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IS IT WORTH IT?

Last year, according to the records published in 'The Ringing World,' 2,181 peals were rung. This is not a record number, but it is the highest total since the war. The peak year for peals was 1913, when 2,358 were rung, and we are creeping on again towards this stupendous level. Peals rung in such large numbers indicate, on the surface, a certain advance in the art of ringing, but examined more closely it may be—we cannot say definitely because comparative figures are not available—but it may be that actual progress has not been as real as the totals indicate. It is recognised that peal ringing is one of the best means of promoting efficiency in the art, but in these ever growing figures is there an equivalent increase in the number of ringers who take part in the peals, or is it that more men, already peal ringers, are ringing more peals? If in a ten per cent. increase in the total peals rung there has been a ten per cent. increase in the number of peal ringers we should at least be holding our own in seeking by this means to raise the efficiency of the Exercise in the mass, but unless this ratio is maintained we should fall short of that which, in the main, should be the object of peal ringing, and which is its chief justification.

Again, the increased amount of peal ringing *demands* an increased standard of striking as well as of method ringing, and in this connection it may once more be well to pause and ask, in the recent words of the President of the Central Council, whether, in many instances, in the desire to score peals, 'the art of ringing methods has rather run away from the art of good striking'? One good peal is worth twenty bad ones and we always admire the man who, when he finds bad ringing apparently incapable of improvement, has the courage to set up his bell. It ought not in these days to be peals at any price; there is little credit to the band who ring a bad peal and they can get little satisfaction from seeing their names attached to it.

It is quite certain that the majority of change-ringers are not as particular over their striking as are the men who, in the West Country, think so proudly—and justifiably, too—of their rising, falling, and round ringing. Some change ringers are wont to despise the doings of these men, but even allowing for the extra difficulty of accurately placing a bell in method ringing, we are convinced that the general standard of striking is well below that of these 'set-change' ringers—a point which, incidentally, was brought out in a communication which we printed last week. The number of peals rung may be an indication of increased or sustained interest in the higher form of the art of ringing, but quality is more essential than quantity. We know that as long as

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there is not a definite break-up in the ringing, there is a great temptation to keep going, despite indifferent striking. in the hope that the ringing may improve, but, when one considers it in cold blood, is it worth it when the ringing is poor, let alone bad? Unless peal ringing has the definite aim of improving the standard of striking it loses more than half its value.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 14, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW, E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

RALPH R. MACKRILL ... Treble	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JACK WAUGH ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	WILLIAM ESSERY ... 8
*RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 4	HARRY MANCE ... 9
JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on ten bells. Rung by officers and committee of the above association.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	REGINALD T. NEWMAN ... 6
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 2	CHARLES S. BORDEN ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 8
PERCY E. CLARK ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... 9
FRANCIS C. SHORTER ... 5	WILLIAM K. NORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 3, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WHITECHAPEL, E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN ... Treble	JOSEPH MARKS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
ERNEST FURBANK ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. First peal of Surprise on the bells, and rung at the first attempt by this band. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. D. Smith.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF S. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*BASIL ROLLINSON ... Treble	†VICTOR GLASS ... 5
†WILLIAM BUTLER ... 2	†JOHN REDGEWELL ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	†WILLIAM S. BUTLER ... 7
WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS ... 4	CHARLES BUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now 'circled' this tower, which makes ten in which he has done this. He is the first ringer to reach double figures. Rung as a farewell to the late Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Campbell), who is shortly taking up the living of St. John's, Colchester.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 13, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

*ERNEST PERCIVAL Treble	BERTIE WEBB 5
HERBERT WEBB 2	*GEORGE EVANS 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	JOSEPH DYER 7
*HARRY GARROD 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. The conductor has now 'circled' this tower, making 11 in all.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARCHIE MITCHELL Treble	HARRY MORTEMORE 3
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 2	FRANK PICKERING 6
F. CLIFFORD WILSON 3	GEORGE LUKE 7
ALBERT FIRTH 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES R. GOODBOURN ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
*FRANK WALKER 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First Surprise peal, at first attempt.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	WILLIAM BUTTON 5
MRS. BAKER 2	WILLIAM TICKNER 6
ROBERT EDWARDS 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	THOMAS G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by K. PATTENDEN.

Rung especially as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Pattenden.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ROBERT THOMAS Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON 5
G. WILFRED SLACK 2	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 6
LEONARD DRAKE 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
HAROLD WALKER 4	JOHN MARSHALL Tenor

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung in honour of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorks Association, having been made an honorary canon of Ripon, and also in honour of the completion by the president of twenty-one years in that position.

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HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 19, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DAVENTRY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

This peal was rung to replace the false one, rung on December 12th, 1932. A birthday compliment to Mrs. Walter Whiting, mother of the ringers of 2nd and 6th, who attained her 83rd birthday on January 17th.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM H. JOINERS Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
HERBERT LANGDON 3	FRANK CORKE 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4	JAMES H. LUCAS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
FREDERICK J. STEELE 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the happy event of the gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams, of Chester, son-in-law and daughter of the ringer of the 3rd, who belongs to Manchester. Also a birthday peal for S. Jones.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	ROBERT SWIFT 5
KEITH HART 2	Cecil NICE 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 4.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST COX Treble	GLYN SHAW 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN J. WEBB 6
ALFRED T. POULTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ARTHUR ALFORD 4	EDWIN H. FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

SPELDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY TAYLOR Treble	PHILIP S. THOMPSON 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
RICHARD D. DIVALL 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
H. DENNIS FORD 4	ALEC RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALEC RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

*JAMES T. STEVENS Treble	LIONEL J. COLLUM 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 6
JOHN S. MORTON 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by LIONEL J. COLLUM.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the new Parish Hall, the ceremony taking place while the peal was in progress.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Society, BARKING.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

DAVID C. R. WARDELL ... Treble	ROWLAND FENN 5
HENRY E. PARKER 2	EDWIN G. MOORE 6
SIDNEY J. HOLGATE 3	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 7
CALEB FENN 4	ERNEST G. COTTIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CALIB FENN.

First peal and first attempt by the treble. First in the method by 3rd and 6th. Rung as a birthday compliment to churchwarden H. E. Parker, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns. The band were afterwards entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Parker at their residence.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(Oldham and District Society.)

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

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK LAWTON Treble	STEPHEN L. PARRY 5
FRED DUNKERLEY 2	*ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 6
*JAMES LEES 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
†JOSEPH OGDEN 4	ALFRED WAITES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in method. † First peal in method for 20 years.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 25, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF ASHTAD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	*WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
EDWARD S. T. FARR 3	RONALD H. BULLEN 7
*WILLIAM WELLING 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE MARRINER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method in the county of Middlesex, and by the association. A birthday compliment to Miss Davis.

HADDENHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First Surprise peal on the bells, a complete ring of eight, cast by Briant, Hertford, in 1809. Thanks are expressed to Mr. Chapman, towerkeeper, and the Rector, for their welcome to the band.

