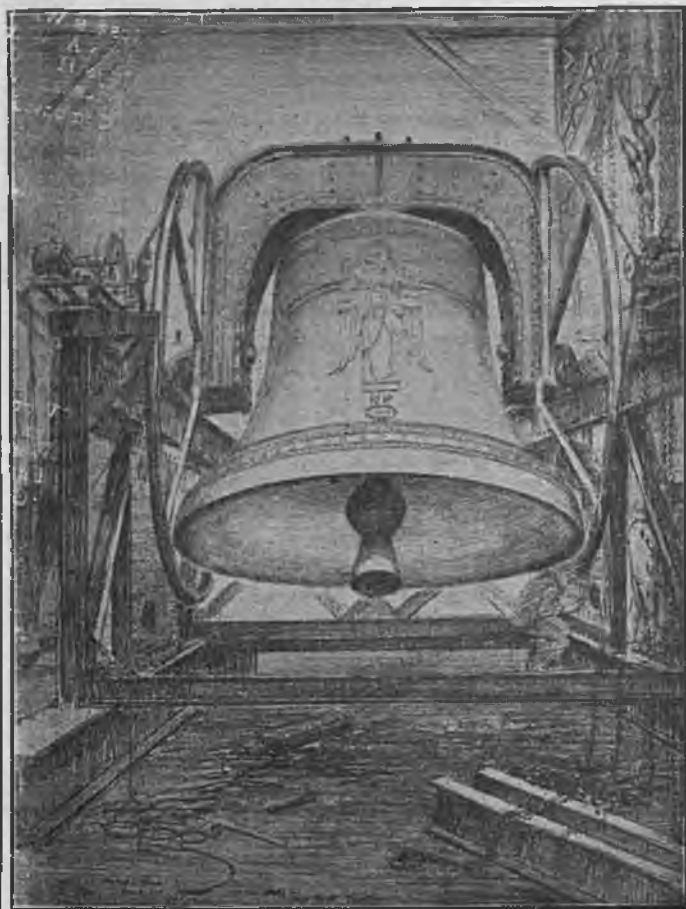
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This volume will be of intense interest to all ringers, and although the price is 25s., it is wonderful value for the money. It ought to find a place on the bookshelf of every ringer, but that, perhaps, is too much to hope for. Every ringer, we are sure, would like to possess a copy, but the hard fact remains that not all can afford to spend this sum for such a purpose. Many members of the Exercise will, of course, secure their personal copy, but in addition to that we would suggest that every band in the country might, out of their funds, or by pooling their own resources, purchase a copy for the use of all the members. It would form a valuable addition to those tower libraries which, some time ago, we suggested should be formed in every belfry, and, where one has not yet been formed, it might become the beginning round which a library could be built up. Not every ringer, admittedly, can afford 25s. for a book, but collective effort could put this new volume at the disposal of most of the bands in the kingdom. In some cases, perhaps, the church authorities might be induced to assist, but whatever steps are taken, we have no hesitation in saying that any ringer or band of ringers with this volume at their disposal will find in it many hours of instructive and profitable study, as well as of interesting reading. And in this connection we would emphasise the value of placing in every tower copies of the many useful modern text books on ringing which are obtainable, from the Central Council, the Snowdon series and elsewhere. No belfry can be considered as properly equipped which does not possess a library of ringing books, and in the establishment of this the church authorities can justifiably be asked to assist.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 7
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 8
HARRY PASMORE ... 3	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 9
ROBERT W. GREEN ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 10
HERBERT LANGDON ... 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... 11
PERCY E. CLARK ... 6	GEOFFREY C. RICE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert, who was unfortunately unable to stand in owing to illness.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Six Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 10,025 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

RICHARD HAYES ... Treble	RAYMOND OVERY ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... 7
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 9
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

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

A. J. Bartlett's 100th peal. Longest peal by the Guild and by all the band, and rung by resident members. This composition has every twelve courses in the tittum and handstroke position alternately, the odd 25 changes being rung for a special object.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

ALFRED E. REEVES ... Treble	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 6
JACK CARMAN ... 2	ALBERT L. GALE ... 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... 3	HENRY PRING ... 8
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9
RICHARD CLARK ... 5	URIAH W. BRAVEN ... Tenor

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE

* First peal. A birthday compliment for Miss E. Flood, an esteemed friend of one of the ringers. This composition contains 299 bobs and six singles, and is now rung for the first time.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN ... Treble	JOHN HOYLE ... 6
GEORGE MARRINER ... 2	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
ARTHUR H. SMITH ... 3	GEORGE COOK ... 8
ALBERT W. COLES ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... 9
ERNEST E. S. TURNER ... 5	WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ARTHUR PEARSON Treble	JEREMIAH BLOORE 5
*ALFRED KERMETH 2	*JOHN BREWSTER... .. 6
THOMAS BEARDS 3	EDWARD BOWYER 7
ARTHUR RODEN 4	*CYRIL GRIFFITHS Tenor

Conducted by E. Bowyer.

* First peal, and made members of the society previous to the attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Major Theodore Addenbrooke, who was choirmaster at the Parish Church for a number of years.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

The late Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES' TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON Treble	RAYMOND OVERY 5
CHARLES W. DENYER... .. 2	*JOHN GILL 6
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to Mrs. C. H. Dobbie.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburg,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

*REGINALD H. ALLSWORTH Treble	WILLIAM SIMMONDS 5
FREDERICK SHARPE 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
FREDERICK NEALE 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	*JOHN H. GARDNER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

BASIL REDWELL Treble	OLAVE BROYD 5
BERNARD H. PRITTI 2	JOSEPH JENNINGS 6
ALBERT WIFFEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
ALBERT CATTERWELL... .. 4	ERNEST TOWNSEND Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERIC SHANE Treble	HARRY WOOD 5
ALFRED KING 2	FREDERICK HUNT 6
BERT WILSON 3	THOMAS KENDALL 7
ARTHUR SMITH 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH

First peal in the method by all except tenor ringer. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the county of Bedford by an entirely local band of Sunday service ringers.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Monday, February 2nd, at Brookside Cottage, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 35 mins.: John H. Baileys (conductor) 1-2, C. Henry Webb 3-4, Frank Baileys 5-6. First quarter-peal on handbells for ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BOREHAM Treble	JOHN A. WAUGH 5
*F. DONALD BOREHAM 2	†JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
†GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method. † 1,300th peal. ‡ 50th peal and a 20th birthday compliment.

CUDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 2	HENRY HOVERD 6
OSCAR GILBEY 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and first peal on the eight.

IVER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
FREDERICK G. BALDWIN 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd was elected a life member previous to the peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 23, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, E.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major with an 'inside' bell.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ARMOUR Treble	THOMAS STEPHENSON 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 6
JOHN ANDERSON 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung to celebrate the 18th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells, and the birthday of the ringers of the fifth and tenor on February 23rd. Mr. Anderson is from Newcastle Cathedral.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Thursday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. Symonds 1, W. Andrews 2, M. T. Symonds 3, S. H. Symonds 4, W. Jarvis 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 7, F. A. Turner 8. Birthday compliment to F. A. Turner. First quarter in the method by W. Jarvis and W. Andrews.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, February 24, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

WILFRED HENAGULPH ... Treble	CHARLES COLES 5
FRANK BECKETT 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE HORWOOD 3	RICHARD POST 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4	WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Spliced Major by the Oxford Society and by all the band.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
GEORGE JORDAN 3	LEONARD E. PITSTOW 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	FREDERICK DENCH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LEONARD E. PITSTOW.
First peal as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF PREMIER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Suffolk Guild. Rung at the first attempt.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 6720 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*RAYMOND WOOD ... Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
GEORGE OLLIVER 2	JOHN COOK 6
THOMAS ADAMS 3	*ROBERT SWIFT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. Longest length by all except the ringers of the 5th and tenor. Rung on the 42nd anniversary of the record length (13,440) of the method in the same tower, in which peal also the ringer of the 5th took part.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

PERCY J. DYKE ... Treble	ERNEST W. ELDRIDGE ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	†FREDERICK J. RUSSELL ... 6
WILLIAM E. TAYLOR 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
*JACK TAYLOR 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal on the bells since their restoration. Arranged and rung in honour of the wedding on February 26th of Viscount Gage and the Hon. Imogen Grenfell (younger daughter of Lord Desborough).

