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**THE DAVIES MEMORIAL SCHEME.**

A somewhat unexpected development was revealed by the hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Saturday with regard to the proposed memorial at Tewkesbury Abbey to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. This memorial is to be on national lines, for the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' work for the art of ringing was so wide that it embraced the interests of the whole Exercise, which, one way and another, he served for nearly two generations. The appeal for funds has been widely responded to, and it was hoped that the scheme, which includes the addition of two treble bells to make a ring of twelve and the provision of a ringers' chapel, would soon be put in hand. Since the promotion of the project, however, the question of tuning the original eight bells has been raised, it having been suggested that unless this were done the existing bells would hardly be worthy of the additional trebles. All those who know Tewkesbury bells appear to be unanimous that they could be considerably improved, but we understand that the statements made have resulted in the holding up of subscriptions which might otherwise have been given. If this is the case it is unfortunate, and some doubt seems to have been created as to whether the Gloucester and Bristol Association should proceed with the scheme as originally proposed.

We believe that the Gloucester and Bristol Association's committee would be well advised to adopt a bold policy in this matter. They ought to go on with their scheme as originally outlined—having received about eighty per cent. of the money asked for for specific purposes, it would be most difficult to go back on it—and at the same time make a further appeal for the money needed for the improvement of the other bells. This, we think, would solve the problem before the committee and induce those who may be holding back to give their support to the project, thus making the whole scheme a still more worthy memorial. But even if the additional undertaking of tuning the old bells were not found possible at the moment, it hardly seems necessary that this should lead to a breakdown of the plans to make the bells into a ring of twelve. It is only natural that ringers should desire a high standard of quality in any peal of bells which they are helping to augment, but where, as in this case, the demand for improvement in the existing ring is supplementary to the original scheme, it is not always possible to get exactly the whole of what might be wished for. After all, many good trebles have been added to indifferent rings, which have later on been improved, and the same thing might happen at Tewkesbury.

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The whole project can be carried out at once if the Exercise will meet the bigger bill involved, but if it cannot all be done at once the committee, we believe, will feel they must keep faith with those who have already subscribed to the funds. Nothing, however, could be more desirable than to complete the more comprehensive scheme, and doubtless the committee will take an opportunity of giving the matter early consideration.

### TWELVE BELL PEALS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2	JOHN HALL ... .. 8
*WILLIAM DYER ... .. 3	*FRANK SADLER ... .. 9
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 10
FREDERICK G. MERDEN ... 5	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 11
DENNIS MORRIS ... .. 6	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal on 12 bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Four Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES ... .. Treble	*WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 7
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 8
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 10
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 11
RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 6	REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* First peal of Maximus.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt

CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Treble	CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 6
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 2	*ALBERT E. JARMAN ... 7
GEORGE G. JENKINS ... 3	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 8
HORACE WHITEHEAD ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... .. 9
*PERCY PAGE ... .. 5	†WILLIAM H. HOLLANDS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. † First peal. First 'touch' as conductor on ten bells.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR BRAINES ... .. Treble	ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. MILNER ... 7
WALTER WALLACE ... .. 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 8
WILLIAM S. HART ... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9
JOHN FLINT ... .. 5	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Composition No. 229, contains the 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's with all the 9-6-10-8's; now rung for the first time.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

TONY PRICE ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5
FRANK JENNINGS ... .. 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 7
H. BERNARD WELLS ... .. 4	FRANK E. DAREY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

The conductor's 200th peal for the Surrey Association, and 250th peal. Mr. H. B. Wells' 100th peal.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Hallows,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY C. INGRAM ... .. Treble	JOHN H. FOSTER ... .. 5
GEORGE MARIES ... .. 2	EDWARD IDDON ... .. 6
LAWRENCE GREEN ... .. 3	PETER CROOK, JUN. ... .. 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 4	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Conducted by P. CROOK, SEN.

First in the method by all the band and first in the Fylde district.

HAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

* ROBERT GREEN ... .. Treble	REV. C. ELLIOTT WIGG ... .. 5
FRANCIS E. MAY ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... .. 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR ... .. 3	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... .. 4	WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

\* First peal of Stedman.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

LEONARD J. JOYCE ... .. Treble	EDGAR HUMPHREY ... .. 5
ALBERT D. COLLUM ... .. 2	HARRY W. SMITH ... .. 6
MISS PAT HOLLOWAY ... .. 3	JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 7
CHARLES PULLEN ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by WILLIAM HIBBERT.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Parish Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

The first peal in the method rung in the Diocese of Oxford and by all the band excepting the trebleman.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MALVAN ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYR ... .. 2	WALTER AYRE ... .. 6
MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

RALPH TAYLOR ... .. Treble	* JOHN RADCLIFFE ... .. 5
HAROLD TAYLOR ... .. 2	JOHN CLAYTON ... .. 6
FRANK WELHAM ... .. 3	ERNEST GARSIDE ... .. 7
HARRY PICKLES ... .. 4	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

\* First peal. This composition is the reduced form of the 6,400 rung at Handsworth, and is now rung for the first time. Rung in celebration of the jubilee of the consecration of the church and as a birthday compliment to Mr. John H. Nield.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT FOSDIKE ... .. Treble	GEORGE RAWLINGS ... .. 5
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 2	THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... .. 6
CHARLES ELLIOTT ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... .. 4	ARCH. BENNINGTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. W. RICHARDSON.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. E. B. Crowder, wife of one of the local ringers, who was interred earlier in the day.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

A. J. PITMAN'S IRREGULAR TWENTY-PART, No 6. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 6
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 3	JACK BAILEY ... .. 7
CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. It has twin bobs and twin singles, and is the first peal to be rung on this plan.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM PARKINSON ... .. Treble	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 2	EVEREST FORD ... .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
THOMAS JONES ... .. 4	JOSEPH STIMSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

Rung for the birthday of Mr. J. Potter, of Eccles, and the 21st birthday of Mr. Amos Heaps.

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## CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 11, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... ..	...Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... ..	5
KEITH HART... ..	2	ROBERT SWIFT ... ..	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	7
OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 12, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

EDMUND C. CHASTY ... ..	...Treble	SAMUEL PINDER ... ..	5
*WILLIAM THORNLEY... ..	2	WILLIAM P. SILLAND ... ..	6
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ..	3	HENRY HARRISON ... ..	7
FREDERICK BROWN ... ..	4	EDWARD F. GOBEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

\* 50th peal. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT FULCHER ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES LOOME ... ..	5
STANLEY W. COPLING... ..	2	FREDERICK ROOPE ... ..	6
CHARLES BAKER ... ..	3	RUSSELL RICHES ... ..	7
WILLIAM FLATT ... ..	4	ERNEST WHITING... ..	Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

## WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FRANK BOCKLAND ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... ..	5
GEORGE MARTIN ... ..	2	ROLAND BIGGS ... ..	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..	3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..	7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... ..	4	HARRY WINGROVE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

## WRITTLE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALFRED TARBUN ... ..	...Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH ... ..	5
HENRY W. KIRTON ... ..	2	JOHN WOOD ... ..	6
THOMAS LINCOLN... ..	3	WILLIAM LINCOLN ... ..	7
FREDERICK G. RADLEY ... ..	4	ARTHUR HEAD ... ..	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

## BANSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ALBERT T. WOOLOFF ... ..	...Treble	JOSEPH A. HOBSON ... ..	5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW... ..	2	THOMAS NORMAN... ..	6
*NORMAN HOBDEN ... ..	3	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... ..	7
WILLIAM HOBDEN ... ..	4	EDWIN T. WOOLOFF ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

\* First peal, and elected members of the above Guild before starting the peal. All the ringers belong to the local band.

## MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... ..	...Treble	JOSEPH HALL ... ..	5
*PERCY RUSHTON... ..	2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... ..	6
NORMAN HEAPS ... ..	3	EDWARD F. MAWBY ... ..	7
TOM JONES ... ..	4	CHARLES OLLIER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. NICOLL.

Conducted by E. F. MAWBY.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt. He had never previously called a bob in the method. Rung as a 67th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Mawby, father of the conductor.

## TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MRS. E. H. KING ... ..	...Treble	EDWARD H. KING ... ..	5
JOHN THOMAS ... ..	2	WALTER J. BOWDEN ... ..	6
†GILBERT PLATER ... ..	3	HARRY MILLER ... ..	7
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... ..	4	H. W. H. STRICKLAND ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal on a bob bell. † First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the 34th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, Rev. Denton Jones, M.A.

## ALDENHAM, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SERLEY ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... ..	5
*STEPHEN H. HOARE ... ..	2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... ..	6
JOHN G. NASH ... ..	3	MAURICE F. R. HIEBERT ... ..	7
*FREDERICK W. BRINCELOW ... ..	4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in four spliced methods. The above consists of 2,944 &amp; London, 608 of Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative. the Cambridge and Superlative being rung in alternate courses.

## LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM P. DEANE ... ..	...Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON ... ..	5
WILLIAM RIGBY ... ..	2	WALTER LONGMAN ... ..	6
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... ..	3	JOHN WORTH ... ..	7
THOMAS HURD ... ..	4	*FRANK KENT ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal. This peal was rung after meeting short for London owing to two members of the band being down with the flu, the 2nd and tenor ringers taking a rope at the last moment.

## WOBURN, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

P. F. PLUMMER ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST HERBERT ... ..	5
ALBERT FLEET ... ..	2	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... ..	6
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS ... ..	3	HORACE H. SMITH ... ..	7
DOUGLAS HARRIS... ..	4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The conductor takes this opportunity of thanking Messrs. E. J. Hobbs, E. Herbert, G. Herbert and D. Harris for their many kindnesses.



## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 16, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 5
MISS E. DORICE TURNER ... 2	JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7
JOSEPH MARKS ... .. 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 6th.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TWENTY-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

D. REES JAMES ... .. Treble	FRANK ROWSELL ... .. 5
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 2	CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7
JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 4	EDWIN M. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Rung as a birthday peal for Miss Stitch, sister of the ringer of the 2nd. 100th peal for the association by the ringer of the 6th.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 19, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... .. Treble	HARRY A. HOVERD ... .. 5
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 6
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
MISS E. DORICE TURNER ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. D. Turner.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS COLLINS ... .. Treble	* ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
THOMAS J. LOCK ... .. 2	† WALTER D. JOLLY ... .. 6
WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 3	† CECIL W. PIPE ... .. 7
KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

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

\* 50th peal on tower bells. † First peal in the method.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EVERARD J. WALSON ... .. 2	ERNEST W. BRETT ... .. 6
PERCY E. CLARK ... .. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 4	GEORGE MORRAD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael-at-Coslany,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

JAMES RAMFLEY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... .. 2	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 6
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 7
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. DOFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Benedict,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. Treble	AMOS SMART ... .. 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

## SOMERSHAM, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's Kent.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Treble	MANSFIELD GINN ... .. 4
MRS. E. WAKELING ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5
ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... .. 3	ERNEST WAKELING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal on the bells.

## LAMBERHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

* RICHARD BASSETT ... .. Treble	WALTER MARSHALL ... .. 4
THOMAS FULLER ... .. 2	JAMES WAGHORN ... .. 5
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 3	† ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

\* First peal. † First on a working bell. Arranged for R. Bassett, who left Lamberhurst on the 10th to join the Royal Air Force.

## NORTHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 4
CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 5
* LESLIE W. JARVIS ... .. 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

\* First of Minor. First of Minor on the bells. A birthday compliment to C. Tribe and the daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

## GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

DOUGLAS C. JENNINGS ... Treble	HAROLD TOWNSEND ... .. 4
WALTER SMITH ... .. 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. 5
ARTHUR SMITH ... .. 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

First peal by the treble ringer, who is 14 years old. First 720 of Double Court by the 3rd and 4th ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 6th.

## WHITNEY-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Dunstan, Canterbury Pleasure and April Day and four 720's of Grand sire. Tenor 9 cwt.

* ARTHUR MILES ... .. Treble	* REGINALD MORRIS ... .. 3
G. JAMES R. PRICE ... .. 2	EDMUND MORRIS ... .. 4

JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal in four methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Morris.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 9, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of London, York, Lancashire, Wells, Durham, Stamford and Cambridge. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM BRAMEAM ... .. Treble	*ALBERT NASH ... .. 4
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS ... .. 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. NASH.

\* 150th peal. † 100th peal for the association. A birthday compliment to W. Green (January 8th).

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Forty-two different callings, with extremes. Tenor 11 cwt.

E. REVETT ... .. Treble	REG. ARRON ... .. 3
WALTER HOLLOWAY ... .. 2	GORDON LEECH ... .. 4
Cecil Aldous ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by C. ALDOUS.

First peal by all, who are Sunday service ringers. First peal by entirely service band. Rung as a mark of appreciation for gift by G. Morfe, Esq., of a new treble bell to make six.

SUTCOMBE, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.  
(NORTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 15, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

GEORGE VINCOMBE ... .. Treble	FREDERICK SANGWIN ... .. 4
CHARLES SANGWIN ... .. 2	JOHN W. SANGWIN ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. SHEARS ... .. 3	FREDERICK PROUSE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. SANGWIN.

First peal on the bells, recently augmented by the Loughborough Foundry.

PUBLW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Forty-two six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

SIDNEY G. RICHES ... .. Treble	*JACK CARMAN ... .. 4
EDWARD J. WATTS ... .. 2	HAROLD E. BLACKER ... .. 5
CÆSAR DAVIS ... .. 3	F. CECIL MOGFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. E. BLACKER.

\* First peal of Doubles. Six towers were represented, viz., St. Werburgh, Publow, Blagdon, All Saints', Clutton and St. Stephen.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 15, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being ten 120's, ten 240's of Pitman's, and six of Morris'. Tenor 15 cwt.

DENNIS J. SHARPLES ... .. Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5
*BERNARD H. DAVIES ... .. 2	SIDNEY A. PRICE ... .. 6
DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 3	*JOHN C. HARPER ... .. 7
EDMUND MORRIS ... .. 4	JOHN JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the christening of a grandson to Lord and Lady Hereford.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in One Hour and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT HARLESDOWN,

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

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

\*REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 1-2 | C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4  
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') ... 5-6

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First seven-method peal 'in hand.' This is the first seven-method peal 'in hand' by the Guild.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 5, 1933, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 23, GREEK STREET,

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 20 in E.

