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'SUGGESTIONS' FOR THE NEW YEAR

New Year resolutions are usually only ephemeral; they are so thin that many of them have vanished in a few days into thin air, even if, at the outset, they have been launched with good intentions. We refrain, therefore, from asking ringers to make 'good resolutions' for 1934, because they are all the more likely to be broken just because they are 'good resolutions,' but that does not prevent us taking the opportunity, at the opening of another year, of putting forward one or two suggestions as to ways by which ringers could definitely help forward the art and the cause of church bellringing. For instance, foremost among the necessities for maintaining and expanding the art is the important one of securing a steady flow of recruits. We know the difficulty of obtaining them, but there is no reason why constant efforts should not be made to add to the strength of belfry companies everywhere. There ought to be a reserve of ringers in every tower, for it is only by this means that the regular ringing of the bells for the Sunday services can be secured. There are far too many belfries where the ringers are below strength; that is to say, where there are fewer regular members of a band than there are bells in the tower, but even where there are sufficient to ring all the bells, the ringers ought not to rest satisfied until they have a reserve of at least fifty per cent.

And in conjunction with the raising of the strength and efficiency of the tower companies, there is another duty in which the ringers ought not to fail, and that is in the support they give to the county or diocesan ringing organisation for their area. There ought to be a full one hundred per cent. membership; the fact that in many places it falls far below this ideal is due to a lack of the guild spirit in many ringers. They do not realise the importance of co-operation—not only to themselves but to others—and the fact that unity with others in a matter of this kind gives an added dignity to their work and a fuller appreciation of its value to the Church. Further, full association with these organisations is not achieved merely by the payment of an annual subscription. Those who get most out of their membership are those who put most into it, not in money, but in effort, by joining in the activities of their association, supporting the meetings by their presence and assisting others not so well advanced as themselves, while profiting from their own association with those who, in turn, are able to give them a helping hand.

There are other directions in which, in this new year, ringers can help the art. One is by not being content to 'rest on their oars,' but to be continually striving to

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improve their striking and advance in their method ringing. Stagnation should be avoided at all costs. Another is by helping to improve the sale of 'The Ringing World.' Without the kindly aid of those who are already supporters of the paper it is almost impossible for us to reach new readers, and yet it is essential to maintain the circulation if the Exercise is to have its own journal. What ringing and ringing organisation would eventually become if deprived of a ringing paper we leave our readers to conjecture, and yet not one-tenth of the 'official' ringers in this country buy 'The Ringing World.' May we, therefore, conclude our new year suggestions with this, that, as a beginning, in every tower where the number of copies purchased among the band is less than half the number of ringers, the present number of copies should at least be doubled? It is not, really, a lot to ask, but it would be sufficient to make the future of 'The Ringing World' secure and bring that much desired end—a cheaper paper—a good deal nearer fulfilment.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in C.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble | NOLAN GOLDEN 6 |
| GEORGE HOWCHIN 2 | WILLIAM G. MAYERS 7 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 3 | BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 8 |
| FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4 | GEORGE BAILEY 9 |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Ten. This composition contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and the 6th the extent home with 4-5-6 only in 6th's. Rung after meeting short for Treble Twelve.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

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| JOHN C. PERKINS Treble | *FRANK SADLER 6 |
| MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 2 | *RALPH HARRIS 7 |
| JOHN HALL 3 | *J. WILLIAM HEATH 8 |
| ARTHUR J. MARTIN 4 | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 9 |
| JAMES HEMMING 5 | GROFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor |

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by GROFFREY J. HEMMING

* First peal of Royal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Wilfred Newman (a member of the local band) on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Eileen Boswell, which took place at St. Andrew's, Hampton, the previous day. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Marton and Mr. John Hall.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *CHARLES CATTELL Treble | *GEORGE H. STRAW 6 |
| ERNEST MORRIS 2 | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7 |
| *SIDNEY HARRISON 3 | ARTHUR CATTELL 8 |
| JOSIAH MORRIS 4 | GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9 |
| *ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... 5 | *EDWIN CATTELL Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Bob Royal. Rung as a tribute of welcome to the recently inducted new Vicar, Rev. Kenneth F. Parsons, M.A., who ascended the belfry after the peal and thanked the ringers. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble | * JAMES TOPP 6 |
| ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 2 | CHARLES J. FRAY 7 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3 | JOHN R. RODWELL 8 |
| * GEORGE POLLINGER 4 | * WILLIAM T. TUCKER 9 |
| WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Emmanuel Rowe, for 60 years a choirman in this parish, who was interred on this date in the parish churchyard.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| * JOHN S. MASON Treble | ERNEST A. TURNER 5 |
| NORMAN G. LEECH 2 | ERNEST G. LEWIS 6 |
| FRANK WILLIAMS 3 | SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 7 |
| † DOUGLAS W. TURNER ... 4 | † ALFRED WILKS Tenor |