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, on January 18th, in 43 mins.: F. Waldron 1, Sid Pickering 2, J. Glew 3, C. Davies (Melbourne) 4, W. Poyser 5, H. Fletcher 6, W. Lancaster (conductor) 7, A. Sherwood 8.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*EDWARD DALINGWATER ... Treble	JOSEPH DIXON 5
*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... 2	†CHARLES A. LYONS 6
†CECIL H. HOLMES 3	*CHARLES H. BAKER 7
*ERNEST COOPER 4	HARRY MORGAN ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*JOHN BROWN ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
WILLIAM STORY 2	FREDERICK SHERATON ... 6
ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... 3	†ADAM DEAS 7
†JOHN ANDERSON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † Fiftieth peal together. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Asa Holmes.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-OF-JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This composition, which contains the 4th, 5th and 6th only in 5-6, with all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, also titlums and 'Whittington's,' is now rung for the first time.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM SUTTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 5
HARRY OVERTON 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	WILLIAM EDGE 7
HAROLD EDWARDS 4	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. D. LANGFORD.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. John Overton, of Bridgnorth, pioneer of change ringing in the South Shropshire district.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 15 cwt.

BERTRAM GRIMSHAW Treble	THOMAS ISHERWOOD 5
HAROLD W. EMMETT 2	WM. ASHWORTH 6
GEORGE BROWN 3	WM. MITCHELL 7
STANLEY PICKUP 4	JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by W. HUBBARD. Conducted by H. W. EMMETT.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the treble. Rung on the seventeenth anniversary of the first peal in the method on the bells.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

Mrs. H. BAKER Treble	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON 5
HARRY BAKER 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
*THOMAS E. SONE 4	HARRY DOBELL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* 125th peal. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge. Mr. A. Relfe was prevented from taking part owing to illness, Mr. Dobell kindly filling the gap at the last minute.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK E. MITCHELL Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	HAROLD N. PIRSTOW 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	*RONALD H. DOVE 7
H. BERNARD WELLS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND BIGGS Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
THOMAS S. GOODCHILD 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Mr. F. G. Biggs' 100th peal on these bells, also R. H. Biggs' 105th peal on the bells, and his first peal of Superlative since 1911.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
DR. E. L. TAYLOR 2	ARTHUR R. MILES 6
WILLIAM LATTER 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
BERNARD COLLISON 4	ALEC RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, and also to the infant son of the conductor.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor: H. Perkins (conductor) 1, Miss Elsie Pettitt 2, B. W. Pettitt 3, A. Ballard 4, A. Maxim 5, P. Johnson 6.

DENHOLME, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FRANK CARTER Treble	HARRY ATKINSON 5
*FRED DALBY 2	WILLIE PROCTOR 6
†JOHN WINDLE 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 4	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	FREDERICK A. ADAMS 5
JOHN THORPE 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
JOHN P. TARTON 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON 7
WILLIAM T. PALMER 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 368). Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Monday, February 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD JAINE Treble	THOMAS G. COOKE, JUN. 4
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	RICHARD COOKE 5
HEDLEY B. VALE 3	THOMAS COOK, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. COOKE.

First peal 'inside' for 2nd and 3rd ringers. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Brockelhurst, a member of the band.

STAMFORD BARON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents each of Plain Bob and Court Bob, and three of Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb.

FRED LIPSCOMBE Treble	WALTER WALDRON 4
JOHN R. NICHOLS 2	JAMES BLUFF 5
GEORGE SLAUGHTER 3	JOHN H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.

First peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 3rd, and first peal in three methods by all. First peal on the bells for over thirty years. The treble ringer was proposed a member of the Lincoln Guild before starting.

KINGSWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

II. BERNARD WELLS Treble	HUGH R. THORPE 4
*FRANK B. JEAL 2	LEONARD A. TIDY 5
HARRY K. HOOPER 3	†ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal of Minor. † 200th peal. Rung as a welcome to the newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Dunn).

LITTLEHAM-CUM-EXMOUTH.—On Sunday, February 8th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for service by the Littleham and Withycombe-Raleigh ringers: O. Gatter 1, H. Hillman 2, J. M. Skinner 3, J. West 4, F. Dimond 5, E. Sprague 6, J. R. Hayman (conductor) 7, E. Piper 8.

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

On Sunday, February 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

ROBERT SMITH Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4
HARRY ROBINSON 2	CHARLES ROBINSON 5
MANSFIELD GINN 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of London Singles, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER FERN Treble	JAMES ELLIOTT 3
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	JOSH J. PARTRIDGE 4
SIDNEY COSBY Tenor	

Conducted by JOSH J. PARTRIDGE.

Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of the tenor ringer.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

* WILLIAM HART Treble	HENRY FAULKNER 4
MISS FRANCES HART 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 5
ERNEST MARSH 3	RONALD RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

* First peal, and elected a member of the association before starting. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. R. Russell has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Residence of Mr. A. Catterwell, Swan Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

HARRY W. CATTERWELL ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4
OLAVE E. BROYD 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

LONDON.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

In the Handbell Workshop at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

GEORGE W. STEERE 1-2	RAYMOND S. PHILPOTT ... 5-5
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: H. LANGDON.

The band appreciates the kindness of Mrs. Hughes in placing her beautiful bells at their disposal, also of Mr. Langdon for umpiring the peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1931, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. Lewis Wiseman,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently.

OLAVE E. BROYD 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4
LEWIS WISEMAN 5-6	

Conducted by O. E. BROYD.

EDINBURGH SOCIETY'S BIG GATHERING.

St. Cuthbert's Society, Edinburgh, held their annual dinner in the Caledonian Station Hotel on Tuesday evening, February 17th, when about 100 ladies and gentlemen were present. It was regrettable that, owing to indisposition, Mr. C. Cleveland Ellis, O.B.E., the vice-president of the society, was unable to be present. This is the first occasion on which Mr. Ellis has been absent from the function since its inception 29 years ago.

During the evening five members of the society delighted the company with a short touch of Grandsire Caters on handbells, conducted by Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote.

All the arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. C. G. Jenkins, the hon. secretary.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
READING BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on Saturday, February 14th. Proceedings commenced at 3 p.m., when excellent touches in various methods were rung on the bells of St. Mary's, St. Giles', and St. Laurence's, until 6 p.m. A ringers' service was then held at St. Laurence's Church, conducted by the Rev. J. N. Raper, who gave an appropriate address. Mr. S. Lodge, one of the ringers, gave his services at the organ. Seventy-three members from the branch towers, including visitors from Englefield, Newbury, Bushey, Crouch End, Wealdstone, Thatcham, Iwer, and Goring, assembled for the and the business meeting, at the Central Girls' Club Hall, Chain Street. Mr. L. Joyce presided over the business meeting, at which there were also present the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), Canon G. F. Coleridge, Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer of the Guild), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary of the Guild), Rev. St. George Edwards, Rev. E. G. Beckwith, Mr. W. S. Pearson, and Mr. F. W. Hopgood (hon. branch secretary and treasurer).

The chairman having welcomed the visitors, the secretary's report, which showed that the branch had once more had a successful year, was read. Mention was made of three members the branch had lost during the year by death. The quarterly meetings had been held at Tilehurst, Mortimer and Checkendon.