NEWHEY.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

STEPHEN L. PARRY ... Treble	JOHN H. C. MASSEY 5
ARTHUR F. TAYLOR 2	HAROLD HAMER 6
FRED DUNKERLEY 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 7
*GEORGE BARLOW 4	*HARRY MELLOR Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 27, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

*ROBERT T. CUMMINGS ... Treble	JOHN ANDERSON 5
*EDWIN JENNINGS 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 6
KENNETH A. NICHOLSON ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
*CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 4	ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. Jennings, of Kendal.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

*AMBROSE MASON ... Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
*ALFRED G. G. THURLOW ... 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
FRANK G. RINGE 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
PERCY GREEN 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Surprise Major. Rung as the monthly peal for the division.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

KRITH HART ... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
KENNETH SNELLING 2	ROBERT SWIFT 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH, St. GILES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... Treble	ARTHUR BAILY 5
*WILFRED OSBORNE 2	PERCY DYKE 6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 3	LEONARD T. OSBORNE 7
EDGAR HUMFREY 4	ALFRED JEFFERY Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ARTHUR BAILY.

* First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. This peal was rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon F. J. C. Gillmor. Also a birthday peal to the ringer of the tenor.

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SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WENDOVER, HUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH-BUCKS BRANCH.)

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FREDERICK J. BOLTON ... Treble	ERNEST G. STEVENS ... 4
EDWARD C. AYRES ... 2	WILFRED EDWARDS ... 5
EDGAR G. SWIFT ... 3	WILLIAM E. REDRUP ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. REDRUP.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. This peal contained no 6.5's at backstroke.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN E. WOODCOCK ... Treble	PERCY SINDEN ... 4
ARTHUR WENBAN ... 2	FREDERICK WOOLWAY ... 5
JOHN P. COX ... 3	ROBERT COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT COLLINS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of the treble ringer, who kindly entertained the band to tea at the conclusion of the peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, York, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILLIAM NEAL ... Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
*WILLIAM V. BENNETT ... 2	ROGER W. DANIELS ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... 3	†JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise peal. † First seven-method Surprise peal. Rung at the second attempt.

WHITTINGTON-IN-LONSDALE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

ERNEST SWAIN ... Treble	GEORGE H. GRAYSTON ... 4
RICHARD RAINFORD ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 5
*ERNEST GRAYSTON ... 3	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHWAITE.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. J. Hodgkin) for his hospitality after the peal.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twelve different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... 4
ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2	*JACK ROY ... 5
WALTER H. POOLE ... 3	†WALTER E. PRIDDLE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal. First of Stedman Doubles as conductor.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

KENNETH HOLMES ... Treble	FRANK WILSON ... 4
JIM TEHAY ... 2	THOMAS JEFFERSON ... 5
*HECTOR T. WOODBURN ... 3	HUBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. JEFFERSON.

* First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. All are service ringers at Windermere Parish Church.

EASTWELL PARK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's, being two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

*CLIVE GORE ... Treble	WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 4
*VICTOR G. RICHARDS ... 2	JOSEPH T. PACK ... 5
WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

* First peal. First peal in three methods by all.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*ARTHUR K. BOLTON ... Treble	FREDERICK W. DAVIES ... 4
SMITH WOOD ... 2	JAMES F. SMITH ... 5
MRS. G. R. EDWARDS ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all. The compositions contain all the 5.6's, 112 4.6's, 96 3.6's, and 96 2.6's at backstroke. There were 202 bobs and 18 singles.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 22, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*NORL K. FOAKES ... Treble	WILLIAM STIFF ... 4
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 2	CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 5
WALTER HONEYWOOD ... 3	STANLEY G. MOSS ... Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. MOSS.

* First peal.

SUTTON BONNINGTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Stedman, 12 Plain Bob, 20 Grandsire.

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

PERCY J. SUTTON ... Treble	JOHN W. BOOTH ... 3
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 2	FELIX J. SUTTON ... 4
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells, which have been five since 1849. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Robert A. G. Tilney, son of Col. and Mrs. Arthur Tilney, of Sutton Bonnington Hall, to Miss Frances Moore Barclay, of New York, which took place during the week at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Mr. Tilney is a godson of the Queen.

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

On Saturday, January 28, 1933, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob.

DENNIS R. MORRIS Treble	FRED HAWKES 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	CYRIL TANSSELL 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

**BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

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

AT THE VESTRY HALL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, January 18, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. G. RASHBROOKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE RASHBROOKE 1-2	WILLIAM CHALK 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	WILLIAM DENT 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

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The Rev. A. W. Markby said that all the credit was due to the ladies; the members of the branch were always welcome at St. Peter's.

The quarterly meetings were fixed to be held at Buckland Newton, Wyke Regis, and Frampton, and the annual meeting at Dorchester: by-meetings will be arranged at Bere Regis (by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Bedford) and Charminster. It was left to the secretary to fix suitable dates.

New members were elected as follows: Ringing members, Messrs. Groombridge and Lock (Dorchester St. Peter's), H. Runyard and A. Dorey (Wool), H. Townsend (Frampton), W. A. Smith and F. Ellory (Bradford Peverell); associate members, Mrs. D. Barrett and Mrs. A. Gifford (Sydling), Mr. and Mrs. Dawes (Wyke Regis).

The Rev. A. S. Bryant said there were four bells at Preston, and it was hoped to get a fifth, and the four members would like to join the branch; probably this number would be made up to eight.

It was unanimously resolved to admit them as members, and the Hon. Secretary said that Preston would be a new tower in the branch list.

HERVEY BEAMS MEMORIAL.

The Rev. E. S. Tarrant was re-elected chairman; Mr. G. T. White (Dorchester) and Mr. G. R. Runyard (Bradford Peverell) was re-elected as Ringing Master and Deputy Ringing Master respectively.

The members unanimously re-elected Mr. C. H. Jennings as hon. secretary.

The Chairman said that the branch owed more to Mr. Jennings than to anyone else. There were two words that summed up his work—enthusiasm and efficiency (applause).—Mr. Jennings made a suitable acknowledgment.

The Chairman tendered sincere thanks to the Rector of St. Peter's for taking the service and allowing the use of the bells, to the organist, choir boys, and organ blower, to the ladies of St. Peter's for their excellent arrangements for the tea, and to Messrs. J. T. Godwin and J. Smith for helping. He also welcomed visitors from North Dorset, Evershot, Bournemouth and Poole.

It was resolved to make a donation of 10s. towards the fund for repairing Charminster Church bells, for which the Rural Dean expressed grateful thanks; and an honorarium of £2 2s. was voted to Mr. Jennings in appreciation of his services.

The Rev. R. H. Gundry congratulated the branch on having the Rev. E. S. Tarrant as chairman, also on the progress that had been made, and on the fact that the finances were in a sound condition. They could look forward to the ensuing year with a great deal of confidence, and he wished them every success and happiness. The reverend gentleman also mentioned that the Hervey Beams memorial had taken the form of an oak choir stall in Bradpole Church, with a suitable inscription, and he had been asked to dedicate it on Saturday, February 25th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH COMES OF AGE.

This year sees the coming-of-age of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and a specially large gathering was present at the annual meeting on Saturday, Jan. 14th. In the afternoon good use was made of the bells of St. Peter's and Fordington St. George Churches prior to a service at the former church. It was conducted by the Rector (Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby), who preached an appropriate sermon.

After the service tea was partaken of at St. Peter's Institute, the arrangements being ably carried out by a band of ladies connected with that church.

The annual meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Rev. E. S. Tarrant (Rector of Wool and chairman of the branch), who was supported by Mr. R. N. Dawes (Mayor of Dorchester and a former chairman of the branch), Revs. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Salisbury Guild), D. F. Slembeck, R.D. (Charminster), A. Wilkinson Markby, A. S. Bryant (Upwey), J. Wynne Werninck (Sydling), and A. F. Godley (Bradford Peverell and Stratton), and Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis, hon. secretary).