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

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 7, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE TOWN HALL.

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

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 15 in C.

THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4	ALFRED BARNES ... .. 7-8

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for T. R. Butler, of Liverpool, and was his first attempt for a peal of Triples on handbells.

LONDON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 6, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT FRODINGHAM, 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERRERT LANGDON ... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3-4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire—JOSEPH S. HAWKINS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... .. 1-2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5-6
*ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7-8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

\* 100th peal of Bob Major.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 8, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE,

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

*WALTER AYRE ... .. 1-2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 3-4	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 7-8

Composed by GEO. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witnesses: Mrs. R. Richardson, Mrs. Ayre and Mrs. Kirk.

\* 100th peal for this association.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Dunstan's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Hammond 1, E. Bishop, jun., 2, A. Lewery 3, A. Holder 4, E. Bishop, sen., 5, C. Brazier (conductor) 6, W. Kitchenside 7, C. R. Pennegon (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells.

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## BIRMINGHAM.

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On Wednesday, January 11, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL TOWER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3-4	*WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5-6	*FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Referee—GEORGE E. FEARN.

\* First peal of Cinques on handbells and rung at first attempt.

LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 12, 1933, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY, WHITECHAPEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

W. ROUGHTON ... .. 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... .. 5-6
E. H. LEWIS .. ... 3-4	H. LANGDON ... .. 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Umpire—A. A. Hughes.

A number of other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

## MR. JOHN BASS' BEREAVEMENT.

Many members of the Exercise will hear with feelings of deep regret of the loss sustained by Mr. John Bass in the death of his wife, Mrs. Kate Bass, at the age of 45, the sad event taking place on Sunday, January 15th. Mrs. Bass was taken ill on Friday, December 30th, and the end came rather suddenly.

The deceased was interred in St. James' Churchyard, Wollaston, on Tuesday, January 17th, the Vicar (Rev. H. C. Wanstall) conducting the service, and four ringing friends (Messrs. F. W. Gibbs, A. Fryer, H. V. Cooper and C. W. Cooper) officiated as bearers.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung as a last mark of respect by P. Richards, H. V. Cooper, Harry Perrins, Robert Matthews (conductor), Sam Thompson, and F. W. Gibbs.

## 'FIRST PEAL BY ALL.'

## RUNG TO CELEBRATE GIFT OF A BELL.

There is nothing more gratifying than to record a 'first peal by all.' On January 14th, at St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, a peal of Grandsire Doubles—with 42 callings at that!—was rung by the service band.

For fourteen years there has been a struggle at this five-bell tower to maintain a company, and it has been done, although it has meant the teaching of many new ringers.

A new treble to augment the ring has been talked of from time to time since the bells were rehung in a frame for six in 1903. Hopes are now to materialise, for Mr. G. Morley has promised to give the bell, and the peal was rung to commemorate the gift. Patience has been rewarded, and it is hoped that good use will be made of the enlarged ring, with a peal of Minor soon to follow.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

On Thursday, January 12th, at the Parish Church, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen., 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. G. Cook 3, H. S. Parsons 4, F. J. Lewis, jun., 5, H. C. Bond 6, W. H. Hayward (conductor) 7, W. Wrigley 8. Rung on the minor eight (tenor 21 cwt. in E minor), with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. F. W. Bond, whose husband has been for a great many years a ringer at Cirencester.

On Sunday, January 15th, the ringers of Church Kirk rang 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major with bells muffled at backstroke as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Harry Hayes, who died on Saturday, January 7th, aged 78 years. Mr. Hayes was a member of the band who rang on the original peal of six at Church Kirk in 1878. Ringers taking part: A. Chadwick 1, J. Parr 2, J. Riley 3, F. Cockshott 4, A. Ingham 5, W. Aaron 6, A. Brunton 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8.

On Saturday, January 14th, at Crosthwaite Church, an attempt was made for a muffled peal of 5,040 Stedman Triples in memory of the late Dr. Stuart, Dean of Carlisle, who died on Thursday, January 12th. After ringing for 2½ hours two bells changed course and brought what might have been a perfect peal to an untimely end. The following ringers took part: James Tebay (Bowness) 1, Thomas Jefferson (Bowness) 2, Tyson Hogarth (Crosthwaite) 3, A. W. Brighton (London) 4, Fred Hewitson (Ambleside) 5, Thomas Newton (Ambleside) 6, William Robinson (Ambleside) (conductor) 7, Frank Barnes (Crosthwaite) 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The number of 720's rung at Little Munden, Herts, during 1932 was 120 in 17 methods. Again, as for many years, the bells were rung for the two services every Sunday throughout the year.

A peal of Grandsire Triples had to be substituted for an attempt for London Surprise Major at Lawton, Cheshire, on January 14th, owing to two members of the band going down under the prevalent epidemic of flu. The treble and tenor ringers were called on at the last moment to take a rope, and the tenorman thus scored his first peal.

Mr. J. W. Jones, the popular hon. secretary of Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, has changed his address, although he still lives in the same house. No, he didn't fold up his 'tent' like the Arabs and silently steal away. The Corporation altered the name of the road, and in future his address will be 'Cartref,' Alltyn View, Newport, Mon.

The order has now been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the two new treble bells which are to be added to the octave at Newbury. It is hoped to hold the dedication service on Sunday, April 2nd. A sum of £28 is still required to complete the work, and contributions will be gratefully received by Mr. H. W. Curtis, hon. secretary, Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

Mr. Uriah Braven, this year's chairman of Bristol United Guilds, has rung over a hundred peals, all of them on the tenor.

The peal rung at Caythorpe, Lincs., on Saturday, Dec. 31st, was Grandsire Triples, and not Stedman, as published in our last issue.

The annual meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild which was to have been held on February 4th, has been postponed, and will probably be held at Ottershaw on Feb. 25th.

## GOOD STRIKING.

### COMPETITIONS WOULD RAISE THE STANDARD.

A ringer, brought up in Devon in a stronghold of 'stoneys,' writes: 'I think that your leader of last Friday should be printed on stiff cardboard and hung in every belfry in the country.' He adds that until he left Devon a few years ago he held change ringing in utter contempt, not because he was ignorant of the art (for he could write out a six-score and call it in single changes), but because the few touches of change ringing that he had heard rung had all been so very badly struck. Since living in other parts of the country, where ringing is typical of that which obtains in the provinces, he has progressed as far as Surprise ringing.

'Often have I heard the remark,' he says, 'after a touch has been brought round, "That was a bit of good striking," and equally as often have I thought to myself what a scathing judgment I should have passed on that same striking in the old call-change days. It is only when I go home to North Devon that I realise that my ears now accept without protest what would once have set my every nerve on edge, and my old ringing friends accept with sorrow my apologies for the way in which my own striking has deteriorated since I took to "scientific."

How can the very moderate standard which change ringers set themselves be more generally attained, and how can that standard be raised?