The officers were all re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. L. Joyce; honorary secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. W. Hopgood, with his assistant Miss M. Hopgood; auditors, Messrs. A. Wiggins and E. G. Foster; committee, Messrs. J. Swain, W. Appleby and H. Tucker, and all were thanked for their services.

The quarterly meetings for 1931 were arranged for Shiplake, Nettlebed and Mortimer. Satisfactory tower reports were heard from most of the branch towers.

The Master then spoke some encouraging words upon the healthy state of the branch, after which a vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of the chairman, to the Vicar and organist of St. Laurence's for the beautiful service which had been held.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting held at Alton was not very largely attended, but this was probably to be accounted for by the general prevalence of influenza and also by the fact that the Guildford District's postponed meeting was being held on the same date. The chairman (Rev. F. G. Eyres) presided, and the company of twenty-four included Mr. George Williams (Master), the Vicars of Alton and Binsted, Mr. Wilfrid Andrews (Winchester), Mr. G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke), Mr. and Mrs. R. Hasted (Farnham) and other ringers from Blackmoor, Farnborough, Privett and Ropley.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of those already serving, viz.: Chairman, Rev. F. G. Eyres (Blackmoor); hon. secretary, Rev. B. C. Taylor (Binsted); hon. auditor, Rev. T. N. R. Griffin (Alton); representative on Central Committee, Mr. W. Read (Blackmoor).

The hon. secretary's report for last year showed that the membership of the district is: Hon. members 6, full members 21, unattached 1; but there are good prospects of these numbers being increased in the near future.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Western Division of the Herts County Association at Berkhamsted was attended by more than twenty ringers from Apsley, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Tring, King's Langley, Chertsey, Ellesborough, Linslade. Various methods were rung in Minor, Triples and Major. The Vicar (Rev. F. Stainsby) conducted the service, and in his address, which was based on the text, 'He endureth to the end,' he mentioned that one of the oldest of the local ringers was Mr. F. Norris, who for 53 years had rung Sunday after Sunday, until illness kept him away.

The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers to tea, and presided at the business meeting which followed, when six new members were elected, including two ladies from Berkhamsted.

The Secretary (Mr. J. Puplett), on behalf of all present, thanked the Vicar for all he had done in helping to make the meeting such a success.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Fulbourn on Saturday, when, in spite of the wintry weather, there was an excellent attendance, members being present from Cambridge, Cherryhinton, Dry Drayton, Exning, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Newmarket, Newton, Sawston, Stapleford, Stetchworth and Trumpington.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., the methods ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major.

A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. H. Hennessey), who gave a very helpful address. Mr. Austin presided at the organ, and Mr. Finch read the lesson. The Rector very kindly invited the company to tea at the Six Bells Inn, and presided over the business meeting which followed.

Mr. P. Amos, of Wellingborough, was elected a non-resident life member of the association, and Mr. Brookes, of Fulbourn, was re-elected.

It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Stetchworth on March 28th. The committee have arranged the quarterly meetings as follows: Soham, May 23rd; Bourn, September 12th; Longstanton or Over, December 5th.

Mr. A. E. Austin kindly consented to accept the office of District Ringing Master.

The meeting concluded with a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for his hospitality.

WOOLWICH RINGERS' SUPPER.

At the annual supper of the ringers of the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, at which numerous guests were entertained, and the Rector (Canon Pickering) was the chairman, Mr. Cyril Palmer (hon. secretary) spoke encouragingly of the work of the band during the past year. The training of beginners, he said, was of special importance. It was fallacious to imagine that as long as the band was at full strength all was well. A constant supply of new material was needed to fill gaps caused by retirement and illness. The present members were united not only by a strong bond of loyalty to their band but by active churchmanship.

On behalf of the ringers, Mr. Sales welcomed the visitors and ladies, and replies were made by Mr. Falconer and Mrs. Gribben.

After supper the guests were entertained with an amusing sketch, 'The Love Potion,' performed by members of the 2nd Woolwich (St. Mary's) Company of Rangers. Songs by Miss Winifred M. Crussell and piano music by Miss B. Elliot and Mr. R. Sales ended a pleasant evening.

A SPADE WORKER.

The death occurred on Wednesday, February 18th, of Mr. G. Packer, of Minchinhampton, who passed away at the age of 67 years. Although not figuring extensively in peal ringing, the deceased was known to have done much spade work in the district, and 25 years ago formed the nucleus of the present band at Minchinhampton, the bells having then been silent for a long period. Mr. Packer was an enthusiastic member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, and relished nothing more than a ringing meeting and a push bike for transport. His fellow-ringers acted as funeral bearers, four of whom rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells over the grave. The 'whole pull and stand' was then rung by the local band on the tower bells. Further ringing took place, but owing to a large company being present nothing more definite was attempted. Among many who attended was Mr. A. Wright, secretary of the Stroud Branch of the Association.

RINGING INSTRUCTOR IN AMERICA.

On Sunday evening, at the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, London, members of the local Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: J. Martin 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, S. Penfold 5, H. Hills 6, F. Smith 7, H. C. Taylor 8.

This was rung as a farewell to Mr. I. J. Attwater, who is leaving for America to take up an appointment as ringing instructor.

On the conclusion of the ringing, the steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Stevens, asked Mr. Attwater to accept a case of pipes as a parting gift from the members, and, in wishing him a safe voyage and success in his new sphere, spoke of the valuable assistance he (Mr. Attwater) had given to the members in their efforts to master the art of change ringing.

DONCASTER RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On February 26th Mr. George Halksworth, the Ringing Master of the Southern District of the Yorkshire Association, and vice-president of the Doncaster and District Society, celebrated his retirement from work and his 65th birthday by giving his loyal band at St. George's Church, Doncaster, a sumptuous supper at 30, Auckland Road, Doncaster. The company were entertained by Mrs. and Miss Dora Halksworth at the piano, the party, after an enjoyable evening, breaking up at midnight. Mr. Halksworth has been a ringer at Doncaster Parish Church, 35 years.

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Attention is called to the reduced prices advertised by Mr. T. E. Russell for the bell inkstands. An interesting departure is made in the 5in. size, which can now be obtained adapted for holding fifty cigarettes.

Mr. Harry Withers upheld his record on Saturday by attending his 34th consecutive Johnson dinner at Birmingham. Mr. A. Paddon Smith, whose 'first in any method' coincided with that of Mr. Withers, has missed only one (when business took him to India), whilst Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, was present on Saturday for the 25th time. There is evidently nothing in a Johnson dinner to interfere with a man's constitution.

This year's event was, as usual, spread over two days, and 'Nelson' winked his blind eye upon a very hospitable gathering on Sunday.

We understand there is no foundation for the rumour that a search party went out from Birmingham on Sunday morning to look for the travellers who set off in the snowstorm at 12.30 a.m. to drive to Surfleet, Lincs.

They are a hardy race, these Lincolnshire folk, but even they took Coles with them as a precaution on such a night.

It is suggested by a humorist that the best way out of the present impasse over the publication of the Minor Methods Collection is that it should be issued without a cover!

A hundred and forty years ago to-morrow a peal of '5,040 Double Bob Royal 10-in' was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, conducted by William Doubleday Crofts. There were two men on the ninth and two on the tenor.

On March 8th, 1737—only a little more than twenty years after the first recorded peal—the Norwich men rang a peal of 12,603 Grandsire Caters at St. Peter Mancroft, a performance that occupied 8 hrs. 15 mins.

Exactly 130 years ago next Tuesday, a peal of 7,001 Grandsire Caters was rung at Kingston-on-Thames, a peal of 5,040 having been rung on the same bells by the same band a month before.

The Bedfordshire Association was founded on March 13th, 1882, so that next year will be the jubilee.

ALDERMAN J. S. PRITCHETT.