The Chairman said it was the 21st birthday of the Dorchester Branch, and it was keeping up its reputation, for the past year had been a record both as regards meetings and membership. The branch desired to convey sincere congratulations to the former chairman, Mr. R. N. Dawes, on the great honour that had been conferred upon him by his election as Mayor of Dorchester, and his presence at this annual meeting was very welcome (applause). On that the 21st anniversary of the branch he would ask them to stand in silence in memory of past members, especially those who died in the Great War.

Following an impressive silence, the Chairman said that on behalf of his brethren he took the opportunity of reminding themselves of the fact that bellringing was a very important bit of work to the service of God and His Holy Church upon earth, and on behalf of the clergy he wanted to express their deep and sincere appreciation for the regular ringing that went on in the parishes throughout the course of the year. Very often this bit of church work was taken for granted, but if the bells did not happen to ring on a particular Sunday he expected that a good many questions would be asked in our parishes. The work that was done by the ringers was very much valued.

One unfortunate thing, he continued, about which there had been a little bit of criticism was as to the ringing of bells. While it was all very sad, they did not want, of course, to cause any annoyance. Recently there had been two cases where people had objected to the ringing of the church bells. All things might be lawful, but they might not always be expedient, and so for their own sakes as well as for other people let them exercise consideration and moderation in that connection.

INCREASED MEMBERSHIP.

The Hon. Secretary, in his annual report, said: 'This year completes the coming of age of the branch. A review of the work during the past year shows that it is still progressing. The interest and attendance and good fellowship at the meetings have been well maintained. We have held the largest number of meetings in the history of the branch, and besides these meetings practically every tower was represented at the jubilee festival of the whole Guild at Salisbury. We also visited every tower in the branch. Our membership shows an increase of 18, with the record total of 144. We are pleased to say that at Charminster the bells are being overhauled, and hope that sufficient funds will be forthcoming to add another bell to this beautiful church. Change ringing is progressing slowly, but special mention must be made of the fine progress at Buckland Newton and Sydling. A new feature took place during the year. While the members were on their way to Buckland Newton a halt was made at Puddletrenthide, where the church was visited and the old bells inspected, and the Vicar (Rev. R. L. Beyer) kindly read a paper on the church and bells, which was greatly appreciated. The bells at almost every church in the branch were rung for the anniversary of the jubilee festival. We heartily congratulate our late chairman (Mr. R. N. Dawes) on being elected as Mayor of Dorchester, and we extend to him our best wishes for a happy year of office.' After referring with regret to the departure of the Rev. C. D. Job (Vicar of West Lulworth), an old member and also a ringer, who took the greatest interest in the Guild, and the death of Captain J. E. Acland, who was a keen student of change ringing, a past Master and a vice-president of the Guild, the Secretary thanked those who had hospitably entertained the branch, and the various incumbents for their readiness in granting permission for the use of their bells. He added his own thanks for the personal help given him by Mr. J. W. Smith (St. Peter's, Dorchester), Mr. W. Shute, who was greatly assisted in instructing some of the members in change ringing, and the Rev. A. S. Bryant for auditing the accounts.

The financial statement showed total receipts of £38 18s. 10d., including a balance brought forward from the previous year of £9 13s. 7d. The expenditure totalled £26 2s., so that the present balance in hand is £12 16s. 10d.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. W. Markby for the excellent arrangements for the service that afternoon, and also for welcoming the members again in the Institute.

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THE DEVON GUILD. RINGERS WORK AT BRIXHAM.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Churston and Brixham on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Exeter, Brampford Speke, Clyst St. George, Dean Prior, Buckfastleigh, Paignton, and Brixham, etc. The bells of both churches were well utilised during the afternoon, some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung.

A hearty service was held at Brixham Church, conducted by the Rev. F. J. S. Morris (Vicar). During the singing of the second hymn the choir proceeded to the tower, where the recent improvements to the belfry, etc., were dedicated by the Rev. E. S. Powell, president of the Guild, who assisted in the service. The rev. gentleman afterwards gave the address, basing his remarks on the parable of the changing of water into wine.—At the conclusion of the service a collection was taken for the Branch Instruction Fund.

After the service a bountiful tea was served in the schoolroom, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton, of Torquay (chairman). The annual report was presented and adopted. It showed that there had been a slight decrease in membership, and that they had lost by death a valued member in Mr. F. T. Gover, of Torquay. A tablet to his memory had been erected in Paignton Parish Church tower. Four members had taken part in a peal at Ashburton during the past year.

Messrs. F. J. Laxton and H. J. Hole were re-elected chairman and secretary respectively, many tributes being paid to their past services. It was pointed out that with one exception Mr. Hole had remained in office longer than any other branch official.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Teignmouth on Saturday, May 13th, St. Michael's Church to be the headquarters.

Mr. A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh) reported that the South-West Branch had recommended that a joint meeting of the South-West and Mid-Devon Branches be held at Buckfastleigh and Buckfast Abbey on Saturday, March 18th, and he proposed that this be confirmed.—This was seconded by Mr. C. F. Austin, of Paignton, and carried.

The chairman extended a welcome to the visitors from other branches, to which the Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke) and Mr. W. Richardson (Exeter) suitably replied.

The Chairman also proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Higher Brixham for the use of the bells and for the service, and to the organist and choir boys for their attendance. He also thanked the ladies for the excellent tea, and tributes were paid to Mr. A. Taylor, of Brixham, and his energetic band of ringers.—Mr. Taylor

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Portsmouth on Saturday, January 21st, when members attended from Alverstoke, Fareham, Gosport, Hambledon, Isle of Wight, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore, Fitchfield, Winchester, Wickham, and a visitor from St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London. The Guild's service was held in the Cathedral, at which the Rev. A. F. Smethurst, officiating in the absence of the Provost, was supported by the Rev. E. B. James.

After tea in the Church Hall, the business meeting was held, the Rev. A. F. Smethurst taking the chair. The secretary's report and the balance sheet for the year were duly passed by the members. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Chairman, Rev. E. B. James; secretary, Mr. A. T. Greenwood; Central Committee representatives, Messrs. R. J. Stone and F. S. Bayley; auditor, Mr. H. Reynolds.

The retiring chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone, and Central Committee representative, Mr. F. A. Burnett, were thanked for their past services.

Miss A. M. Eager (Cathedral) was elected a ringing member, and Mr. R. Rawlings (Beckenham) a compounding member.—Swanmore was selected as the next meeting place, the date to be April 22nd.

The Rev. E. B. James appealed to the members to support 'The Ringing World,' so that with an increased circulation the paper could be made larger and contain other items of interest.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Provost for the use of bells, Rev. A. F. Smethurst for his excellent address, the organist and the caterers.—The Rev. A. F. Smethurst suitably responded. The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, which consisted of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

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suitably responded, and gave a description of what had been carried out by the ringers at Brixham Church. He pointed out that they had been responsible for repainting the walls and ceiling in the belfry, and putting electric light in the steps as well as in the church. The lady ringers had also polished the floors and provided mats. It was also mentioned that they had erected an oak screen at the west end of the church, and had erected the altar steps. They had given their labour, and had also raised £40. The cost to the Church Council had only been £10. This was considered highly complimentary, and Brixham can now boast of one of the best belfries in the county.

Further ringing took place at Brixham in the evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge, Suffolk, have been removed from the tower after long service, and are now to be recast and rebung. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

All eight were cast in 1779 by Thomas Osborne, of Downham, Norfolk, in place of a ring of six cast in the previous century, three by Miles Grey and three by John Darbie.