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by N. G. LEECH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to C. Winwood, of Tipton.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST BRETT Treble | JOHN T. KENTISH 5 |
| ALFRED PYE 2 | JAMES E. DAVIS 6 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 3 | JOSEPH MARKS 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * LESLIE A. F. PORRIT ... Treble | * H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 5 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2 | ALFRED E. JARMAN 6 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3 | HARRY PARKES 7 |
| * ALFRED W. FRIEND 4 | * FREDERICK PHILPOTT ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal on eight bells by H. R. French. A birthday peal for A. W. Friend.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble | FRANK B. JEAL 5 |
| * KENNETH SNELLING 2 | ARTHUR G. WILLETT 6 |
| RICHARD V. FULLER 3 | GEORGE F. HOAD 7 |
| CYRIL HYGATE 4 | EX-P.C. WALTER CLAYDON Tenor |

Composed by G. H. DAINS. Conducted by EX-P.C. W. CLAYDON

* 200th peal. Rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday. Also to commemorate his 26 years' service in the Reigate and Redhill Police Force, from which he retired the previous day.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble | WILLIAM J. WASEY 5 |
| RUSSELL W. CURSON 2 | NOLAN GOLDEN 6 |
| GEORGE MAYERS 3 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 7 |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4 | GEORGE BAILEY Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... Treble | WILLIAM BIDNEL 5 |
| * RICHARD FRENCH 2 | THOMAS E. SONE 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3 | CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 7 |
| PERCY PAGE 4 | HARRY PARKES Tenor |

Composed by the late E. BARNETT.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

* First peal of Major.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GULDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| THOMAS ATTWELL ... Treble | RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 5 |
| ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 2 | MAURICE SMITHER 6 |
| HARRY MOLLARD 3 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7 |
| JOHN P. PELLOK 4 | WILFRED BARTLETT Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN P. PELLOK.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Frank L. Pearce (son of Mr. George T. Pearce, one of the local ringers) and Miss Marjorie K. Whitnell, which took place at Rainham, Kent, the same afternoon. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALBERT E. WHITING ... Treble | GEORGE BENNETT 5 |
| * JOHN ARRON 2 | LESLIE G. BRETT 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE 3 | T. WILLIAM LAST 7 |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4 | JAMES BENNETT Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the two Leslies, also to enable the two Bennetts (father and son) to ring together their two hundredth and one hundredth peal respectively.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On St. Stephen's Day, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours & Eleven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 33.

Tenor 29 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Treble | HARRY TYSOE 5 |
| HENRY W. GAYTON 2 | HERBERT J. SHARP 6 |
| EDMUND J. HOBBS 3 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7 |
| AMOS SMART 4 | HORACE H. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

| VICARS' SIX-PART. | | | Tenor 19 cwt. | | |
|-------------------|-----|--------|------------------|-----|-------|
| JAS. E. SCOTT | ... | Treble | WM. ROBSON | ... | 5 |
| *THOMAS BURNS | ... | 2 | MATTHEW LIVESLEY | ... | 6 |
| E. A. HERN | ... | 3 | ARTHUR COOK | ... | 7 |
| †JACK SCOTT | ... | 4 | R. A. SKEOCH | ... | Tenor |

Conducted by E. A. HERN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F.

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|-----------------|-----|--------|---------------------|-----|-------|
| STEPHEN PARRY | ... | Treble | *ERNEST SIMPSON | ... | 5 |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY | ... | 2 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS | ... | 6 |
| FRED DUNKERLEY | ... | 3 | CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON | ... | 7 |
| *NORMAN HEAPS | ... | 4 | EDWARD JENKINS | ... | Tenor |

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt 6 lb. in F.