At a meeting of the Board of Governors of King Edward's School, Birmingham, on February 17th, Alderman J. S. Pritchett was unanimously elected bailiff.

Alderman Pritchett entered the school in 1864 at the age of nine. In 1870 he was first in all England of the juniors in the Oxford Local Examination, a fellow pupil, Sir W. Napier Shaw, a former head of the Meteorological Office, being first of the seniors in the same examination, thus constituting a notable record for the school.

Mr. Pritchett went up to Balliol College, Oxford, as exhibitioner in 1873, and four years later obtained a first-class in the final Mathematical School, graduating B.A. in 1877, M.A. in 1880, and taking the Bachelor of Civil Law degree in 1887. He was called to the Bar in 1881, appointed Recorder of Lincoln in 1920, and Hon. Legal Adviser to the Library Association last year. His duties as bailiff commence at the end of March.

Alderman Pritchett, who is Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques for his 76th birthday a week or two ago.

HIGH WYCOMBE BELLS TO BE OVERHAULED.

At the annual meeting of the members of the High Wycombe belfry, the Vicar presiding, the officers for the year were re-elected, viz.: President, the Vicar; foreman, Mr. Ralph Coles; deputy, Mr. George White; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twitchen. One new member was elected.

The president alluded to the work that was being carried out with reference to the overhauling of the bells; the eleventh and tenor had been put in good order, with new bearings, etc., and the scheme for overhauling the whole of the bells had been accepted by the churchwardens.

The annual outing was fixed for May 25th.

The Secretary reported that 1,431 attendances had been put in for Sunday, special and practice ringing. The methods rung for services were: Stedman Cinques 38, Grandsire Cinques 1, Bob Royal 15, Kent Royal 2, Stedman Caters 30, Grandsire Caters 2, Bob Major 8, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 3. The above included two quarter-peals of Bob Royal and three of Stedman Cinques. The conducting of the service touches was shared by Messrs. F. Hayes (45), G. W. Wilkins (23), G. Twitchen (17), G. White (10), R. Coles (4), and E. R. Coles (4).

The treasurer presented a detailed balance sheet of the accounts; these were considered and unanimously accepted.

At the conclusion of the business the ringers were hospitably entertained to supper by the Vicar and Mrs. Float. The meal was heartily enjoyed, as also were the 'yarns' told between the various courses. Mr. G. White voiced the gratitude of the members to the Rev. W. L. Float and his mother for their kindness; Mr. J. W. Wilkin supported, and the vote of thanks was enthusiastically accorded.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

NOTABLE GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

Saturday's gathering at Birmingham for the 43rd annual Henry Johnson commemoration dinner was a notable one. Not only was there an attendance of over 150 representative ringers, but for the first time the proceedings were honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham. The 'clans' gathered during the afternoon at the various belfries of the city, the headquarters of St. Martin's Guild being, of course, the chief centre of attraction. Most of the visitors took the opportunity of ringing on this fine peal of twelve, and some took their 'hors d'œuvre' at the Cathedral, where ringing at the back end is a real 'man's' job.

Dinner was served at the Imperial Hotel, where excellent arrangements for the comfort of the guests had been made by Mr. Thos. H. Reeves, the genial hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, presided, and he was supported by the Lady Mayoress (Mrs. Saunders), Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L. (Presiding Ringing Master), Mrs. Guy Rogers, the Lord Mayor (Alderman W. W. Saunders, who wore his chain of office), Mrs. Pritchett, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. A. Paddon Smith (vice-president) and Mrs. Smith, Mr. W. R. Heaton, of Solihull, who was one of the first two churchwardens to ring a peal together during their term of office. Among others present were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), Mr. H. Mason (Hagley), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. W. D. Smith and Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Messrs. Cusworth and Robinson (churchwardens of St. Martin's), Messrs. J. J. Kendall and F. W. Blake (ex-churchwardens), and Dr. Mitchell. The officers of the Guild present, who are not already mentioned, were Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, T. Russam and J. E. Groves (vice-presidents), J. Preston and E. T. Allaway (auditors), G. F. Swann (librarian). Mr. Joseph Johnson (son of Henry Johnson) and his wife were there, and among visitors from a distance were Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. J. Burford (representing Bristol United Guilds), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Coles, Messrs. S. F. Palmer and J. Holman (Sheffield), A. C. Fearnley and G. Horner (York), J. Austin (Gloucester), P. C. Williams, F. Skidmore, Burt, W. Knight and W. Thomas (Bristol), T. King (Bath), C. Harrison (Loughborough), S. R. Roper (Croydon), G. R. Newton and C. I. Davies (Liverpool), H. W. Wilde (Eccleston, Cheshire), E. W. Elwell (Capenhurst, Cheshire), T. J. Saller (Kidderminster), A. J. Hughes and E. Jenkins (Bradford), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. T. Ladd (Spalding), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Ipswich), Mr. and Mrs. Perrins, Mr. and Mrs. Pervin and Mr. W. Hibbert (Coventry), Mr. Jefferies (Worcester), Mr. G. Hollifield, sen., and Mr. G. Hollifield, jun. (Appleton), and ringers from many towers within a large radius of the city. An excellent meal was enjoyed, after which the loyal toast was honoured.

In proposing the toast of 'The Church and State,' Mr. Harry Mason said the Rector of Birmingham was lucky to have such an enthusiastic band of ringers as that at St. Martin's. It was always a pleasure to come in contact with them. The Church, he continued, had to meet many vicissitudes, but the Church was a great heritage of which they were all proud, and it was their duty as churchmen to serve and help it in every way they could (applause). There were difficulties, too, in front of the State, and they could only hope that they would be successfully surmounted. Their earnest prayer was that Church and State in this country might long be united (applause).

RECTOR'S TRIBUTE TO HIS RINGERS.

The Chairman, who responded, said there were different views on the relation of Church and State. There was one view which represented the unity of the Church and State as of so close a nature that they might be regarded as the reverse and obverse sides of a penny—one side the Church and the other side the State—one the 'head' and the other the 'tail,' but he would not suggest which was which (laughter). Another view was that the relationship was a kind of working partnership, where they might have two horses drawing one carriage. If necessary, they could take one horse out, and the other could still carry on. There was a third view, where the Church regarded itself as entirely separate, carrying on its own spiritual life and activities, and, although it might be friendly with the State, preserving its independence. The Church of England, in his opinion, stood for the second view, the working partnership, and he thought this view could be sustained just as long as they succeeded, not in making the Church political, but in helping to make the State religious (hear, hear). Continuing, the Chairman said he was tremendously proud to be Rector of a church where the belfry was filled by members of that magnificent Guild, and he was highly honoured to be one of their vice-presidents. The Church owed a great debt to the bellringers of St. Martin's, and he would like to take that opportunity of expressing his gratitude to them, not only

for the regular performance of their duties, but also for the ready response which they were always prepared to make for any special occasion on which their services were desired. He had known men give up their dinner hour in order to sustain the reputation of St. Martin's and add that extra dignity to the service which bellringing provided. He congratulated Mr. Walker upon the splendid spirit which was to be found among the members of the Guild (applause). Whenever he visited the ringing chamber he always felt that spirit of fellowship which counted so much in any church or association for success. He appreciated the welcome he always got, and if all through the country there could be found the same happy relationship between bellringers and Rectors that there was at St. Martin's, the Church of England would be able to discharge its duties and perform its services to the nation better even than it did (applause). The success of the Church depended upon the relationship between all the institutions that contributed to its activities, and if all could work in harmony they need have no fear of Church life dying out, and they need fear no attack upon the institutions of the Church if they could present throughout the country just that united service and work that he was proud to think was really characteristic of the church which he represented (applause). If they could present that all over the country they would find the Church enshrined in the love and affection of the people. The Chairman went on to say that they received from all parts of the country testimony to the beauty of the ringing of the bells of St. Martin's when they were broadcast. The ringing of the bells for these services touched the hearts of the people, just as did the preacher's word, and in that respect it was a contribution to the religious life of the nation (applause). The speaker added that that was a very special occasion for them that night, for they had with them the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Birmingham (applause). The Lady Mayoress had told him that that was the most friendly and the most homely public dinner and the one she had most enjoyed since she became Lady Mayoress (applause). He desired to express the great appreciation of everyone present that the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress had honoured them by coming among them, and it was typical of the unity of Church and State that they found the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and the Rector of Birmingham united at that great gathering (applause).