Firstly, as you so rightly point out in your article, by giving beginners a long apprenticeship in rounds and call changes. "Listen before you look," should be their motto, and when they do begin to hunt the treble they should be told to listen, listen, listen all the time. Then, when they begin to ring Grandsire on a working bell, they should be told to dodge when they hear the treble leave the lead. If, after a fair trial, any beginner states that he cannot hear the treble leading, he should be turned out of the belfry. A poor listener can never hope to become a good striker. In this way, once a man has acquired the listening habit, he will never lose it, and he will have an invaluable aid when he comes to learn on the higher methods.

Secondly, good striking can be encouraged in no better way than by holding competitions. I know that change ringers in general look down with disfavour on the idea of competitions, but they are frequently held at home, the reward merely taking the form of certificates, and I have never heard of any bad feeling being engendered.

If competitions became more general, "crack" bands would arise all over the country, a definite standard of striking would thus be set up, and the general public, instead of tolerating ringing as an unavoidable nuisance, would adopt a far more friendly and appreciative attitude.'

## AN ESSEX RESTORATION.

### APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

A scheme has been promoted for rehangings the six bells at Thorington, Essex, and it is hoped to increase the number to eight. The cost of the restoration of the existing bells, and putting them into an iron frame, will be £200, and £77 more is required for the two other bells.

An appeal is made for funds to enable the scheme to be carried out, and donations should be sent to Mr. G. A. Andrews, Thorington, near Colchester; or to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, near Colchester, Essex.



**BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.**BISHOP OF MALMESBURY AND UNDUE INTERFERENCE  
WITH RINGING.**POSITION OF DAVIES MEMORIAL SCHEME.**

The twelfth annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, held at Bristol on Saturday, was again a great attraction. Ringers gathered in large numbers, not only from the counties of Gloucester and Somerset, but from many other parts of England, and the weekend was made a thoroughly enjoyable one for all the visitors through the hospitality of the Guilds and the enthusiastic efforts of the officials, particularly of Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary, who laboured with characteristic energy to ensure the complete success of the whole proceedings. In the afternoon, not only were the bells of various Bristol churches open for ringing, but a motor coach excursion to Wotton-under-Edge was organised, in which many took part, and opportunity was taken to unveil a peal board, which had been erected to record a peal rung there during the August 'charabanc week' to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston, who were now present to take part in the unveiling ceremony.



**THE CHAIRMAN OF BRISTOL  
UNITED GUILDS.**

At St. Thomas' Church Room, later in the afternoon, there were many meetings of old friends over a 'cup of tea and a bun,' and in the evening a company of about 180 assembled at the Grand Hotel for dinner. Over this function, the chairman of the United Guilds, Mr. Uriah W. Braven, one of Bristol's oldest and most respected ringers, presided, and was supported by, among others, the Bishop of Malmesbury (Dr. Ronald Ramsey), the Rector of St. Mary Redcliffe, the Rev. M. Paterson (Vicar of St. Thomas'), the Rev. E. J. Phillips (Coalpit Heath), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. J. Gould (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association), Mr. Stephen H. Wood, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, etc. Among the visitors were Messrs. J. S. Hawkins and A. A. Hughes (representing the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. A. King (Vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Miss M. Fearn, Miss O. M. Sanders, Messrs. G. F. Swann, G. E. Fearn, H. Fearn, C. H. Stanley, V. Heunis and R. Peel (Birmingham), S. F. Palmer and F. Ward (Sheffield Cathedral Society), Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. sec. Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shaker, Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. sec., Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. J. T. Dyke (hon. sec., Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Mr. E. Stitch (Swansea and Brecon Guild), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. R. Post (Oxford), Mr. C. W. Heginbotham (chairman of Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild), Mr. J. Dart (London) and ringers from Bath, Weston-super-Mare, Cleve, Mere, Kingston Seymour, Wrington, Ubley, Gloucester, Bruton, Castle Cary, etc., as well as from all the towers associated with the United Guilds.

During dinner instrumental music was discoursed by Miss B. Plummer, Miss J. Brown and Miss E. Hawkins, and afterwards the loyal toast was honoured.

The Chairman, in submitting the toast of 'The Church,' said the whole world was suffering to-day from critical financial and economic depression, which was having its reaction on the physical, moral, and mental well-being of the people. In spite of the revived interest in religion and the renewed vitality of Church life, they who belonged to the Church felt supremely conscious of their own weakness and incapacity to deal with the situation, and there was at the moment, he ventured to say, something needful which was sorely lacking, that was the quality of joy, which was so characteristic of the early Christians. For several years past St. Mary Redcliffe tower had been in 'splints' undergoing restoration at the hands of the builders. As soon as the work was commenced the architect gave orders that the bells were not to be rung as the tower was not strong enough to stand the vibration. So one of the things which they had missed most, especially at festivals, was the merry and joyful pealing of the

bells, the bells which were the symbols of Christian joy. Here, then, was the message he would have them take away with them. Bell ringers themselves needed continual mending, renovation and restoration; the will to build up and develop their own characters in the best and highest of schools, the Church; to gather strength for their real work, for without a strong foundation and basis their bell-ringing could have no spiritual or abiding value. Let them make their contribution to the life and witness for the Church for the betterment of the world by being men full of the spirit of joy—so might the message of the bells which they rang go forth from their very hearts to give a new hope, a new spirit of joy and peace to a depressed world.

The Rev. M. Paterson, Vicar of St. Thomas' Church, supplemented the toast, and paid a tribute to the energy and devotion with which the Bishop of Malmesbury served the Church in the Diocese. They were very much indebted to him for, and heartily appreciated, his presence there among them that evening.

**ATTITUDE OF DIOCESAN AUTHORITIES.**

The Bishop of Malmesbury, responding to the toast, had a cordial reception. He referred to the restoration work which has been carried out to St. Mary Redcliffe tower, and remarked that, viewed from the north court of the church, it was revealing itself, to his mind, as the most beautiful thing in Bristol. Proceeding, he said he had the greatest admiration for the work of the ringers in the belfry. He did not think the Church would ever give up the privilege and duty of having its bells rung. The Bishop of the Diocese would have liked to be present with them that night as one of his last few public functions before retiring, but it was not possible. He had, he said, heard him dictate recently some of the strongest letters he had ever heard dictated as a guidance to a certain parson when someone had objected to the bells being rung (hear, hear). He (the speaker) did want them to understand that

so far as that diocese was concerned the full power, influence and authority of the Bishop and Diocesan Board of Finance would be behind the bellringers in preventing any undue or wrong interference with the rights and privileges which they have to ring the bells of the churches according to ancient custom

(applause). They need have no fear that in any case where the bellringers were interrupted or objection taken the matter would be allowed to go by default so far as the diocesan authorities were concerned. It was definitely the duty of the parson that he should enuse the bell to be tolled or rung, and he had no doubt ringing was included in that. If they had any doubt as to what the attitude of the authorities in that diocese would be, he hoped that what he had said would assure them. They would not allow undue interference with the proper ringing of the bells, which he believed was appreciated by practically all people, whether they lived in the villages or the towns (applause).