The bells will be rebung in a metal frame carried on steel girders, and will be 17ft. lower in the tower than previously.

In addition to the restoration of the bells, at the expense of a generous donor, the clock mechanism is to be put into order so that tunes will be played every three hours.

We are informed that all who see the photograph of the gathering at the Bristol United Guilds' dinner, published in the 'Bristol Evening World,' will be able to solve the problem as to why a noted West Country ringer has such a fine record for being first out of the tower after a peal.

Will all those attending the Henry Johnson Dinner at Birmingham on the 25th inst., who intend staying the night, kindly note that arrangements have been made with the management of the Woolpack Hotel, Moor Street, to provide bed and breakfast for 6s. 6d. each person? Early application should be made, as owing to the British Industries Fair being held at that time hotel accommodation is very limited.

Mr. William Keeble, the Essex enthusiast, has now rung each bell to a peal in eleven towers. He holds the record in this respect. During the Christmas and new year period he rang 16 peals in three weeks, with 51 ringers. Is this another record?

Mr. J. Phillips, of Butterwick (hon. secretary, Eastern Branch, Lincoln Diocesan Guild), desires to convey his great appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Messrs. Chester, Freeman and Walden, members of the Cathedral band, for frequent visits paid during his stay in the Bromhead Nursing Home at Lincoln.

Pressure on our space has compelled us to hold over several reports and letters to the Editor.

YORKSHIRE VILLAGE BELLS.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

The present eight bells at the Parish Church at Campsall, near Doncaster, have now been out of use for nearly three years, as a sum of £350 is required to put these in a safe and satisfactory condition. Campsall is only a small village in South Yorkshire, but the parishioners have been successful in raising £159 18s. 9d. to date with the object of restoring their bells. At present money is coming in very slowly, no doubt due to the prevailing economic conditions in agricultural districts, and therefore an effort is being made to solicit outside help. If there are any readers of this appeal who would like to help this ancient Parish Church (more than seven hundred years old) donations will be gratefully received by the treasurer, Mr. J. H. Smith, 71, Craithie Road, Town Moor, Doncaster, and will be personally acknowledged.

A VANCOUVER BROADCAST.

The bells of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, were broadcast at midnight on New Year's Eve through Station C.Y.O.R., Vancouver, B.C. It was practically the first meeting of the ringers for two years, and it was decided not to attempt too much. Before midnight they were content with a number of good rounds with the clappers half-muffled, those taking part being Arthur King 1, George W. Foster (conductor) 2, Andy Lomas 3, Fred W. Hird 4, George Roberts 5, Matthew Bennett 6, William Sampson 7, R. Tapper 8, whilst Mr. A. C. Limpus, discharging the duties of steeplekeeper to cast off the muffles just before the hour of the new year struck, was up among the bells. To herald the new year, a perfect course of Grandsire Triples was rung, and it was thought best to do no other change ringing for the broadcast. Afterwards, however, some good touches were rung. Mr. Davis and Mr. Bailey were also in the tower.

GRANDSIRE OR ST. DUNSTAN'S?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the current issue of 'The Ringing World' is recorded a peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Ipswich, Suffolk, being 42 different callings, with extremes. Also a peal of Doubles rung at Whitley-on-Wye, which included 720 of St. Dunstan's.

As it is the practice in some parts of the country to describe 120's with extremes as St. Dunstan's Doubles, I shall be glad if, among the many readers of your valuable paper, an answer will be given to my query—Grandsire or St. Dunstan's?

A. LEARNER.

[While it is true that a plain lead of St. Dunstan's is an 'Extreme' in Grandsire, extents of the latter cannot be described as St. Dunstan's, if any bobs or plain leads are used. The ordinary Grandsire single is the bob in St. Dunstan's, so that it is possible to ring an extent of Grandsire, by using singles and extremes only, in which the changes would occur in the same order as in an extent of St. Dunstan's.—Ed. 'R.W.']

THE LAW JAMES MEMORIAL. BELLS TO BE DEDICATED AT SURFLEET TO-MORROW.

The two treble bells which have been placed in the tower at Surfleet Church, Lincs, as a memorial to the late Rev. H. Law James, are to be dedicated to-morrow afternoon, when a large gathering of ringers is expected. The ceremony will be performed by Canon G. W. Jeudwine, president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The bells have been installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who cast the four trebles of the existing ten. The bells were in two tiers, the two trebles being in the upper framework. Additional framework in the upper tier has been installed, and in this section now hang the two trebles of the twelve and the 4th and 5th of the twelve.

Surfleet now possesses the lightest ringing twelve in the country, the tenor being only 12 cwt. 9 lb.



SURFLEET CHURCH AND ITS LEANING TOWER.

The new bells have been cast in the medieval style, in like manner to the four trebles of the ten installed in 1913, and the lettering is of the same kind. Each bears the inscription:—

TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN MEMORY OF
HENRY LAW JAMES, M.A.,
1932.

A memorial tablet, cast in bell metal by Messrs. Taylor and Co., has been placed in the belfry, and will be unveiled during the service. It bears the inscription:—

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BRANCE OF THE REV. HENRY LAW JAMES, SOME-
TIME MASTER, AND IN APPRECIATION OF HIS WORK
FOR THE GUILD AND FOR THE ART OF RINGING. 1933.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. P. J. JOHNSON.

At the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Burley, on Saturday, when about one hundred members and friends were present, and the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, was re-elected for a further term of three years, Mr. P. J. Johnson, who has recently retired from the office of hon. secretary, was presented with a clock in recognition of his devoted services to the association for sixteen years.

A full report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT'S HEALTHY FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday last, was favoured with exceptionally fine weather, and in consequence was a very pleasant event. The bells were kept going from 2.30 onwards to the best advantage, and the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) took his usual great care that everybody had a 'pull,' whether they aspired to the dizzy heights of Spliced Surprise or were content with the more simple pleasures of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Mr. William Pye took charge at St. Clement Dances in the afternoon, and Stedman and Grandsire Cateters were the favourite methods on this fine peal of ten.

The service was well attended, and the Rector (Rev. A. H. Lloyd), after welcoming the association to St. Giles', preached a very interesting sermon. An excellently served high tea was partaken of at the Express Dairy close by, and afterwards the business meeting was held. Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president) took the chair, and included in the large company were Mr. W. Pye (Association Master), Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president, South and West District), Mr. W. H. Oram (treasurer), Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), and many well-known ringers.

The balance sheet was submitted by the treasurer, who drew attention to one or two special items, and congratulated the members that in a year of heavy expenditure there was a balance of £1 13s. 7d. on the right side on the year's working, whilst the total assets of the district amounted to £108 10s. 4d. The Hon. Secretary drew attention to the transfer of £3 to the Central Fund in connection with the association's donation to the Stedman memorial, and also the district's own contribution of £1 1s., these items being non-recurring, and stated that it showed a healthy state of affairs that the district could afford these sums without showing a loss. Members were, however, reminded that the War Stock would carry a lower rate of interest in future.—The balance sheet was adopted.

Eight new members were elected, and the whole of the retiring officers were re-elected, being proposed by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. H. Kilby.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hornsey in March, and the next annual meeting at Edmonton.