A NOBLE CITIZEN.

To Mr. John Jagger, of Oldbury, was entrusted the toast of 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' whom he described as one of the noblest citizens that Birmingham ever had. His name would last as long as bellringing existed. He was a true and devout churchman, a faithful and loyal citizen. He was a 'champion' among ringers of his day. Mr. Jagger referred to the origin of the Johnson dinners, which really began with the gathering at the Dog and Partridge after a peal in honour of Johnson's 73rd birthday. One of the inscriptions on the bells, he said, was this: 'Ye ringers all who prize your health and happiness, be sober, merry, wise, and you'll have the same possess.' All good ringers, he added, were sober ringers—soberminded, sober in speech and sober in habit. They had only to look round that room to see how merry they could be, and they could tell that they were wise ringers because many of them had brought their wives with them (laughter and applause). Mr. Jagger concluded with an amusing story of one of Johnson's experiences while calling a peal at Willenhall on August 10th, 1888, when a chorus of small boys on the belfry steps interpolated bobs and were eventually chased by a 'bobby.'

The toast was drunk in silence, and the chairman then asked those who knew Henry Johnson to stand up. They totalled 14, and all, of course, have reached the 'sere and yellow leaf,' though most of them appeared still to be young in spirit.

A well-high perfect course of Stedman Cinques was next rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Pervin, F. Perrins, A. Walker, G. F. Swann, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris.

PRESIDING RINGING MASTER'S REVIEW.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett performed his customary task of reviewing the work of the Guild when proposing the toast to its continued prosperity. That evening they had, he said, a record gathering in many respects. They did not, perhaps, exceed in numbers those of former banquets, but in its representative character and the quality of those present he thought it was the finest meeting they had. He missed scarcely anyone whom he would have expected to be there, except Mr. James George, who was passing through an illness. There was one subject of congratulation for the Guild. During the year that had passed—and he did not think he had ever been able to say this before—death had not deprived them of any of their comrades, unless, perhaps, the term 'comrade' applied to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who was a life member of the Guild. He was indeed a comrade of every ringer throughout the country, and in common with ringers all over the world they sincerely deplored his death. He

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HODNET BELLS RESTORED.

RUDHALL'S RING RETURNED.

On Saturday last the rededication of the peal of six bells at Hodnet, Shropshire, took place, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Stafford.

The service commenced at 3 p.m., and in spite of the snowstorm which raged during the afternoon, the large church was well filled. The Bishop gave an inspiring and instructive address, and spoke on the message sent out by the fine-tuned bells in many towers all over the country.

Immediately after the hymn, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty' (which was written by the late Bishop Heber when he lived at Hodnet Rectory), the Bishop rededicated the bells and dedicated the new chiming apparatus, and a picked band of ringers then rang a short touch of Grandsire Doubles and lowered the bells in peal. At the conclusion of the service the hymn, 'Abide with me,' was played on the chiming apparatus by Mr. J. P. Fidler (who represented Messrs. Taylor and Co.), and as the congregation were leaving the church the same band of ringers raised the bells in peal and rang a 240 of Grandsire Doubles.

Afterwards the Bishop and Rector visited the ringing chamber and were photographed with the ringers.

The tower was then thrown open to all visitors, and the bells were kept going merrily till 5.30, when tea was partaken of in the Lyon Memorial Hall, there being 36 ringers present from most of the change-ringing towers in the district, some of the places represented being Coalbrookdale, Market Drayton, Shrewsbury, Malins Lee, Moreton Corbet, Stanton, Whitchurch and the local band. After tea, a



HODNET PARISH CHURCH.

well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the Coalbrookdale men. The ringers then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going till nine o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and call changes for the local men, several of whom rang the tenor to their first six-score of Doubles.

The bells at Hodnet were cast by Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1769, but had been unringable for some years. They have now been tuned and rehung in a cast-iron frame for eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The bells have been much improved by the tuning; they are much softer in tone, and are now a really mellow old six, and give the impression outside the tower of being a heavier peal than they really are.

Hodnet now possesses one of the best peals of six in the county. The 'go' is perfection, and on Saturday nothing but praise was heard on all sides. A new set of guides has been put in, as the bells are rung from the ground floor, and a chiming apparatus (the gift of Mr. A. H. Heber Percy) has also been installed. The following are the inscriptions and weights of the bells:—

- Treble.—Peace and good neighbourhood. T. R., 1769. (Weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.)
- 2nd.—Fear God, Honour the King. T. R., 1769. (Weight 6 cwt. 4 lb.)
- 3rd.—Prosperity to this Parish. T. R., 1769. (Weight 6 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.)
- 4th.—Thos. Rudhall, Gloucester, Founder, 1769. (Weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.)
- 5th.—Mr. Rowland Dicken, Richd. Wood, Chwardens. T. R., 1769. (Weight 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.)
- Tenor.—I to the church the living call and to the grave do summon all. T. R., 1769. (Weight 12 cwt. 24 lb.)

DEATH OF AN EXETER RINGER.

By the death of Mr. T. John Stokes, of the St. Thomas' band, Exeter, which occurred on Wednesday, Feb. 11th, at the age of 52, after a short but painful illness, Exeter ringers have lost a popular and much respected friend. He was a staunch churchman, having been connected with St. Thomas' Church practically all his life, first as a chorister, then a bellringer, and, later, a sidesman. As a ringer he joined the Devonshire Guild in 1893, and held the office of secretary and treasurer of St. Thomas' band for over thirty years. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild from 1926 to 1928. At the annual meeting last year he was elected general treasurer of the Guild.

Mr. Stokes loved his ringing, was regular in his attendance at practice, as he always was on Sundays, both morning and evening. He was ever ready to help to instruct and impart the method of ringing to any beginner. He was at one time one of a cycle party that used to go on ringing expeditions, sometimes miles away from home, and would often be away over the week-end, such was his delight in ringing. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung only seven peals, viz., one of Stedman and six of Grandsire Triples, but in taking part he was always a safe and reliable performer. His loss will be a great setback to St. Thomas' band.

The interment took place at Exwick Cemetery, the first part of the service being held at St. Thomas' Church. The obsequies were attended by a large number of friends and parishioners, and ringers were present from St. Thomas', St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree and Clyst St. George. The Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Guild, assisted in the service, and among the large number of beautiful floral tributes were wreaths from the Devon Guild of Ringers and St. Thomas' band. The bells of St. Thomas' were rung muffled after the interment, and again in the evening by St. Thomas' band and other members of the Guild.

JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

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was a great ringer, a great authority on ringing, a most kindly and benevolent man. It was a great privilege to be acquainted with him, as he (the speaker) was for two years at Oxford, when they were students at that great University. Continuing, Ald. Pritchett said that during the year the Guild had rung 19 peals, including nine peals of Stedman Cinques and two of Cambridge Maximus. There had taken part in these 19 peals 66 ringers, and there had been seven conductors. The ringers of Birmingham extended their influence, and had given their help in neighbouring churches, and there were healthy bands in surrounding places such as King's Norton, Erdington and elsewhere, all of whom looked upon St. Martin's Church as their headquarters. During the year several young ringers of bright promise had come forward. It was, perhaps, invidious to mention names, but there were three which came into his mind; they were the brothers G. and H. Fearn and Mr. E. Cole, while another who proved his mettle in a remarkable way was Mr. Sibley, of Coventry, who, at the first attempt, rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells, and they cordially congratulated him upon that excellent performance. St. Martin's Guild had always prospered; it had gone on step by step ringing peals in new methods, and enlisting new members, and he hoped it would continue to do so. The spirit that animated the Guild was one of continued progress, and the future was certain to be one of continued prosperity. He expressed his personal thanks to the members of the Guild who took part in the peal of Stedman Cinques for his 76th birthday (applause). He was deeply grateful to them, and he was grateful that he was able to take part in peal ringing at his age (applause). He had close to him Mr. Kendall, ex-churchwarden of St. Martin's, who had never rung a peal or even rung a bell, and he (the speaker) could not understand why the Rector should appoint a man who could not ring a bell (laughter). On the previous Friday Mr. Kendall celebrated his 82nd birthday (applause). Had he been a ringer, like himself, he might now have been ninety (laughter). St. Martin's Guild, proceeded Ald. Pritchett, could not have prospered as it had done but for the zealous and faithful services of its officers, chief of whom was Mr. Reeves, their hon. secretary (applause). They were not insensible of their great indebtedness to his predecessor, Mr. Paddon Smith (applause), and the best tribute he could pay to Mr. Reeves was that he was very ably following in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor (applause).

Mr. Reeves, who was cordially received, responded to the toast. He said the Guild, as the Presiding Master had just observed, had prospered, and they prospered because they had such a wonderful band of officers. All the officers were present that night except Mr. George, and they knew that he would have been present if he had not been confined to bed. When he saw that large company so happy and comfortable it was full compensation for the labour involved in arranging the dinner. When he saw how much they enjoyed it, he felt it was worth it all (applause). The wonderful team spirit which they got in the Guild made them a very happy band, and while it existed the Guild would continue to prosper and continue to be the force it was in the ringing world (applause).

Further toasts were honoured, and the reports of the speeches will appear in our next issue.

'THE HISTORY AND ART OF RINGING'**COMPLETION OF A GREAT WORK.**

The story of the birth and development of the art of change ringing has been chronicled by many writers, from Fabian Stedman, who in his 'Tintinnalogia' in 1668 put it on record that 'within these fifty or sixty years last past changes were not known,' down to Snowden, who concentrated on individual methods, and others who are still with us. The history, however, has been, in a sense, fragmentary. Here the story of early peals of Grandsire; there the biography of some famous ringer; elsewhere a review of the development of composition in Stedman, and so on, covering most of the known ground. Now, however, for the first time the art of ringing has got a comprehensive history between the covers of one book: 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' published by Messrs. Chapman and Hall. The historian is Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, and well known throughout the Exercise.

A glance at the volume, which covers nearly 700 pages, shows that Mr. Morris has accomplished a stupendous task. Those who know him know the enthusiasm and keenness with which, for many years, he has collected information about bells and bellringing, and now, from a great mass of material accumulated by his own painstaking efforts and supplemented by information placed at his disposal by other collectors, he has given the public at large, and the Exercise in particular, a history which deals with practically every phase of campanology, from a brief outline of the origin and development of bells themselves down to Spliced Surprise ringing. The range of his subjects is complete. He deals not only with the history of the art itself, but devotes much space to the ancient ringing societies, to famous ringers and composers of the past and present, and many other subjects which will interest and enlighten ringers and public alike. Mr. Morris has sifted his material with an accomplished hand and discerning eye, and offers it to his readers in an attractive form. The volume is crammed full of information and interest; it will not only be read with pleasure, but will become a book of reference.

**MR. ERNEST MORRIS.**

By the same publishers as 'Bells Through the Ages,' the volume has been splendidly produced by Messrs. Chapman and Hall, and the addition of over 120 illustrations on art paper adds materially to its value. There are many photographs of celebrated ringers and groups, and the utility of the book is enhanced by a full index of names, places and subjects to facilitate ready reference. The volume is published at 25s. net.

THE AUTHOR.

Mr. Ernest Morris is not new to work of this kind. He is the author of 'History of St. Margaret's, Leicester,' and has completely revised the 'Church Bells of Leicester.' In this connection he has obtained the history and inscription of every bell in the county. This work is at present only in manuscript. Mr. Morris also assisted in transcribing St. Margaret's parish registers from the year 1604. In addition to being general hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, a member of twenty-five other ringing guilds and associations, and Master of St. Margaret's, Leicester, he is a member of Leicestershire Archaeological Society.

By a coincidence, Mr. Morris has just rung his 600th peal, and in this performance he has created a record by having rung 503 for the Midland Counties Association in more methods and places than any other member. He has rung peals in 116 towers in Leicestershire alone on all numbers of bells from 5 to 12—a record unequalled by any one ringer in any single county. Many of his peals have been rung on handbells, and he called the only 'Ernest' peal ever rung.

ERNEST MORRIS' 600 PEALS.

Doubles:	Rung.	Conducted.
1 to 6 methods	67	65 (a)
Minor:		
1 to 7 methods	61	56 (b)
Cambridge Surprise	3	1
Spliced Minor and Doubles	1	1
Triples:		
Grandsire	64	45
Stedman	48 (c)	4

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 28th, the members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their quarterly meeting at Powyke by the kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. F. C. Champion. The following towers were represented: Claines, Crowle, Droitwich (St. Peter's), Grimley, Hallow, Madresfield, Malvern Link, Powyke, Ripple, Suckley, Upton-on-Severn, Worcester (Cathedral, All Saints' and St. John's), and Wychbold, with visitors from Bromsgrove and Bredonbury. About forty members attended the service, at which the Vicar gave an excellent address. Tea was afterwards partaken of at the Coventry Arms Hotel, kindly provided by the Vicar and friends.

This was immediately followed by the business meeting, at which several items were discussed, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar and those who helped to make the meeting a success.

Afterwards the ringers returned to the tower, where several touches of Minor, including London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford and Double Bob were successfully brought round.

A LECTURE ON BELLS.

On Monday evening, February 16th, a lecture on 'English bells, ancient and modern,' illustrated by lantern slides, was given in the Church House, Totnes, Devonshire, by Mr. F. Murray Roberts, to the Totnes Branch of the Church of England Men's Society, and by special invitation the Totnes Parish Church ringers attended. The lecturer kept those present keenly interested, and showed an extensive knowledge of church bells.

The Vicar moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Roberts, which was carried with acclamation.

The slides were kindly lent by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and proved a most interesting set, showing some old and some modern bells, also carillons and ringing peals in various stages of construction.

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Major:		
Plain Bob	41	31 (d)
Little Bob	3	3 (e)
Spliced Plain and Little	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure	2	2
Little Canterbury	1	1
Spliced Canterbury and Plain	1	1
Double Norwich	31	9
Spliced Double Norwich and Plain	1	1
Forward	1	1
Kent Treble Bob	20	10 (f)
Oxford Treble Bob	2	1
'Ilkeston' Spliced Treble Bob	6	3 (g)
'Worcester' Spliced Treble Bob	2 (h)	1
'Liversedge' Spliced Treble Bob	1	1
'Granta' Spliced Treble Bob	1	1
Spliced in six methods	1	1
Spliced Major and Triples	2	2
Duffield	1	—
Superlative Surprise	31	6
Real Superlative Surprise	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	36 (i)	7
New Cambridge Surprise	2	—
Spliced Superlative and Cambridge Surprise	1	1
Bristol Surprise	19	—
Yorkshire Surprise	1	—
London Surprise	20	1
Caters:		
Grandsire	14	8
Stedman	39	7
Spliced Grandsire and Stedman	1	1
Royal:		
Plain Bob	4	3
Kent Treble Bob	8	4
Spliced Treble Bob	1	—
Cambridge Surprise	21	3
New Cambridge Surprise	1	—
Leicester Surprise	2	—
Pudsey Surprise	1	—
Goldsborough Surprise	1	—
York Surprise	1	—
Melton Surprise	1	—
Cinquies:		
Grandsire	3	2
Stedman	21	1
Maximus:		
Kent Treble Bob	1	1
Cambridge Surprise	7	—
Total	600	288

(a) 6,600 M.C.A. record; (b) 7,200 and 10,080 M.C.A. records; (c) includes heaviest and lightest handbells ever rung; (d) 7,488 Northants record, and 13,440 M.C.A. record; (e) 6,720 record; (f) 10,912 M.C.A. record; (g) 9,120 record; (h) 9,600 record; (i) 7,008 and 12,896 records. Rung in 185 towers, in 24 counties, for 22 associations.