Continuing, the Bishop said he appreciated tremendously what the ringers were doing, and he believed they were doing it because of the message which lay behind the bells. They were a call to the Church, they were a call to the clergy, and when the clergy heard them what was going to be their answer to the call? It should bring home to them that it was not right to call the people to church unless they had something very real and very true to give them. In these perplexing days he felt it was the duty of the Church to give the people a message of hope, and until Christ's teaching became the basis of all their actions there could be no hope for the world. There was only one standard of life for Christianity, and that was the life of faithful witness, and this standard the ringers should show in their own lives as well as in the devoted work they did for the church.

**A UNITED FAMILY.**

In submitting the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' Mr. E. H. Lewis referred with pleasure to the fact that the association had recently returned to the fold of the Central Council. He was very glad indeed that they did return; he thought it was a great pity that they ever went out, and he thought possibly they would not have gone out if there had not been some slight and, perhaps, unnecessary misunderstanding. They found ringers got very keen on their subject. He did not know why it was, but people who got very keen on their subject were sometimes apt to take rather a one-sided view of things, which caused a certain amount of misunderstanding. He could not help feeling sometimes that if they had a little bit more of the spirit of Christian fellowship in their more personal matters they might avoid some misunderstandings and a certain amount of personality. He was not referring to the Gloucester and Bristol Association in that respect, but to ringers generally. One could not help feeling, after reading recent issues of 'The Ringing World,' that it was a great pity that so much personality crept into ringing correspondence. No doubt some people got very keen on their own theories, but he did wish they would keep their personalities out of the ringing Press, and he wished they could get rid of the thoughts which were behind the personalities. After he had spoken at the ringers' gathering at Croydon last year, the Bishop of Norwich said he was very glad he had 'gone for' the ringers, because those functions sometimes became rather too much of a sort of mutual patting on the back. He hoped, therefore, they would forgive him if he had spoken rather plainly on the subject of ringers

and their personal quarrels. He did feel, however, very happy that the Central Council was once more a united family, and that they had the Gloucester and Bristol Association back with them again (applause).

#### CENTRAL COUNCIL WHAT RINGERS MAKE IT.

There were complaints from time to time about the Central Council, but it should be remembered that the Council was what the ringers made it. It could only be what the various associations made it by their choice of the members they sent to attend the Council, so that when anybody complained of the Central Council they were really complaining of themselves, and it was up to them to see that they sent the right people. If they did that they would get the right things done in the Council. He did not want to say anything about the Minor controversy except this, that he hoped a final decision would be made next Whitsuntide, and that they would know once for all what ringers wanted for a true peal of Minor. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he wanted to thank them for that opportunity of visiting Bristol. It was the first time he had done any ringing in the City of Bristol, and he very much regretted his business engagements did not enable him to get there in time to join the tour, but he had had a very interesting afternoon. He had rung in three towers, one which resembled Pisa or Surfleet (where one of the ringers stood in the west doorway because the rope came down so close to the wall, although in the bell chamber the bell was between the rope and the wall). He had also rung in a tower where the bells seemed to go automatically to Stedman, but when they came to Major he heard some real West Country leads, although, unfortunately, some of them were at backstroke (laughter). Then he went to another tower where they evidently accompanied the bells on a harmonium (laughter). He had never before seen a belfry furnished with a harmonium to accompany the ringing (laughter). The Bishop of Malmesbury had made a reference in his speech to youngsters of 57. One thing that had struck him, said Mr. Lewis, was that he had seen a lot of youngsters, many of them were 57 or getting on that way, but he had not seen as many between 15 and 25 as he would have liked to see. He understood they had a great many bells in Bristol, but not all of them were rung. Might he make an appeal to them to try to put in more work on the very young lads so that Bristol might be a city of bells that are rung, and not a city of bells that are not rung.

#### THE DAVIES MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Mr. Edgar Guise responded to the toast instead of Mr. J. Gould, Master of the Association, who, although present, did not feel well enough to speak. Mr. Guise said he would like to take the opportunity of paying a tribute to Mr. Gould, who had been for fifty years a ringer at Henbury, chairman of the Bristol Branch of the Association, vice-president of the association, chairman of Bristol United Guilds, and now occupied the high position of Master of the Association. There was no ringer who had worked so hard in the cause of the association as Mr. Joe Gould (applause). Proceeding, Mr. Guise referred to the Davies Memorial Scheme. They had had, he said, a great and gratifying response from ringers all over the country, and the fund was nearing £200. That was a tremendous sum in these days of trade depression, and when there were two other important memorial schemes being run at the same time. With regard to the raising of the remaining £50, he did not think they would have much difficulty. There was a special sub-committee appointed to deal with the matter, which comprised some of the best-known men in Gloucester and Bristol area, but it came as a revelation to him when they were well launched into the scheme to be told that something should be done to the existing bells at Tewkesbury Abbey. He did not know the bells very well, but they had other members on the committee who might have made reference to it when they were considering what was the best form the memorial should take. There was one thing that there could be no doubt about, and that was that the memorial must be bells. They had had to promise £75 towards the Ringers' Chapel, but now it was suggested that before they added the new bells the old ones should be tuned. That had placed them in a difficulty which he hoped those present would appreciate. They could not go to the authorities at Tewkesbury and say, 'These bells will have to be tuned'—they might reply that they did not want to have them tuned. Were they to put the two bells in front of the ten, or must they hold on until they had further advice? It had been suggested that if there was any difficulty in raising the necessary additional money they might merely tune the bells, and with the balance put a sanctus bell in the chapel. He had raised the matter, said Mr. Guise, because it was of more than local importance. The special committee had already decided on their scheme, which had been approved by the association, and they had received very nearly £200 towards it. They were in a difficult position. They could not turn back very well, but at present they had not got enough money to have the bells tuned and add the new bells as well. If anyone had any other suggestion to make he would be pleased to receive it and place it before the special committee.

Referring to Mr. Lewis' remarks as to the absence of young ringers, Mr. Guise said in some measure their absence that night was due to the fact that young ringers could not afford to attend that gathering. During the last twelve months, however, they had done in Bristol what he thought was unique. On the occasion of the last dinner some of them visited Emmanuel Church to ring in

the afternoon. They found the bells in a deplorable condition. The Vicar had just come there from Huddersfield, and he watched the bells being rung. The bells had now been put in order, and a band of 15 was made up from men engaged at the Zoological Gardens. They began to learn on May 14th, on July 1st they rang the whole eight bells for morning service. After that they were 'stuck up,' and they had never been lowered since, but had been rung regularly for morning and evening service every Sunday. If they could get one further peal a year rung in the same way they would be lucky, but they hoped to do more than that (applause).

Mr. F. Skidmore (vice-chairman) proposed 'Kindred Societies and our Visitors,' and extended a hearty welcome to all their visitors. It was very encouraging to the Bristol United Guilds to see so many kindred societies represented. There were, he said, eleven members of the Central Council present. He regretted that the Vicar of Emmanuel Church had been prevented by influenza from coming among them. It was the first time Emmanuel Church had been represented at that dinner, the Guild having only been formed in 1932. They welcomed the members of the Guild most heartily. Mr. Skidmore added the best thanks of those present were due to Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary. The success of the gathering, he said, was largely due to his untiring efforts and splendid organisation (applause).