The Hon. Secretary stated that a special practice had been arranged at St. James', Clerkenwell, at 7.30 on Friday, February 10th, to which all members were invited. He also drew the attention of members to several interesting publications at present 'on the market.' There was 'The Ringer's Handbook,' by the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, in two editions; 'Cambridge Surprise,' by W. A. Cave; 'Cambridge Minor and Major,' by K. Quick; 'Grandsire Doubles and Triples' and 'Bob Minor and Major,' both by I. H. Roe and M. Broome. The Secretary recommended all these publications, and said he would be glad to obtain copies for any member requiring them. Mr. Coles also urged greater support for 'The Ringing World,' without which ringing generally would suffer, and the work of secretaries made much harder.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Giles' (Rev. A. H. Lloyd) for his address and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Dances) for the bells at that church; to the towerkeepers and to others who had contributed to the success of the meeting. This was carried unanimously.

Upwards of 70 ringers attended this meeting, and, although not a record, this fine attendance is a great encouragement. It is hoped that it will be repeated at all district meetings. The ringing generally was very good, all the standard methods from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise being rung, with a couple of well-struck touches of Spliced Surprise Major, which it is sincerely hoped will be an inspiration to many to persevere in.

A WEST DORSET ACHIEVEMENT.

At Lyme Regis, Dorset, on January 25th, at St. Michael's Church for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstaun's) in 48 mins.: S. J. Philbrick 1, C. W. H. Powell 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 4, G. H. Whitmore 5, F. Price 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, W. G. Sartin 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by the ringers of 1, 3, 7 and 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman ever rung by a local band in West Dorset. Rung also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Goldhanger, Essex, in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. B. Gardner (son of the Rector) and Miss W. J. Nelson, on January 19th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent and 180 Plain Bob, was rung: W. J. White 1, A. Appleton 2, E. J. Shynn 3, F. W. Shynn 4, C. J. Mann 5, B. C. Mann (conductor) 6. The wedding took place at All Saints', Ennismore Gardens, London. The bridegroom has been ringing at Goldhanger for several years. As he is now removing from the village, he will be greatly missed in the tower, especially for service ringing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY ACTIVITIES.

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 21st, and was, as usual, largely attended. During the afternoon and evening ringing took place at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches, the service being held at St. Paul's, where the Rector delivered an appropriate address, based on the words, 'Hearing a voice but seeing no man' (Acts ix. 7). During the service, at which the Rector officiated, the three deceased members of the branch were remembered. These were Messrs. W. Elsley, Wargrave; H. Watts, Sandhurst; and S. C. Adams, Wokingham, St. Paul's.

A collection for the Branch Restoration Fund amounted to £1 2s. 8d. Tea was then partaken of in St. Paul's Parish Room, where an efficient staff of the parishioners had provided a substantial repast. The assembly was waited upon by an efficient body of helpers, which included the churchwardens, Mr. A. H. Newberry and Mr. A. E. Priest (the Mayor of Wokingham). Amongst those present were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Canon G. F. Coleridge (branch chairman) the Revs. T. W. Sergeant, Canon B. Long (Rural Dean), A. P. Carr (St. Sebastian's), R. D. Weller (Finchampstead), L. R. Majendie (Sandhurst), K. St. C. Thomas, Messrs. F. Dentry, A. G. Wright, J. Moth, F. Nye and W. J. Paice (hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch), etc.

The meal over, the Chairman, Canon G. F. Coleridge, for 'one and all' thanked the helpers for their kindness, which he assured them the ringers fully appreciated.—Mr. W. J. Paice thanked the two local Rectors for the use of their bells, the Rev. T. W. Sergeant for his sermon, also Mr. A. Andrews, jun., the organist, and included the organ blower. He specially thanked the Rector of St. Paul's for so kindly continuing the tradition of that church to the ringers (applause). He further thanked Mr. Owen Goddard, the hon. auditor.

IMPROVED FINANCES.

Canon Coleridge then presided over the branch annual general meeting. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley, Canon and Miss Norris, Mr. Rance (illness) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (the Guild secretary), also laid aside by illness, who sent congratulations and best wishes, saying he would be with them 'in spirit.' A message of sympathy and cheer was sent to Mr. Hibbert and Mr. Rance.

Mr. Paice presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £7 4s. 8d., an increase of £1 15s. 1d. upon last year. The expenditure included £8 9s. paid to the Guild general funds. The deposit account of the Branch Restoration Fund was stated to contain £3 9s. 4d.. The membership of the branch was three life members, 24 hon. members and 146 ringing members—total 173—a slight decrease. The branch regretted the loss by death of three of its members—Mr. W. Elsley (of Wargrave), Mr. H. Watts (Sandhurst) and Mr. S. C. Adams (St. Paul's, Wokingham). The chairman spoke with sympathy and feeling as to these, and noted also the loss by removal of the Rev. and Mrs. Acworth, of Sunningdale.

The Secretary reported that two peals had been rung. The Wednesday evening combined practices had been very encouraging, attended as they were by many young ringers. Hurst tenor bell had a slight fault attended to. He congratulated Waltham St. Lawrence band upon their improvement. He regretted that the custom of ringing at midnight on December 31st was not more kept up, as parishioners looked for it. He thanked all for their help and support (applause).

The report and balance sheet were adopted, the chairman voicing the gratitude of the branch to Mr. Paice.

On the proposition of the Rev. L. R. Majendie, seconded by Mr. Dentry, Canon Coleridge was re-elected chairman by acclamation.

Proposed by Mr. Dentry, and seconded by Mr. Moth, Mr. W. J. Paice was similarly re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer. He thanked the branch for their confidence.

The foremen of the towers were then elected to form the branch committee. Branch representatives to the Guild Committee were chosen as follow: Messrs. Dentry, Moth, Rance and White.

A recommendation from the Branch Committee that quarterly meetings be held one on Wednesday and two on Saturday, apart from the April meeting, was carried. A proposition that a combined practice committee be formed was left to the foremen of the towers, who would be allowed to send a deputy if unable to attend.

It was also decided to hold combined practices, six on Wednesdays and the remainder on Saturdays throughout the year.

It was agreed to send one guinea donation to the Stedman Memorial Fund from the branch.

DECREASE IN PAID RINGERS.

The Chairman said he had been interested in the branch ever since he had been in the deanery, 38 years, out of his 48 years in the diocese. He was still able to do a certain amount of work. He stated that there were 45,872 ringers in England. Although paid ringers had decreased by 298, voluntary ringers had increased, so that the deficiency was made up, all but 72. They must not be downhearted (applause).

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BRISTOL BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held on Saturday, January 28th, at St. Nicholas', Bristol. The bells, a peal of ten, were only available for one hour owing to the proximity of the market and other business premises.

The usual ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. J. M. D. Stancomb), and Mr. Rowland Shiles presided at the organ. In his address, the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the association, especially thanking those who have kept the bells ringing from time to time. He also referred to the ancient custom of ringing the curfew, which is carried on still at St. Nicholas' every night at 9 p.m., paying tribute to the steeplekeeper, Mr. James Richmond, who has rung the curfew there for 48 years, and hoped to be spared to complete the 50 years. This is a record to be proud of.

After the service a move was made to the Cadena Cafe for tea and meeting, 34 members being present. The chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Thomas (branch chairman), supported by Mr. J. Gould (Master of the association). The secretary presented his report and balance sheet, the latter showing a balance in hand of £8 9s. 4d., the receipts showing an increase of 15s., and the expenses a decrease of £2 3s. 9d. The report dealt with the year's work. There had been an increase in performing members owing to the fact that Stapleton, Emmanuel and Pucklechurch had joined as bands. There had been 12 meetings arranged, the average attendance being 31. Special mention was made to the lack of support given to the local officials by Bristol ringers, and he hoped there would be an improvement during the coming year.—Mr. F. Jewell moved the adoption of the report and balance sheet. This was seconded by Mr. H. Burt and carried with applause.