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|-------------------|-----|--------|---------------------|-----|-------|
| *STEPHEN PARRY | ... | Treble | EDWARD JENKINS | ... | 5 |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL | ... | 2 | ERNEST H. SIMPSON | ... | 6 |
| FRED DUNKERLEY | ... | 3 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS | ... | 7 |
| †NORMAN HEAPS | ... | 4 | CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON | ... | Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Superlative. † First peal of Superlative 'inside.'
Rung on the 35th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kendall.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|--------|------------------------|-----|-------|
| EDWARD H. SPICE | ... | Treble | STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK | ... | 5 |
| EDWIN A. BARNETT | ... | 2 | FRANK BELSEY | ... | 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN | ... | 3 | CHARLES E. J. NORRIS | ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM SPICE | ... | 4 | HARRY PARKES | ... | Tenor |

Composed by the late E. BARNETT.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

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|--------------------|-----|--------|-----------------|-----|-------|
| HENRY W. KIRTON | ... | Treble | PERCY GREEN | ... | 5 |
| HERBERT DEVENISH | ... | 2 | WILLIAM LINCOLN | ... | 6 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN | ... | 3 | GEORGE GREEN | ... | 7 |
| REGINALD C. THRIPT | ... | 4 | ARTHUR HEAD | ... | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|--------|-------------------|-----|-------|
| EDWIN BENNINGS | ... | Treble | GORDON WHITTAM | ... | 5 |
| JAMES E. BROWN | ... | 2 | JAMES E. BURLS | ... | 6 |
| NICHOLAS NEWBY | ... | 3 | WILLIAM LANGHORNE | ... | 7 |
| GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE | ... | 4 | WILLIAM PECTHALL | ... | Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by G. E. BRAITHWAITE.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Brown, of Hensingham.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

| ILKESTON VARIATION. | | | Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb. in E. | | |
|---------------------|-----|--------|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| JACK BAILEY | ... | Treble | LAURENCE CHADBURN | ... | 5 |
| WILLIAM THORNLEY | ... | 2 | FREDERICK A. SALTER | ... | 6 |
| HENRY HARRISON | ... | 3 | EDWARD F. GOBEY | ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM P. STIRLAND | ... | 4 | EDWARD C. GOBEY | ... | Tenor |

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by E. F. GOBEY.

This peal, now rung for the first time, has 4, 5 and 6 in 6th's place at course ends throughout the peal.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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|----------------------|-----|--------|------------------|-----|-------|
| JOHN H. BROTHWELL | ... | Treble | ROGER W. DANIELS | ... | 5 |
| MISS KATH. BURCHNALL | ... | 2 | ARTHUR GILL | ... | 6 |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL | ... | 3 | T. COLIN RYDER | ... | 7 |
| C. ALAN HEWITT | ... | 4 | ALBERT NASH | ... | Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

First peal of Superlative by the association and ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|--------|-------------------|-----|-------|
| ARTHUR G. ROSE | ... | Treble | EDWARD T. GRIFFIN | ... | 5 |
| *WILLIAM A. HOULTON | ... | 2 | ANTHONY V. DENT | ... | 6 |
| *EDWARD B. HAMPTON | ... | 3 | CYRIL F. TURNER | ... | 7 |
| MISS MARCIA WHITE | ... | 4 | EDWARD J. DOHL | ... | Tenor |

Conducted by C. F. TURNER.

* First peal.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

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|---------------------|-----|--------|---------------------|-----|-------|
| KEITH HART | ... | Treble | TOWER R. TAYLOR | ... | 5 |
| JAMES TOPP | ... | 2 | C. ERNEST SMITH | ... | 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS | ... | 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS | ... | 7 |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY | ... | 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD | ... | Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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|-----------------|-----|--------|------------------|-----|-------|
| CHARLES H. SONE | ... | Treble | THOMAS E. SONE | ... | 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER | ... | 2 | HARRY BAKER | ... | 6 |
| TOM SAUNDERS | ... | 3 | WILLIAM WENBAN | ... | 7 |
| PERCY PAGE | ... | 4 | LOTHUR J. HONESS | ... | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

This composition, No. 249, is rung for the first time.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

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|-----------------|-----|--------|------------------|-----|-------|
| TOM SAUNDERS | ... | Treble | PERCY PAGE | ... | 5 |
| MRS. H. BAKER | ... | 2 | HARRY BAKER | ... | 6 |
| CHARLES H. SONE | ... | 3 | LOTHUR J. HONESS | ... | 7 |
| WILLIAM WENBAN | ... | 4 | THOMAS E. SONE | ... | Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