Mr. J. P. Fidler, who first responded, reciprocated the greetings extended to the visitors, and remarked that the development of the social side of ringing gave a stimulus to the welfare of the art, because it gave them the opportunity to exchange views. Mr. Fidler, referring to the six-bell controversy, said Minor was the foundation of ringing, and he did not like to see it belittled as some people belittled it. He was sorry to see such a controversy going on about six-bell peals, and hoped the Central Council would tackle and settle the question. He deprecated every Tom, Dick and Harry trying to push their particular views down other people's throats.

Mr. Harry Ford, of Emmanuel Guild, who was called upon to respond in place of his absent Vicar, said he was almost the youngest member of Bristol United Guilds, but he had been a member long enough to see the marvellous fellow-feeling that existed in his own and other towers. He took the opportunity of thanking other Bristol ringers for the kindness they had shown in coming to Emmanuel tower to help the new band there, and especially Mr. Guise for the help he had given.

The Rev. E. J. Phillips, in a breezy speech about ringers and ringing, proposed 'The Ringing World,' to which Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded. The latter said he did not think Mr. Fidler need be sorry over the Minor controversy, for it was out of the controversies of the past that the standards of the present had been set up.

Mr. W. Thomas thanked the artistes for their enjoyable entertainment, and especially Mr. Emery and Mr. Charles Read for all they had done in organising the programme.—Mr. Read responded.

The musical programme provided was up to the customary high standard of the United Guilds' gatherings. The handbell selections of the St. Thomas' ringers were encores, and some delightful songs were sung by Madam D. Curnock and Mr. Herbert Spikes, of Emmanuel Church Choir. Mr. W. B. Steele's sketches, including Dickens' studies, were very much appreciated, and Mr. H. Poole gave a clever conjuring exhibition. The accompanist was Mr. Charles Read. A course of Stedman Caters was rung by Messrs. E. H. Lewis, G. F. Swann, A. Walker, J. Burford and S. F. Palmer.

#### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

##### A REPORT FOR 1931 AND 1932 TO BE ISSUED.

There was a good muster of members at the Bedworth meeting of the Warwickshire Guild on Saturday, January 21st, Allesley, Arley, Chilvers Coton, Higham, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke, Warwick and Wolvey, together with the local band, being the towers represented. The eight bells were made good use of during the afternoon. Tea was served in the school adjoining. The cost of this was kindly defrayed by one of the local ringers, who wished to remain anonymous.

The business meeting followed, Mr. J. H. W. White (Ringing Master) taking the chair. The following meeting places were fixed: Shilton for February and Allesley for March. The election of three new members (two of them 15 years of age) prior to a peal was ratified.

The question arose as to whether a report for the years 1931-32 should be issued. The Hon. Secretary mentioned the financial position and two or three members voiced their opinions. On being put to the meeting, all were in favour of a report for the past two years being issued, and the hon. secretary was instructed to proceed with the same.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, to those who had prepared the tea and to the generous donor.

The majority then returned to the tower, while a few handbell enthusiasts remained in the tea room, among them being: Messrs. J. H. White, F. W. Perrens, W. H. J. Hooton, D. H. Argyll, T. W. Chapman, W. Stoke and A. H. Beamish. Ringing on the tower bells continued until about 8 o'clock, when a broken rope put an end to any further ringing.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## FARNHAM DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING.

There was only a fair attendance at the Farnham District's annual meeting held at Farnham on Saturday. Ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m., and at 4 o'clock the Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling) dedicated a board in the ringing chamber recording two peals—one of Kent Treble Bob and one of Stedman Triples—rung in the tower during the year by local ringers. Both peals were conducted by Mr. R. Hasted. Afterwards the service was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Dance, the Rector preaching. The singing was led by the choir boys, and Mr. G. C. Macklin was at the organ.

Canon Girling presided over the tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Cafe, The Borough, and was supported by Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master), Mr. J. Corbett (Guild hon. treasurer), Mr. C. W. Doneyer (district hon. secretary), Mr. P. L. Eldridge (hon. auditor), Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford District secretary), and Mr. A. J. Stedman (churchwarden). Towers represented were Seale, Aldershot, Farnham, Bagshot, Alton, Yorktown, Llanstephan (Wales), S. Nicolas, Guildford, and West Clandon, the number present being 42.

The Secretary said apologies for absence had been received from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (general secretary of the Guild), who had to go to Bristol, Mr. G. Andrews, of Ash, and Canon W. H. Stuart, of Bagshot.

The district officers were re-elected, and Mr. F. Nye and Mr. T. Upshall were elected as ringing representatives on the executive committee. Mr. L. A. N. Muddell was elected honorary members' representative.

The Ringing Master reported progress in most towers, but he urged the members to encourage the younger ringers in their towers to take greater interest in change ringing. Six peals had been rung in the district—three at Farnham, one at Aldershot, one at Seale (fully muffled, in remembrance of the late Guild treasurer, Admiral T. P. Walker), and one at Bagshot by members of the Surrey Association.

The Secretary reported an increase in the number of ringing members from 108 to 128, but a decrease of hon. members from 32 to 27. The average attendance at the six district meetings which had been held was 34. The district regretted the loss through death of one hon. member, Mr. A. Grange, of Farnham, and one ringing member, Mr. Mark Downes, of Aldershot. Mr. Downes, who was only 26 years of age, died as the result of a motor-cycling accident in December. The district had also lost by removal one of its officers Lieut.-Col. H. M. Gale, M.C., who was appointed to a post in Egypt. Col. Gale was a ringing representative on the executive committee. Thanks were accorded Mr. T. A. Stroud for his continued services as organist at the meetings. A feature of the year was the increased membership of the Bentley band, subscriptions having been received from ten ringing members (applause).

The balance sheet showed an increased balance in hand from £13 15s. 8d. to £15 9s. 2d. The Chairman congratulated the district on its financial position in these difficult times.

It was resolved to hold meetings during 1933 at Seale, Aldershot, Ash, Hawley and Crondall, the dates to be arranged, and the annual meeting at Farnham on January 20th, 1934. The general officers of the Guild were renominated en bloc, the members expressing satisfaction at the spirit in which the Guild officers carried out their work.

One new hon. member, Mrs. T. Upshall, Farnham, was elected.

Mr. G. L. Grover explained the proposal to erect a memorial to the late Admiral Walker. Support was needed, he said, from all parts of the diocese, and he hoped the Farnham District would make a grant of, say, £3 3s. from its balance in hand.—It was finally decided to subscribe not less than £3 3s., and not more than £5 5s. from the funds, the actual amount being left to the district committee to decide if the scheme for the improvement of Woking bells goes forward.

Mr. P. L. Edridge proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and choir, Mr. Hasted and the local ringers, and also welcomed Mr. Stedman (hon. member) and Mr. Hardiman (of Alton).—Mr. Ewens seconded, and the motion was carried.

The tower was revisited at the close of the business, and good practice put in in the standard methods.

## LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

The following are the figures of the peal rung at Bispham, Lancs, on January 7th. The composer's name is unknown. Can any ringer supply the information?

23456 3rd W. 5th H.