SUSSEX PEALS IN SURREY TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel I ought to reply to the letter and your leading article upon the above subject. Both the letter and the article are, of course, the opinion of two separate persons, and doubtless there are many who agree with them and many who do not. I am one of those persons who do not. The matter has been discussed many times between myself and the secretary of the Southern District of the Surrey Association, and the only argument that I can find advanced is the fact that certain sums of money may be lost to the association in new membership fees if peals are rung by outside associations. I fail to see how I can slight the hospitality of the Surrey Association, as they have no control of the towers, and they, like myself, enjoy the hospitality of the local bands and incumbent when they visit these towers for meetings, etc. I regret, however, that there should be any ill-feeling in this matter, as I have many ringing friends in the Southern District. I do not think there is very much ill-feeling, as I have invitations to visit three towers in Surrey immediately after Lent.

Now a few words as to the peal and the composition of the band. The peal was one of Bristol Surprise, incidentally the first in the method on the bells, and the band were all Sussex residents and active members of the Sussex County Association. Would it not have been ridiculous to have published this as a Surrey Association peal? It would have been something like the Arsenal team turning out as Aston Villa. Therefore, my decision to publish this peal as a Sussex peal.

The peal 'tax' has no bearing upon the matter. I do object to this tax, as being a tax on progress, and consequently for a period of nine months I refused to ring peals in Surrey towers. I have, however, since rung Surrey peals with the assistance of the district secretary and other officials with the plain understanding that I should not pay this tax.

Finally, upon this subject, let me say that in ringing a Sussex peal in Surrey, I am only in line with the Surrey Association themselves. Within recent years peals have been rung by this association at Warnham, Rasper and Crawley in Sussex, and at Epsom, Woking and Ramore in the Guildford territory.

If your correspondent had confined himself to the question of the peal, all would have been well, as it is a matter of interest, and gives food for thought. He, however, launches a personal attack upon myself, which I do not intend to leave unanswered.

First, with regard to meetings attended by myself, although as a Sussex man I am under no obligation to attend Surrey meetings, during the past twelve months I have attended meetings at Mersham, Horley and Oxted. Mr. B. H. Wells should remember all these.

Originally a member of the Mersham band, a difference of opinion apparently found Mr. Wells outside, and he became 'a bird of passage,' getting his ringing where he could. As such he found his way to Crawley, and his help for service ringing and practice was appreciated, particularly as, upon occasion, Sunday ringers were scarce owing to duties in gardens, etc. Appreciating his services, I gave him every opportunity for peal ringing that I could, and brought him along from a Bob Major ringer to Surprise. During this period he took part in no less than 54 peals, all arranged and conducted by myself. His penchant, however, for finding fault asserted itself, and relations between himself and my band became somewhat strained. Finally, and to cut a long story short, he objected to a system of practices which I had to adopt, and threatened to cause trouble in the tower. I had, therefore, no other alternative but to request him not to continue his visits.—Yours faithfully,

Crawley.

OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Pulborough on Saturday, February 21st. Service was conducted by the Rev. T. E. Williams, curate, in the absence of the Rector of Pulborough. Tea at the Chequers Inn was attended by 29 members and friends.

The business meeting followed, with Canon Edward C. Corfe presiding, supported by the Rev. T. E. Williams and Churchwarden Deudney. Only one new member was elected, viz., John Ashstead, of Heene.

Mr. A. W. Groves was again elected as hon. district secretary, Messrs. G. Norris, W. Charman and T. Adams representatives on the general committee, whilst Messrs. E. Lindup, J. Burdfield and C. Greenfield were appointed as the Committee of Advice.

The following towers were selected for quarterly meetings: Rudgwick, Arundel, Washington and Heene. Votes of thanks were accorded to Canon Corfe for presiding, and to the Rector for granting the use of the bells, also to Mr. P. Doick for making the local arrangements.

Ringers were present from the following towers: St. Peter's, Brighton, Shoreham, Horsham, Billingshurst, Uchingfield, Heene, Rudgwick, Warnham, Sleyning, Chichester, Kirdford, Slinfold, Fittleworth and members of the local band.

Some very good practice in the standard methods was obtained during the afternoon and evening.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The writer on Variation and Transposition, I notice, is still trying to make your readers believe that the places, or moves, at the cross-sections are the only ones that count in the construction of methods.

I know it is quite useless to try to convince him, but I think I can prove to your readers that there is another and a truer way of explaining the construction of any method, be it Plain, Treble Bob, or Surprise, and they will be able, if they care to take the trouble, to prove the truth of my statement that every place, or move, counts.

Following is a Treble Bob Method, and except that there are no moves at the cross-sections, of the moves used four are found in Norfolk Surprise, and six in Superlative Surprise, and these are also used in many other methods as well.

As a Treble Bob Method it is remarkably good in the coursing order of the bells in front and behind, and there are only two false course-ends, tenors together—32465 and 43265.

The lead-heads resulting from the individual moves and the transpositions are given at the side.

Method.

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21436587

12346578

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24153867

42518376

24158367

42513876

45231786

54327168

53421786

35247168

32574818

23756481

32765418

25674581

32765481

23674518

32674581

23465718

24356178

42531687

45236178

54321687

53412867

35148276

53418267

35142876

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Lead-heads of separate moves.

(1) 12346578

(2) 12845673

(3) 14365872

(4) 14372658

(5) 13527486

(6) 12463578

(7) 12843657

(8) 18345672

(9) 12375648

(10) 13527486

Transpositions.

12346578

12846573

14856372

15874382

18456723 Back row reversed.

18574623

18375642

12375648

12345678

13527486 Lead-head

Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

Owing to the very severe snowstorm which fell in that part of the world on Saturday, the younger members of the Leeds and District Society had the field to themselves at the periodical meeting. The average age of those present was well under 35. Members travelled to Birstall from Armley, Burley, Batley, Holbeck, Liversedge, Lindley and Drighlington. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the way in which the learners handled the bells, and the attention paid to the striking, which speaks volumes for the tutors at Burley and Holbeck, and augurs well for the future ringing at these newly restarted towers. Methods rung during the meeting were Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, and Superlative.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Birstall for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the arrangements, was proposed by Mr. L. W. Morris and seconded by Mr. T. Strangway.—Mr. Herbert Peel replied on behalf of the local ringers.

Four new members were elected.

The secretary would like all members to note that the next meeting is the nomination meeting, and will be held at Armley. All nominations must be sent in before the last Saturday in this month.

CHURCH CLOCKS.

Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., Ltd., Whitechurch, Salop, are making a new striking clock for Bressingham Church, Norfolk, and also adding the Westminster chimes to the clock at St. John's Church, Worcester. They have also in hand a four-dial striking clock for St. Stephen's College, Auckland, New Zealand.