The band wish to again thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their kind hospitality before and after the peal.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

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| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble | WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 5 |
| FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 6 |
| GEORGE MARTIN 3 | CECIL C. MAYNE 7 |
| JESSE HARRISON 4 | HARRY WINGROVE Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

First peal in the method upon these bells, and a birthday 'touch' for the conductor's son.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

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| *CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE 3 |
| †MRS. HILDA SNOWDEN 2 | †THOMAS BIRD 6 |
| FRANK CLAYDON 3 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7 |
| ALBERT L. DIXEY 4 | WALTER ARNOLD Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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| CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble | *THOMAS BIRD 5 |
| ALBERT L. DIXEY 2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE 6 |
| ALEC GENNERY 3 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7 |
| *MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 4 | WALTER ARNOLD Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. It is believed Miss Snowden is the first lady to ring her first two Surprise Major methods in one day. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained to a bountiful repast by Mr. and Mrs. Snowden (parents of the treble and 4th ringers).

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| HENRY HODGETTS Treble | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5 |
| HAROLD G. CASHMORE 2 | *GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 6 |
| STEPHEN H. HOARE 3 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7 |
| *GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 4 | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor |

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS,

On Wednesday, December 27, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

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| P.C. CHARLES ELLIOTT Treble | P.C. WALTER CLAYDON 5 |
| S.D. INSPR. WM. BOTTRILL 2 | P.S. CYRIL PEASE 6 |
| P.S. GEORGE SCHLEUTER 3 | P.C. CHARLES DAVIS 7 |
| EX-P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY 4 | P.C. THOS. G. BANNISTER Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BOTTRILL

Rung as a compliment to P.C. Walter Claydon, Reigate Borough Police Force, on his retirement after twenty-six years' service. All the remainder belong to the Metropolitan Police.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 20, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of Stedman, eight of Bob Doubles and 30 of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

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| EDWARD MAUND Treble | FRANK LAWRENCE 4 |
| WILLIAM HALFORD 2 | CHARLES CAMM 5 |
| FRED HAWKES 3 | HENRY BISHOP Tenor |

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 23, 1933, in Three Hours and no Minute

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 different callings. Tenor 21 cwt.

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| *A. R. CURTIS Treble | *F. A. REA 4 |
| *E. F. CUBBERLEY 2 | J. J. JEFFERIES 5 |
| *R. W. REA 3 | *A. I. BLIZZARD Tenor |

Conducted by J. J. JEFFERIES.

* First peal. First peal on record rung in this tower by a local band with the exception of the conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

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| MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble | ALBERT SCOTT 4 |
| MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2 | CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5 |
| JAMES H. MUSSON 3 | CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor |

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven separate extents. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

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| ARTHUR WILSON Treble | CHARLES W. COOK 4 |
| MISS KITTIE WILLIERS 2 | MANSFIELD GINN 5 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

UPWEY, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, consisting of 12 Plain Bob and 30 Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| H. DENNIS W. BISHOP Treble | E. T. PAUL FIELD 4 |
| *MISS PAMELA J. PALMER 2 | HAROLD C. R. VINE 5 |
| *ALBERT H. CHANT 3 | WALTER J. GOSNEY Tenor |

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. G. Carpenter, a local ringer, and Miss G. I. White on the occasion of their marriage at Broadmayne.

WOODSTON, HUNTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with varied callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

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| HAROLD J. POOLE Treble | HERBERT HOARE 4 |
| MRS. HAROLD J. POOLE 2 | FREDERICK T. COOKE 5 |
| STEPHEN H. HOARE 3 | WILLIAM ROSE Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung to oblige the ringers of 1, 2 and 3, who were spending a holiday in the town.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, consisting of 12 of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

LEONARD HOPPER ... Treble | E. T. PAUL FIELD ... 3

ALBERT H. CHANT ... 2 | D. W. CHARLES CHANT ... 4

WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. E. Frewett, a local ringer, and Miss D. Stokes, on the occasion of their marriage at Fulham.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

in 15 methods, viz.: (1) Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willaden, (2) Wragby, St. Albans, Neasden, (3) Duke of Norfolk, (4) College Exercise, Norbury, (5) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Chapel, (6) Kent, (7) Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER LONGMAN ... Treble | WILFRED STEVENSON ... 4