35642	S	S
43652	—	3
46532	—	2
43562	—	3*
64532	—	3
36542	—	3
34562	—	3*

Four times repeated. The last of the three calls 3\* is a single.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## SOUTHERN BRANCH AND BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Grantham on Saturday, when ringers were present from Surfleet, including Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Guild), Bourne, Rippingale, Hough-on-the-Hill, Barkston, Sutton-on-Trent, Orston, Bottesford, Folkingham and Grantham. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was held, at which the members were addressed by Canon Markham (Rector of Grantham). Tea was served in the Church House, 26 sitting down.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Rector of Orston, presided.

Two new vice-presidents were elected, the Rev. C. D. Moore, Rector of Hough, and the Rev. C. Mahon, Rector of Colsterworth, and the officers (Ringing Master, Mr. H. M. Day, treasurer, Mr. A. I. Holmes, secretary, Mr. C. T. H. Bradley) were re-elected, together with the committee. Mr. J. Royce, of Grantham, was elected a performing member.

After a discussion Edenham was selected for the May meeting.

Mr. F. French proposed, and Mr. W. G. Thorpe seconded, that at all future meetings a collection be made in aid of Belfry Repairs Funds.—This proposal was unanimously accepted and will in future be adopted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Markham for the use of bells and the service. The meeting then concluded, and further ringing was indulged in.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

## NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICERS REAPPOINTED.

The annual district meeting was held at Leatherhead on Saturday, members attending from Ashted, Banstead, Beckenham, Beddington, Benhilton, Carshalton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Guildford, Leatherhead and Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul's and Christ Church).

Ringing commenced about four o'clock and continued until 5 p.m., when the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge, conducted a short service. Tea was arranged at the Institute, where 30 sat down to the usual substantial Leatherhead meal.

The business meeting followed immediately after tea, the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge presiding. Ten new members were elected, and it was a great pleasure to welcome Carshalton tower back to the association again.

The annual report and balance sheet were passed without comment.

Places for meetings for the coming year were decided on as follows: Easter Monday, St. Peter's, Croydon; May 27th, Egham; joint meeting with the Guildford Guild on July 29th at Ranmore Common; September 30th, Carshalton; November 25th, Ashted; and the annual district meeting on January 27th, 1934, at Clapham Park.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: District Master, Mr. A. W. Clark; treasurer, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; secretary, Mr. D. Cooper; and auditor, Mr. A. Gower. The three representatives on the committee were elected as follows: Mr. W. C. Smith, of Benhilton; Mr. J. Beams, of Ewell, and Mr. A. Dean, of Leatherhead.

The Secretary said he hoped to start the combined practices in February, and urged all members to attend as many as possible, and so ensure that they are a success. A full list of the practices will be sent to each tower in due course.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the services and presiding at the meeting, to the organist for playing at the service, and to Mr. A. Dean for making all necessary arrangements. A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the officers for their services during the past year. The tower was again visited, and ringing continued in a variety of methods.

## DEATH OF SUFFOLK VETERAN.

An old Suffolk ringer has passed away, after a short illness, in the person of Mr. George W. Mee, of Sproughton, Ipswich. He was elected a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association in the year 1879, and took part in several of the early Surprise peals, including the first of Cambridge, New Cambridge and London in Suffolk and Norfolk. He had rung upwards of 80 peals for the association, and was also a member of the Suffolk Guild. He had conducted peals on five, six and eight bells, and took part in a peal at Helmingham rung by eight Georges. His brother is another well-known Sproughton ringer, Mr. Charles Mee.

The funeral took place on Jan. 17th, when he was laid to rest in the churchyard at All Saints', Sproughton, in the presence of a large congregation, including many of his fellow ringers. At the conclusion of the service a course of Grand sire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Percy May 1-2, Frank Rolfe 3-4, Edgar Rivers 5-6 and Robert H. Brundle (the Ipswich veteran) 7-8.

On Sunday the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob by S. C. Moss 1, R. H. Brundle 2, F. Rolfe 3, H. J. Mee 4, E. Rivers 5, C. Mee (conductor) 6.



**'BELL TOWERS.'**

A lecture on 'BELL TOWERS' will be given by

E. H. LEWIS, ESQ., M.A.,

President of the Central Council,

At S. Nicolas' Hall, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 28th, following the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

All ringers are cordially invited. For other arrangements see Guildford Diocesan Guild notice.

**UNRUNG BELLS OF LLANSTEPHAN**  
RINGERS NOT ALLOWED TO RING.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—A peal of eight bells was given to Llanstephan Parish Church and the donor desired them to be rung regularly every Sunday. He brought down from London a band of College Youths to open the bells. They rang the old year of 1870 out and the new year (1871) in, and then on New Year's Day rang a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples. Those were great days for this pretty little seaside village, they say. To ensure the bells being rung as they were in his lifetime, his sister left a sum of money for the payment of the ringers.

The terms of the will were carried out to the letter until the churchyard wall was taken down for some reason, which was considered a sacrilege at that time. The ringers went on strike over that, and the bells were idle for two years, when the trustee compelled them to ring the bells once more. The local band then took up change ringing and succeeded in ringing a peal of 5,040 changes which, of course, was published in your paper.

Now we have a Vicar who does not like bells rung, as he said they were 'nothing but rowdiness.' The local ringers rang for his induction, and that is the way he thanks them. We raised the eight bells in peal, then rang Grandsire, then lowered them in peal, and the raising and falling was done almost perfectly. It was a credit to the captain and the ringers.

It was the captain who coached the local band in the art of change ringing, and it is hard on us all that we are not allowed to ring these bells at all. The bells are now being only chimed for services.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' will sympathise with bellringers who are not allowed to ring. I hope that a few bands will come down and ring our beautiful bells.

EDMUND J. MORRIS.

Llanstephan.

**THE BEQUEST.**

The will of the late Anne Parnall, of Llanstephan, dated November 26th, 1891, contained the following:—

'I give and bequeath the sum of £400 to the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being of the parish of Llanstephan aforesaid upon trust to invest the same upon Government securities of the United Kingdom, and apply the interest thereof at their discretion amongst such eight persons to be sober and respectable men as shall be employed by the said Vicar and Churchwardens as bellringers to ring the bells of the parish church of Llanstephan aforesaid, in such proportions and at such times as the Vicar and Churchwardens and their successors or the majority of them in case of difference may in their discretion think proper and expedient. And I declare that such last-mentioned bequest of £400 is made on condition that the aforesaid bells be rung in the usual course regularly on every Sunday, and in default thereof I give the said last-mentioned sum of £400 to the treasurer, for the time being, of the Carmarthen County Infirmary for the general purposes of the Infirmary.'

According to a letter which has appeared in a local newspaper it is stated that the bells have not been rung since September 2nd, 1928. Since that time the captain of the ringers has received £2 19s. 2d. for one year and 8s. 3d. for the following year, which he handed over to the Carmarthen Infirmary. As for the four years, £39 12s. has been received from the trust, the question is asked, What has become of the money every year, and, if the condition of the will is not fulfilled, why the money had not been handed over to the Infirmary?

**NOTICE.**

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, January 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 4.30.—D. Clarke, Dis. Sec.