Mr. W. H. Thomas, chairman, in reviewing the year's work, corroborated what the secretary had said, and appealed to the members to give their best support to the officials.

Mr. Gould (Master) thanked the officers for their work during the past year, which had been very successful, as the balance sheet showed.—The officers then retired, leaving the Master in the chair.

Mr. W. H. Thomas was proposed and seconded for re-election to the chair, but would not allow his name to go to the meeting, explaining that business necessitated his being away from Bristol, and he was unable to give the support he would like. Mr. John G. Jeffries was thereupon proposed, and this popular choice, on being put to the meeting, was carried with applause.

Mr. F. Skidmore was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. F. Leaker was elected as representative on the Management Committee.

Four new members were elected, and the places for quarterly and annual meetings are as follows: Coalpit Heath, March; Thornbury (combined with Wotton-under-Edge Branch), June; Mangotsfield, September; St. Ambrose (annual), January, 1934.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist was proposed by Mr. W. H. Thomas, seconded by Mr. H. Burt, and carried with applause.

There being no further business, the Master declared the meeting closed, and a move was made to St. James', where ringing was indulged in until about 9 p.m.

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A sum of two guineas was voted to Mr. W. J. Paice, hon. secretary and treasurer, as an honorarium.

The Master expressed his pleasure at being with them, and congratulated the branch upon its excellent chairman and hon. secretary. He referred to the ringers' paper, 'The Ringing World,' for which he asked a larger support. He hoped no tower in the Sonning Deanery would be without it, and he urged individual ringers to take it in. The Master also referred to the peal of 16,271 Grandsire Caters rung at Appletton on December 27th by a diocesan band, and praised the high standard of the ringing which he heard. The bells at Appletton, hung in 1818, were made of good stuff, the workmen had put in good work, and good care had been taken of the bells, which showed the value of the three points he had named (applause).

Mr. A. J. Wright, the Guild treasurer, congratulated the branch, which had the credit, through Mr. Paice, of sending him the first money he, as Guild treasurer, received this year, and which came very opportunely. Their deanery was one of the best branches in the whole Guild. He wished them continued prosperity.

The Chairman urged careful instruction of the young ringers in holding the rope so as to obtain correct striking, and intimated that the Central Council pamphlet, to come out soon, would include photographs in which their friend, Mr. Tom Hibbert (Guild secretary) would appear in the right and the wrong positions of the ringers' hands on the rope. After a feeling reference to the three departed members, Canon Coleridge mentioned Mrs. Houlton, of St. Paul's, who was critically ill. She had for a long time been present on these occasions, and done all she could for their comfort, and a message of sympathy was sent from the meeting to show they did not forget an old friend in time of adversity.

Mr. Dentry proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and this concluded the meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MELTON MOWBRAY.

Melton Mowbray is one of the few unspoiled villages of Leicestershire, and is a well-known centre of hunting circles frequently visited by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and other notabilities. The Parish Church of St. Mary is the most cathedral-like of any church in the diocese, and both within and without its glorious proportions cannot fail to arouse one's admiration. It is a delight to architects, archaeologists and historians alike, while its glorious central tower, with its fine old ring of ten bells, delight campanologists. A good muster of the latter met on Saturday, January 21st, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association, from Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham districts. The committee met in the ancient church vestry at 3.15 p.m., and carried out their routine and other duties. The latter included a grant to Billesdon Bell Augmentation Fund and launching an appeal for the recasting of a bell at Duffield to the memory of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., president of the M.C.A. for many years and founder of the Central Council.

The annual report is to be printed in due course, and special features included to commemorate the jubilee of the association's formation.

It was regrettable that the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor, could not attend owing to illness, but the chair at both committee and general meetings was taken by Mr. W. E. White, the hon. treasurer, supported by Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., the general hon. secretary. Tea was served at 5 p.m. in Warner's Cafe to a good company, and the general meeting followed. The Vicar of Melton, Rev. Canon P. Robson, M.A., was present at tea, but had to leave immediately after. He welcomed the visitors to Melton, and trusted all had enjoyed their bells. He spoke of the respect and admiration he held for their local team, especially the leader, Mr. R. H. Bartram, from whom he had learned many 'hidden facts' about bells, ringing and ringers.

The Chairman read the president's remarks on the past quarter's work, upon which he highly congratulated all concerned. He made special note of the peals rung—52 from Stedman Caters to Doubles—a very good record. The outstanding feature is the continued success of the 'Wednesday' band and their talented conductor, Maurice Swinfield, to whom all praise is due on completing 100 different Twin-bob compositions. There was also the specially arranged peal of 5,050 Stedman Caters at Derby, conducted by the gen. hon. secretary to commemorate the jubilee, and, later, the lantern lecture by the same gentleman. He remembered, too, the passing of an esteemed member, Mr. Henry W. Wilde.

The secretary read the names of new members submitted since the last meeting, viz., 17 ringing, six who rejoined, four life, and six honorary, and these were duly ratified.

Two auditors, Messrs. Colin Harrison and J. H. Dean, were elected to check the accounts.

A note from the president was read respecting the article of Mr. Reeve in 'The Ringing World' on 'Bells on the Wireless,' and stressed the need for educating the public by good striking. He also stated that there is to be a 'Leicestershire week' broadcast (February 27th to March 4th), and during that time probably on Wednesday evening, March 1st, from 6.30 to 7.15, the president will give a talk on bells, illustrated by bell sounds and noises incidental to the casting of bells.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield spoke on the ringers' only paper, 'The Ringing World,' and urged all present to take it regularly and to try and push the sales in their various belfries. Votes of thanks to the local committee for the splendid arrangements made were passed and concluded the meeting. Further ringing and 'convivings' completed a very successful afternoon. E. M.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR

The figures of the peal of Little Bob Major rung at Bispham and published in our last issue are a composition by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), who informs us that it was first rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Runcorn on September 19th, 1911. Mr. Lewis points out that, by a printer's error, a bob at H is omitted in the first course in the peal as printed.

Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, sends similar information, and adds that it was the second peal rung in the method.

Mr. W. Barton, peal secretary of the Yorkshire Association, also writes that the peal is by Mr. Edwin H. Lewis. The composition was first rung by the Yorkshire Association at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, January 13th, 1912, conducted by Clement Glenn. Incidentally, he points out, the calling of the first course should be:—

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Mr. Peter Crook, who called the peal at Bispham, says that Mr. Ernest Morris called the peal as his own composition at Earl Shilton on May 26th, 1928.

'STRIKING.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was interested to read in your issue of January 13th of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Luton on December 31st, 1932. The 5,056 changes were rung in 2 hours 57 mins., with a tenor of 19½ cwt., and a footnote to the report stated, 'Quickest peal of Major on the bells.'

Now I hope the Luton men will not think that I am attacking their 'striking.' From the point of view taken by the average ringer, it was undoubtedly excellent, and, once the pace had been set, the rhythm maintained throughout; but I do suggest that the attempts that are made to ring peals in the quickest time is a retrograde step towards cultivating public sympathy in respect of bell-ringing.