ERNEST BENNETT ... 2 | *GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5

JAMES A. MILNER ... 3 | JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Spliced Minor, and rung without previous practice. Rung after meeting short for Major.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents each of St. Simon's, Place Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and St. Dunstan's, eight Plain Bob and ten Grandsire. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*EDGAR LEWIN ... Treble | *HENRY PAYNE ... 4

HENRY FAULKNER ... 2 | ARTHUR NORMAN GEARY ... 5

JOHN GEOFFREY GEARY ... 3 | *JOSEPH NORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

* First peal in six methods. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

TROWELL, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 30, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720 of Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. Treble | FREDK. A. SALTER ... 4

WILLIAM THORNLEY ... 2 | HERBERT TURNER ... 5

HENRY HARRISON ... 3 | EDWARD F. GOBEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

*MISS E. C. BAREHAM ... Treble | †C. RIPPINGALE ... 3-4

†MISS C. I. CLARK ... 2 | O. BROVD ... 5-6

Conducted by O. BROVD.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Thursday evening, December 29th, at St. Mary's Church, on the back six bells (tenor 22½ cwt.), 720 Bob Minor: *W. Tyler 1, *J. Avenall 2, A. H. Rowe 3, J. Foskett 4, J. Dafters 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Minor and first attempt.

'THE CHURCHMAN'S HANDBOOK.'

A readable and comprehensive survey of current Church affairs, covering every branch of church work and organisation and a wide range of other interesting Church topics, is contained in 'The Churchman's Handbook,' just published at 1s. net by the Press and Publications Board of the Church Assembly. It is, as its second title denotes, 'Everyman's Guide to the Church,' for more than 220 pages are crowded with a wealth of information, which is surprising in its scope and appeal as well as in its value as a work of reference. There are special articles by well-known authorities, dealing with such varied subjects as with the romance of Church history, women's work in the church, church architecture and church music. Parson, churchwarden, church councillor and church elector will find authoritative legal and general guidance on their powers, duties, privileges and responsibilities, and there is also a mass of other information, including a 'Who's Who' in the Church.

'Bells and Their Care' has received separate attention. Written by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, hon. librarian of the Central Council and hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, much information and good advice to Church authorities has been packed into this short article, which should prove of considerable value.

'The Churchman's Handbook' should be in the hands of every churchman, not only as a book of reference but as a mine of information.

A SALISBURY JUBILEE.

An interesting jubilee was commemorated at Salisbury on Friday. Here is the record of the first 720 of Minor rung in the city:—

ST. MARTIN'S, SALISBURY.

On December 29th, 1883, in 29 minutes, 720 of Bob Minor was rung by:—

Treble. H. O. Dowling.
2. C. A. Clements. C.Y.
3. A. S. Dowling.
4. T. Blackbourn. C.Y.
5. W. W. Gifford.
6. J. R. Jerram.

Conducted by J. R. Jerram.

'This was the first 720 of Bob Minor to be rung in the city of Salisbury.'

On Friday, December 29th, 1933, at the same church, to mark the 50th anniversary, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung in 29 minutes by: A. Southey 1, S. Macey 2, J. Daniell 3, L. Harris 4, W. A. Romaine 5, E. W. Romaine (conductor) 6.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have recently been studying the construction of Surprise Major, and am somewhat puzzled by 'Busbey,' published in your issue of December 8th. This method seems to me to violate the Central Council rule that the changes on eight bells should run in alternate triples and quadruples, rows two odd and two even.

The third and fourth sections of Busbey run thus:—

42861357 +
24683175 +
26481357 —
62843175 —

62483715 —
26847351 —
28643715 +
82467351 +

Perhaps someone would be kind enough to enlighten me on this point?

Stoke Poges.

THOMAS G. HAWKINS.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

On Christmas Day, for morning service, at the Parish Church, West Wickham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire, with ten callings): J. Page-Wood 1, H. Mackinder 2, A. S. Richards (conductor) 3, G. W. Jones 4, C. A. Tammidge 5. First quarter in two methods for all.

At Halesworth, Suffolk, on Christmas morning, for 7.30 a.m. service, 1,008 changes of Bob Triples: J. Nunn 1, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 2, C. Moss 3, R. Gardiner 4, C. Ainger 5, C. Goodwin 6, A. H. Took 7, H. Jillings 8. Also during the day touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, concluding at 5 p.m.