In addition to fixing a new chiming clock at Ludlow Parish Church they are thoroughly overhauling and repairing the carillon machine.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Benenden on February 21st, and was attended by about thirty members from Ashford, Egerton, Kennington, Tenterden, Rolvenden, Aldington, Lamberhurst, Hawkhurst, Stone, Frittenden, and the local band. The ringing included Stedman, Grandsire, Kent and rounds for the learners. At the Guild service the address was given by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey). Mr. C. Coleman ably presided at the organ. Tea, very generously supplied by the Rector (who also presided at the business meeting which followed), was served in the Assembly Rooms.

Eastwell was chosen for the next meeting on March 21st, and Hawkhurst for the meeting on April 18th.

Seven new members were elected.

The Guild Master proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his hospitality, for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service. This having been carried, the Rector replied, and extended a hearty welcome to the Guild to Benenden. Touches of Grandsire were rung on the handbells, and some returned to the tower for further ringing until 8.30, when the meeting was brought to a close.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED AMALGAMATION OF NORTHERN AND EASTERN BRANCHES.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 21st. There were over twenty members present from Yarmouth, Norwich, Loddon, Beccles and adjoining villages, and the musical ring of eight bells were kept busy in touches of the standard methods.

At the business meeting held in the belfry during the afternoon the ringers were welcomed by the curate, who presided in place of the Rector, who was unable to be present.

Mr. W. Lee intimated that he wished to resign the secretaryship of the branch, and after some discussion it was decided to recommend to the association annual meeting on Easter Monday that the branch be amalgamated with the Northern Branch owing to the small number of ringers and towers in the Eastern District.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for permission to hold the meeting at Lowestoft, and to the curate for coming to preside, and for his welcome.

ANOTHER TOWER FOR M.C.A.

A most successful meeting at the Chesterfield District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Old Whittington on Saturday, February 21st. These bells have recently been made into five.

After tea, the Rector, who was voted to the chair, welcomed the members. He said that if they had not quite so many bells as in some towers, they had something other villages had not—the Old Revolution House. He hoped it would be possible to raise funds for another bell shortly.

Old Whittington possesses a promising young band, able to ring all kinds of five-bell methods. These have all promised to join the Midland Counties Association.

Members were present from Blackwell, Chesterfield, Norton, North Wingfield, Sheffield and Staveley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Vale of White Horse Deanery Branch held a meeting at Buckland on Saturday, February 14th. Ringing in various methods was carried on during the afternoon, and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. C. L. Newhouse).

Tea was provided at the Lamb Inn, and here a party of thirty gathered around the tables, the following towers being represented: Buckland, Faringdon, Hinton Waldrist, and Shillingford. Visitors were present from Aldbourne, Burford, Stanton Harcourt, Swindon Parish Church and Swindon St. Mark's Church.

A short business meeting followed the tea, the chair being taken by the Rev. A. J. De Denne. Two new ringing members were elected (Mr. M. Felling and Mr. H. Timmes) from Faringdon tower.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Faringdon on the 2nd Saturday in May.

Ringings, which was continued during the evening, included Grandsire Doubles, Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples, with round ringing for beginners.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th, St. Magnus' on the 12th and 26th, Southwark Cathedral on the 19th, *The Coffee Pot, on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next district meeting will be held at Ashby de la Zouch on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Subscriptions are now due and can be paid at this meeting. Now then, Stedman men, roll up and let's have a jolly good meeting.—John Leach, Dis. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

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

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells of Christ Church available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Northern Cafe, Ellison Street. Please advise Mr. H. Hall, 49, Gladstone Street, Hebburn, for same. It is hoped that ringers will rally at this meeting.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Braunston (6) on Saturday, March 7th. Usual arrangements. Will those members requiring tea kindly notify me?—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—James Wm. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield to-morrow (Saturday), March 7th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look your methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service in church 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by meeting.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 11th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday, March 14th. Bells of both towers available early. Visitors make own arrangements for tea. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Important.—In view of the secretary's intending resignation, the post will be open at this meeting for nominations. A hearty welcome extended to all.—H. Thorpe, Hon. Sec., 104, Petre St., Sheffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Northgate Street) on Saturday, March 14th, at 6 p.m. The following towers open for ringing during the afternoon: St. Michael's (10), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Mary de Lode (6), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. Mary de Crypt (8), 4.50 p.m. to 5.50 p.m. All ringers, ladies and friends welcome. Come and spend a pleasant evening. Tickets, 3s. each, obtainable of W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester. Will those requiring tickets apply for them not later than March 9th?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 2.30.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Ingrave (Brentwood 3 miles) on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, to all those who advise me by Wednesday, March 11th, of their intention of being present. Herongate buses, which pass the church, leave Brentwood (Yorkshire Grey) every half hour. Subscriptions for 1931 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Usual tea arrangements will be made. This tower is worthy of a visit.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, March 11th? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Hon. Sec., Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 10th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Helmshore on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open for ringing 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, March 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. All ringers welcome.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. All heartily invited. Please notify Rev. A. E. Nedham, Compton Abbas Rectory, Shaftesbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steeple Claydon on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 6.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helen's, by Wednesday, March 11th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

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BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — Next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready early. Tea, 6d. each, for those who notify Mr. C. D. Potter, High Street, Royston not later than Wednesday, 11th. All members earnestly invited to attend.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) at Church Hall, Ashdown Road, at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please notify Mr. J. Howes, 9, Hawks Road, Kingston, if you intend to be present at tea. All ringers welcome.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 18, Guy Road, Beddington, Croydon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available at 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Church Room, South Street (by kind invitation). Business meeting to follow. The bells at All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (8) will be available after the meeting. All those intending to be present at the tea must advise me not later than Wednesday, March 18th.—George W. Stokes, 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth, Reddish, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth, near Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Vicar of Ordsall. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Please notify Mr. J. C. Taylor, 51, Laverack Street, Handsworth, Sheffield, by Wednesday, March 18th, for same. The business meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held immediately after tea. Further particulars will be sent to towers by circular, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 56, Broughton Avenue, Doncaster.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at Shere. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to me by March 14th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, March 21st. The peal of 8 (tenor 14½ cwt.) at Holy Trinity Church will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea, at a charge of 1s. per head, to all those who send in their names to Mr. C. Ellison, 28, Russell Avenue, Queensbury, near Bradford, not later than Tuesday, March 17th.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, March 21st. Bells available, and at Woodbridge, from 2 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual general meeting will be held at Tonbridge on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service in SS. Peter and Paul at 12 noon. Address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Rochester. Luncheon and business meeting to follow. Full particulars later. — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leckhampton, Cheltenham (through the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Sears), on Easter Monday, April 6th. Service at 2.30 p.m., to be followed by the general meeting in the Parish Hall. Dinner and tea arrangements will be announced in these columns in due course. Prestbury Church bells (8) available 11 a.m. till 1 p.m., Leckhampton Church bells (8) before and after service and meeting, Charlton King's Church bells (8) from 6.30 p.m. Members having propositions relating to the rules should give notice not later than Monday, March 9th. Nominations for the various offices are requested.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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

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COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Peter ad 'Vin-cula,' on Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Yeo 1, C. Rook 2, J. G. S. Sanders 3, W. W. White (Taunton) 4, E. J. Harding (Portsmouth) 5, J. Rook 6, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, T. Gubb 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and 6th, and first quarter-peal 'inside' for ringer of 3rd.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins., contains five plain leads only, and is from a peal containing 340 calls composed by the conductor: C. Hughes 1, W. Williams 2, F. E. Stone 3, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 4, W. J. Nurton 5, C. Mathers 6, E. Stitch 7, J. Weathersby 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, January 25th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. E. Ticehurst 1, W. Falconer 2, T. Dnick 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, G. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, F. Arthur 8. The above was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. H. Blake (aged 70 years), who has been a Sunday service ringer at the above Cathedral for 39 years.

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