When you come to think about it, quick striking means that the space of time allowed for each bell to 'speak' is reduced. I maintain that this is unnatural, for the time occupied by the voice of a bell after it is struck is fixed. In consequence of this any acceleration of the blows must of necessity mean that (in rounds) the second trespasses on that time that should be occupied by the treble's voice, the third on that of the second, and so on, so that by continually 'nibbling' off these allotted spaces of time we reduce the eight blows to a 'howl' devoid of any distinct notes. Further reduction still can take place until we land at 'firing.'

A little while ago there was a complaint in the local papers against a certain peal of bells. I defended the bells and ringers in the Press, at the same time enlightening the public on a little of our activities which are so obscure to them. The defence I put up was, I believe, in a measure successful, but when a little later I approached the tower in question whilst ringing was in progress I felt that there was some case against the bells. A friend, a non-ringer, remarked that they sounded like a lot of cats yowling, and, indeed, there was cause for the simile. They were being rung too 'close' altogether, the natural ring of the one blow completely drowning the following blow. This brings me to another point.

The howl of a bell can be very distressing to ringers as well as the listening public. Personally when ringing in some towers I always feel very self-conscious when an appeal to 'listen to 'em' comes from the conductor, for, you see, I am one of these 'unfortunate people' who can hear the 'harmonics' of a note very distinctly.

Whether the peal is a noted 'howler' or not, I am conscious of the presence of the harmonics, and after half an hour's ringing in some towers I find myself straining to hear my own bell amidst the din caused by this phenomenon in my ears. For a time I kept this to myself, but one day, after hearing the tenor pulled up by itself in my own tower, I could hear the note itself (E) the octave above it, the third above that—i.e., the sixth an octave higher, and also the tenor note again still an octave higher. Had anyone asked me to sound with my voice the tenor note I could not have done it. This led me to speak to the choir-master and organist on the matter, and to my delight I found him sympathetic.

A few experiments on the piano more or less solved the mystery of my hearing 'things' in the tower, and re-established my confidence in my hearing; further to this, I discovered that for this reason an organist has to be very careful in sounding a reciting note for his precentors, for although a perfectly good 'G' may be given to the officiating cleric it would be quite possible for him to start on, say, 'B' or some other relative note if he is sensitive to the harmonics.

Apparently this 'super sensitiveness' to sound is a mixed blessing, and I am wondering if the Exercise contains many such sufferers. Were they in the majority I am sure of one thing: quick peals would be 'taboo,' and one would be hearing of some 'slowest peal on the bells' performances.

'PHIL HARMONIC.'

Bournemouth.

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BISHOPWEARMOUTH BELL RESTORATION. GREAT IMPROVEMENT EFFECTED.

On the invitation of the Rector, the Rev. Preb. A. B. Wynne Williams, a special meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Sunderland on Saturday, January 21st, to give the members an opportunity to try the recently recast peal of bells at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth.

The church is being rebuilt, and the ringers had to thread their way through a sad scene of desolation to the tower. Arriving there, however, they found all in order, and some excellent touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise were brought round, and it was agreed that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had completed a first-class job and effected a great improvement.

An excellent tea had been provided at the North of England Cafe, and afterwards a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells and their contribution to the expenses. This was proposed by Mr. J. W. Parker, Sunderland, and seconded by Mr. T. Metcalf, the secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. These gentlemen both gave interesting reminiscences of the late Mr. Thomas Hudson, of St. Michael's, and secretary of the association between 30 and 40 years ago.

Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president for the Eastern District, pointed out that three of the members present, Messrs. J. W. Parker, G. S. Taylor and himself, first learnt to ring a bell in this belfry 35 years ago. Mr. Hudson and the late Major Hudson being their instructors.

Mr. J. Pickering and Mr. R. Langton replied on behalf of the Rector and wardens, and in the course of a few remarks the President, Mr. J. Anderson, urged the members to endeavour to improve their striking in Sunday service ringing especially, so that the outside public would have no grounds for complaint about 'noisy bells.'

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. DIFFICULT TIMES AND DIMINISHING BALANCE.

The annual meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at headquarters, Doncaster, on Saturday, about twenty members being present, representing the towers of Arksey, Doncaster, Eastwood and Thorne. A short service was held, at which the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Brook, gave his usual helpful address.

At the business meeting after tea, the Rev. R. Machon presided. The officers elected were Mr. G. Clark, Ringing Master for three years, and Mr. E. Cooper, hon. secretary for two years, and two auditors, Messrs. H. Wagstaffe and W. Lloyd.

The balance sheet was read and accepted without comment. The result of the Walker Cup competition was Doncaster first with 571 attendances, and Arksey second with 534 attendances.

It was decided to ask the Vicar of Doncaster to present the cup at the annual parochial meeting on Thursday, March 16th, and the secretary was asked to represent the society at the presentation.

It was decided that the secretary be asked to write to all towers to be visited to ask them if they could provide a cheap plain tea at a cost of about 9d. per head, as it is feared the cost of tea on top of bus fares keeps many away who otherwise would be present, but through unemployment and trade depression can only afford a small expenditure.

The wish was expressed that all members will pay up their subscriptions and that secretaries of towers will collect and forward them to the secretary, as only about one-third of the total have paid during the last two years, and the balance of the society has been steadily diminishing in the effort to keep things going.

After the usual votes of thanks had been passed to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, the members again ascended the tower and kept the bells going to various methods till half-past eight, when they were lowered in peal.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH RECORD AT HALESOWEN.

A glorious day for the time of year brought together a record gathering of ringers for the quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association at Halesowen on Saturday, January 21st. Every tower in the division was represented, over 120 members being present.

As usual, the meeting began with a service in the beautiful old Parish Church, and was conducted by the Rector, Canon H. C. A. Colville, M.A., Rural Dean. The choir boys and the organist assisted in the singing. The Rector in his address referred to the loss the association had sustained by the death of Mr. A. E. Parsons. He said it was a remark made by Mr. Parsons that had been in his mind when thinking out his address. Mr. Parsons had said that the clergy would talk about bells and ringing, but most of them knew little about the subject. The Rector then took as the title of his subject, 'An outsider comments on the bells,' and right well he did it, giving an interesting address. Following the service the ringers gathered in the schoolroom for tea, admirably catered for by Mrs. A. E. Davis, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Hackett, Mrs. Forrest, Mrs. Greenhall, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Lloyd, who were assisted by other young lady helpers.

The business meeting followed. The Rector presided and was supported by Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary), Mr. W. Short and Mr. W. B. Cartwright (representatives on the Central Committee), Mr. H. G. Bird (Central Council representative), Mr. W. Cooper (librarian), Mr. W. Webb (Ringing Master of Halesowen band). Apologies were received from Mr. H. T. Martin, Bromsgrove, Ringing Master of the branch, who was unwell, Mr. S. Hughes, Smethwick, and Mr. C. Skidmore.

The Secretary referred to the heavy losses to the association during the past year by the death of several of its oldest members. Mr. Salter, of Kidderminster, was a very prominent member; and then a greater shock came when the news of the death of Mr. A. E. Parsons was announced—a gentleman who gave of his best to the association and all that it stood for. Then, only that day, another very old member of the Bromsgrove company and the association was being buried, who made the fourth from Bromsgrove within a few months. The Secretary then read the following letter to the members which he had received from Mrs. Parsons: 'Dear Mr. Skelding,—Will you please convey to the meeting on Saturday next my sincere thanks for the many kind enquiries during my dear husband's illness and also for other expressions of sympathy since his death. The knowledge that he was held in such high esteem by the members of the different branches of the ringing association has been a great consolation to me, and has done much to lessen my grief at his loss.' The secretary also extended to Mr. J. Bass their sincere sympathy in the loss of his wife during the week. In conclusion he asked the members to stand for a moment in silence.