On Christmas Day, before the morning service, at St. Michael's Church, Bath, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,248 changes: H. Brown 1, W. J. Prescott 2, Miss Nora G. Williams 3, R. Cousins 4, T. Grant 5, F. S. Merrett 6, E. Evans 7, G. Harding (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method for E. Evans and F. Merrett.

At Cradley, Herefordshire, on Christmas Day, for morning service, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Pratt 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, C. Horne 3, C. Bowers 4, D. Horne 5, G. Jordan 6.

DEATH OF MRS. M. C. ROBINSON.**WIDOW OF OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD'S FIRST MASTER.**

At the advanced age of 86 years Mrs. Mary Caroline Robinson, widow of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, passed away on December 21st, at her residence, Fair Home, Wokingham, Berks.

The deceased lady was the daughter of a former Vicar of Appleton, where the Rev. F. E. Robinson was at one time curate. Throughout their many years of married life Mrs. Robinson took an active part in the varied parochial work which usually falls to the wife of a parish priest, and during her long residence at Drayton, where her husband was Vicar, she endeared herself to all by her practical kindness and high Christian character, which she continued to exercise, also, when she removed to Wokingham some 25 years ago.

Many ringers of the old school have pleasant recollections of ringing visits to Drayton, when the Rev. and Mrs. Robinson kept 'open house,' of the great rounds of beef and the enormous hams, which always seemed to be in readiness for satisfying the appetites of ringers, however numerous or unexpected. Mrs. Robinson took a loyal and sympathetic interest in her husband's great hobby and in the discharge of his duties as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, an office which he filled for over a quarter of a century. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson brought up a large family, but none of the children took any interest in ringing, except the youngest daughter, Miss Vera Robinson, who is an active member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and serves on the committee.

During her residence in Wokingham the late Mrs. Robinson identified herself very closely with the work of the church in the town, and particularly in the parish of All Saints.

The funeral took place at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday week, the service being fully choral. A large number of friends were present. The former and present Rectors of All Saints', the Rev. Canon B. Long and the Rev. Gordon Kenworthy, officiated. The hymns sung in church were 'Alleluia, Alleluia,' and 'Holy Father, cheer our way,' while Psalm xxiii. and the Nunc Dimittis were chanted, the processional cross being carried at the entrance to the church and to the graveside.

The mourners were Dr. W. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Robinson, Miss C. Robinson, Miss M. V. Robinson, the Rev. L. E. Lydtker, Mrs. Lydtker, and Mrs. B. W. Stanley Palmer. The Rev. R. H. Robinson, D.D. (son), of Wilby Rectory, Wellingborough, was absent owing to illness. The Oxford Diocesan Guild was represented by Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master) and Mr. W. J. Paice (hon. secretary of the Sonning Deanery Branch).

BROADCASTING.**LOCAL DIFFICULTIES.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Although, I am afraid, Mr. Amos has got rather badly 'off the track' on this question of the broadcasting of ringing, I am inclined to think, sir, that you laid yourself somewhat open to attack by the 'ruthless' character of your article in the issue for December 1st. While it may be quite easy for you to be absolutely 'ruthless,' and to advise that procedure from the Editor's chair, and in the interest of a good performance, I am wondering what sort of an attitude you would adopt if you found yourself in charge of an eight-bell tower which had been asked to broadcast, and your band consisted, say, of only seven strikers and one indifferent. You say, 'The man who is known to be a defective striker should be ruthlessly ruled out.' Yes, and if that man really appreciated the fact that he was a bad striker, he would, in all probability, rule himself out. Some of us who are bad strikers do know it, but, unfortunately, there are many of that category who do not know it, and although they may not be good strikers, in many cases they are good, regular and consistent members of the band, both for practice and service ringing, and are probably of the opinion that their ringing is as good as the rest. In a case of this sort (and all of us must know of cases where it will apply) are you still prepared to advise such ruthless ruling out? In the case of the ringer who knows his striking is faulty no trouble will follow, but with many I am afraid the foreman would be taking the risk of being told to get outside assistance on the next Sunday, and I, personally, would prefer (just for the sake of those few minutes) to put over something which 'might be better' than to upset the feelings of a good member of the band, whom you could ill afford to lose, and in all probability upset the good feeling in the tower generally for perhaps a long time. I quite agree that, as you say, nothing but the best (striking) should be good enough for a broadcast programme; at the same time many bands would, I think, find the adoption of your 'ruthlessness' a very risky proceeding.