**NOTICES.**

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1933 are now due and should be paid as early as possible.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Tea, Church Room, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horeley, Surrey.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, Guildford District, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at S. Nicolas' Hall, followed by lecture on 'Bell Towers' by E. H. Lewis, Esq., President of the Central Council.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clendon, near Guildford.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Burley on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available: Burley (8) 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. and St. Michael's, Headingley (8), 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Matthias', Burley, at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. General meeting afterwards. Guiseley, Horsforth and Haddon Place cars leave City Square, Leeds, at frequent intervals. Passengers to alight at Wolseley Road for Burley. Subscriptions now due.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, Rotherham. A presentation will be made to Mr. P. J. Johnson at this meeting, and it is hoped that a large and representative gathering will be present for this event.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, 41, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.30. St. Clement Danes' bells from 3 to 4.30. Members and friends heartily welcomed. The District Committee will meet in the St. Giles' Vestry at 4 p.m. All concerned, please note.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 5 p.m. Business meeting 6.30. Will all members try to attend.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. As the report and balance sheet for the past year will then be presented, it is important that as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Peak District.—Annual meeting at Bakewell, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Meeting at 5.30 p.m. for election of local officers and nomination of general officers. Will all Peak district ringers endeavour to be present?—A. G. Wallace, Hon. Sec. pro. tem., Moneyash Road, Bakewell.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Yateley, Hants.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The branch annual committee meeting will be held at the address below on Saturday, Jan. 28th, at 3 p.m., one representative from each tower attending, if possible. The bells at Stoke Poges will be available for all ringers at 6 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Gamston on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Please make effort to attend, as there is special business to discuss.—W. Revill and R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bath Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance of members is requested. — Theo Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath, Som.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cropredy on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service in church 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting. Subscriptions for 1933 are due. Please notify attendance for tea.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deddington, Oxon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham and Pevensey on Saturday, Jan. 28th. West Ham tower will be open from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business will be held at the Royal Oak, Pevensey, at 5.15 p.m. (1s. 3d. per head). Pevensey bells available from 6 o'clock. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1s. 6d.). —A. C. Pankhurst, Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells, Somerset.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follows. For tea advise E. F. Creed, Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

**SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (12) available 2.30. Service at 5.15. Tea (1s. per head) at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting. All requiring tea must notify Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next meeting will be held at Wisbech (10 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. — E. Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford Branch.—Annual meeting at Sleaford, Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting. All ringers welcome.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Ringing at Fulham, All Saints', 3 to 5 only. Tea for first 16 names at 'Fielders,' High Street, 5.15. Business and further ringing at St. Paul's, Hammersmith, 6.30. Late applicants may obtain tea at Lyons, Queen Street, Hammersmith. A welcome for all. — J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Meeting in Clergy House at 6. Members make own arrangements for tea. Cafés near church. A good attendance at this meeting is requested. — E. Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Wickham Market on Jan. 28th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage Hut, 1/- each, at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday, January 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting at Pulham Market tomorrow at 5.15 p.m. Bells from 3 o'clock.—Nolan Golden, Hon. Branch Sec., 39, Winter Road, Norwich.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which enables members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before the 28th inst. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on February 2nd (8 p.m.), \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th, St. Magnus' on the 9th and 23rd, \*The Coffee Pot on the 21st (8 p.m.), the others at 7.30 p.m. \* Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The memorial to the Rev. H. Law James, in the form of two trebles added to the peal of 10 at Surfleet, will be dedicated by Canon G. W. Jeudwine, Sub-Dean of Lincoln and President of the Guild, on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Dedication and memorial service at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome. The 10 bells available all day, the 12 open after service. Tea provided, only for those applying not later than Tuesday, Jan. 31st. — R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—First meeting of the newly-formed Central (South) Division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, 5.15, followed by business meeting.—J. M. Cripps, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) in the Church House after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 31st. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Honiton on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8) Tea and meeting, 5 p.m., Carlton Café. Service, St. Paul's Church, 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Everybody welcome. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, February 1st, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, New Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, February 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. All subscriptions are due.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec., 8, Regent Street, Bacup.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 at the King's Head Hotel, followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify the undersigned? All ringers welcome.—George Case, Hon. Sec., 22, Severn Street, Bridgnorth.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing from 3 till 5, and 6.30 till 8. Tea (1s.) and meeting at 5 p.m. Will members please note that subscriptions for 1933 (1s. 6d.) are now due. A good meeting is hoped for.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at five. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempstord Road, Sandy.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District. —The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Dunstable, on Saturday, February 4th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by the meeting. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Annual meeting at Whitechurch, Saturday, February 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Business meeting follows. Notify Mr. H. Clarke, London Street, Whitechurch, for tea by February 1st.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

**HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Hawkhurst on Saturday, February 4th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton (6) on Saturday, February 4th. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting to follow. Holt (6) available during the evening. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Peter's Church, Hindley. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. Wm. Blackledge, 37, Platt Lane, Hindley, not later than Wednesday, February 1st. Meeting at 6 p.m.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on February 4th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea and business after. I hope we may have a nice number attending, old friends and new.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport and Bowdon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. George's, Stockport, on Saturday, February 4th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please notify Mr. H. Jackson, 81, Beech Road, Stockport, by Tuesday, January 31st.—T. Wilde, Hon. Sec.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 4th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m., kindly provided by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, February 4th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each to those who notify Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, near Sheffield, not later than February 2nd. A welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

**DEVON GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ide, February 11th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors attending please notify me by February 5th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow Common on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Service at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me. — H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—**Great Handbell Competition.**—On Saturday, Feb. 11th, at annual general meeting and annually on such occasions, a competition will take place on handbells. Local towers are invited to send a band of L.C.A. members, who may compete by ringing a course of Triples of any method they themselves prefer. A splendid challenge cup will be presented, by the kindness of F. E. Dawe, Esq., and it is expected that a very happy, if exciting, gathering will result. All members wishing to compete may receive further particulars from Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 15, Camden Grove, Peckham, S.E.15.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A combined meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Lincolnshire District) and the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d. per head at Sun Hotel, 5 p.m. Visitors kindly advise H. Morgan, 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough, by the Wednesday previous. — Mrs. R. Richardson and H. Morgan, Dis. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The district annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, about 6 p.m., in the Church Hall, 1s. each. If possible, notify me accordingly before February 7th. Subscriptions thankfully received.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 98, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 11th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and the usual business meeting at the Institute. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, early in the week? — A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-East Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Tey on February 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Frequent bus service Colchester and Braintree. Route within one mile of church. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 8th.—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present kindly send word to Mr. W. E. Clarke, 70a, Norfolk Street, Boston, not later than February 8th?

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—By permission of Rev. J. Hilton-Spratt, the spring meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, February 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members' subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 45th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the

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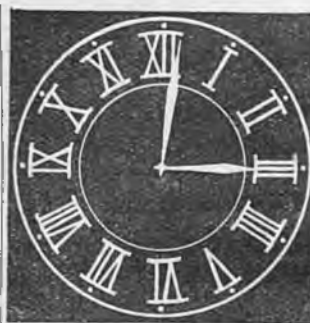
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