A letter was received was Mr. J. B. Newman, the general secretary of the association, with reference to having an annual dinner, and asking the meeting to elect a representative for the committee for that purpose.—After discussion, it was recommended that Messrs. W. Short and W. B. Cartwright be chosen to serve on that committee.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting at Kinver by the kind willingness of the Vicar and officials to welcome the branch. Mr. H. G. Bird proposed that the quarterly peal be rung at Halesowen, and that the arrangements be left in the hands of Mr. W. Webb, Ringing Master of Halesowen, the local company to ring the peal. This met with the general approval, and the Rector promised to fall in with any suggestions to assist in the arrangements.

Mr. H. Hart proposed ten young members of the Lye company, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright proposed seven new members from Selly Oak and other new members from Kinver and Smethwick.—Mr. H. Mason and the secretary gave them a most hearty welcome into the association.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright moved a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rector for his able address and also for arranging the service and the use of the bells, to the churchwardens, choir and organist, and all who had contributed towards making the association's visit to Halesowen so welcome.—Mr. H. G. Bird seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

The Secretary stated that any who wished to go in for belfry reform should visit Halesowen, where they would find plenty worthy of emulation.

The Rector briefly thanked the meeting, and hoped they would make good use of the remaining time left to ring. Let them come when they would, they would never have a better meeting.

Mr. A. E. Davies moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had laid such an acceptable tea before them so graciously.—A hearty round of applause was accorded the ladies, and closed a remarkable gathering of ringers in North Worcestershire.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Monday, January 16th, 720 Bob Minor: G. L. Palmer (13½) 1, W. Megennis (15) 2, W. Theobald 3, G. L. Joyce 4, J. Moule 5, E. D. Smith 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Megennis and C. A. Hughes, the rest as before. First 720's by G. L. Palmer and W. Megennis. First of Cambridge Minor by C. A. Hughes. Conducted by E. D. Smith.

NOTICES.

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. Paul's Cathedral on Feb. 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.

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. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, 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.

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.

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.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting at Whitchurch, Saturday, February 4th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Business meeting follows.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Newtown, Newbury.

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.—Norman Brown, Branch Sec.

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, Tempsford 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.

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.

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. A welcome to all. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. —The next meeting of the above will be held at Melling on February 4th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea 1/-.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.—The recast ring of 12 bells will be available for 10 and 12 bell practice the first Saturday in each month, until further notice, commencing Saturday, February 4th, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Frank Renton, Hon. Sec.

BROOKFIELD CHURCH, GORTON, MANCHESTER.—Will visitors please note: On and from Wednesday, February 8th, the weekly practice will again take place on Wednesday evenings, commencing 8 p.m.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, February 11th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kidsgrove on Saturday, February 11th. Tea 5 p.m., for all who notify Mr. J. A. Cook, 32, Third Avenue, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than February 8th.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, February 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea.—J. W. England, 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 3.30. Those requiring tea please notify the Secretary not later than February 8th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

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. The committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7th, and not as advertised.—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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe (6 bells) on Saturday, February 11th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Hope to have a good attendance. Subscriptions now due.—H. W. Fussell, Branch Chairman, Fort Fields, Dursley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Liss on Saturday, February 11th. Bells in St. Peter's Church available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, address by Rev. S. N. Sedgwick. Tea at 5, at The Spread Eagle. Business meeting for passing the accounts and election of officers follows. All requiring tea please notify by February 9th.—B. C. Taylor, Binsted Vicarage, Alton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police again invite ringers, their wives and friends to the Athletic Club, Old Hall Street, Bolton, for a billiards match and free and easy social on Saturday, Feb. 11th. Please forward names to Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, not later than February 8th. Also bring your music.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, February 11th. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Oswald's Mission Hall and a post card from ringers who require same will help arrangements. All ringers and friends are assured of a hearty welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Colwall, Herefordshire, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. Jones, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwell, Malvern.

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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers are welcome. Please notify Mr. H. Smith, 22, High Street, Thatcham, near Newbury, not later than Wednesday, February 8th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, February 11th. Ringing at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, 2.30 - 3.45. St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 3.30-4.45. Service in St. Clement Danes at 4.45. Tea at Willow Restaurant, Essex Street, 5.30 (1/- each). Business meeting in Parish Hall at 6.30. Handbell competition after business meeting.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting February 11th, at Ashchurch. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Visitors please notify Secretary by Wednesday, February 8th.—H. G. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool, on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) available 3-4 p.m. and 4.30-6.30 p.m. Service 4. Meeting 6.30. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. T. Egan, 35, Sutcliffe Street, Kensington, Liverpool.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Creton on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (5) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, February 7th. The balance sheet and report for the past year will be presented at this meeting.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, February 11th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Polebrooke on Saturday, February 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea (1/- each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, February 11th. The bells of St. Laurence's will be available from 3 to 4.30 p.m., St. Giles' and St. Mary's from 3 to 5 p.m. Ringers' service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. Meat tea (1/- each) and business meeting to follow, at St. Mary's Church House. All requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, February 8th. All ringers welcome.—Miss M. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

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.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, February 18th, Chertsey bells not being available. Further particulars next week.—H. Hancock, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Feb. 18th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than February 16th. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Subscriptions thankfully received.—A. E. Coombes, Hon. Sec., 8, Council Houses, Galleywood, Chelmsford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Withyham on Saturday, February 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by kind invitation. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford, February 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea and meeting in the schoolrooms after service. *Special business.* Will every member please make an effort to attend service, tea and meeting. Non-members are cordially invited to attend. Tea 9d. each, to all who notify Mr. A. Lees, 142a, Great Clowes Street, Broughton, Manchester, not later than Wednesday, February 14th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD and SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Joint meeting at Basford, Saturday, February 18th. Bells available 3 p.m. No. 3 tram from Victoria Statue to Church Street. Everybody welcome. Tea arranged for those who notify me by Thursday, February 16th.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde, Preston, Blackburn and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting of the above four branches has been arranged, and will be held on Saturday, February 18th, at St. James' Church, Poolstock, Wigan. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Preacher, Rev. J. Payne, M.A., Vicar of Ince Parish Church. Tea in school at 5.30. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Parker, 145, Gidlow Lane, Wigan. Beautiful bells. Good company. So don't forget the date. Worsley Mesnes bus from station to the church, 2d. return.—Norman Brown, Wigan Branch Secretary.

BARNBY, NEWARK.—The ring of 4 bells, recast and augmented to 5 by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6.30 p.m.

GLOUCESTER and BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Swindon Village on Saturday, February 25th. Bells open 3 p.m.; Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. R. Pugh). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know early in that week.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon Village, Cheltenham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 45th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 25th, at 6 o'clock prompt, when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, on Saturday, March 4th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at Cathedral (10), St. Margaret's (12), St. John's (10). Tickets 2s. 9d. each, to be applied for by Wednesday, March 1st, latest.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Hon. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

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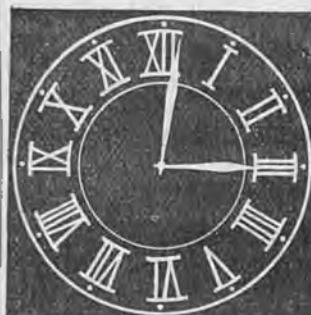
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