Mr. Amos' comparison of the 'stuff' from St. Martin's to 'milk and water' is as odious as are most comparisons, and in addition is an insult to milk and to water, and it is a thousand pities that such 'stuff' should be broadcast to the world as appertaining in any way to English bells. Cannot the 'Cumberlands' see about it?

R. WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will all the readers who have sent us their good wishes for the new year please accept our heartiest thanks.

An unusual double event took place on Sunday week at Framsdon, Suffolk, when Mr. G. Bennett rang his 200th peal and Mr. James Bennett, jun., his son, rang his 100th peal. Mr. J. Arbon rang his first peal of London Surprise Major and is the first native of Monewdon to ring a peal in this method.

The conductor of the peal rung at Bishopsgate on December 11th was J. E. Davis and not C. W. Roberts as published.

A peal was rung at Hughenden, Bucks, on Friday, December 29th, 1933, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was Grandsire Triples, Holt's Ten-part, rung on December 29th, 1883, by W. Finch, T. Payne, G. Lapworth, S. Hounslow (conductor), C. Hounslow, J. W. Washbrook and T. Warner. It would be interesting to know if any of these are still with us.

In connection with the peal of 'Grandsire' rung at Syston on December 23rd, an interesting event happened in that while the peal was in progress a grandchild was born to the tenor ringer, Mr. W. Wright, who thus became appropriately a 'grandsire.'

Meetings to-morrow of which only short notice has been given included the Derby District of the Midland Counties Association at Derby, Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Winchester, and the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Thames Ditton.

A correspondent informs us that the variation of the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, mentioned by Mr. A. P. Cannon, on page 790 of 'The Ringing World' of December 15th, is false, as several leads rung when the bells are in course are rung reversed when the bells are out of course.

During the year 1933 eight twelve-bell peals were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, and these have been of considerable variety, viz., two peals of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and one each of Superlative Surprise, Duffield, Little Albion Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques.

Miss Hilda Snowdon, of Halslead, Essex, rang her first two peals of Surprise Major—Superlative and Cambridge—on Boxing Day. This was a great achievement, and it is believed that it is the first time a lady has rung her first two Surprise peals on the same day.

Mr. G. R. Pye easily heads the list of peal ringers for 1933. He scored exactly a hundred. Few men have rung as many peals at this in a single year. We recollect only three.

The first to do so was the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who in his heyday once rang 127 in the year. In 1912 the late Mr. Bertram Prewett rang 100, and the late Mr. Alfred W. Grimes rang 114. The latter established a new record in the following year when he rang 136, making a total of exactly 250 in two years. We do not remember anyone ringing a hundred peals in a year since, but if it has been done perhaps someone will tell us.

Incidentally, to-day is the 17th anniversary of Alfred Grimes' death.

There have been some other good 'scores' during 1933, among them Mr. William Keeble, of Kelvedon, who rang 66; and that remarkable youth, Edwin A. Barnett, of Crayford, who, although only 15 years of age, rang over 50.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was rung by the St. James' Society eighty years ago next Wednesday.

The many ringing friends of Mrs. F. Whittington, of Cranleigh, Surrey, will wish her a speedy recovery from a rather serious illness which suddenly overtook her last week, while shopping.

With her husband, Mr. Robert Whittington, Mrs. Whittington has rung in something like 400 towers throughout the country, which they visited on cycling tours, usually on a tandem machine. In this way they have ridden together over 100,000 miles. Mrs. Whittington was one of the earliest members of the Ladies' Guild.

Canon Coleridge will dedicate the restored ring of six bells at Pirbright, Surrey, on Wednesday, January 24th, at 7 p.m. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

YOUNG COMPOSERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your comments re young composers, my brother, G. Stedman Morris, composed peals of Bob Major, Double Norwich, etc., at the age of 15, one of Double Norwich which I called for him—see M.C.A. report, 1923, where this fact is stated. If young Mr. Barnett will write me, I will send a copy of this composition, and perhaps he will add to his already splendid record by conducting at 15 the composition of another ringer of 15.

May I add my congratulations to young Mr. Barnett in so ably following the footsteps of his father and grandfather. I myself have tried to do this, and like the late Mr. Barnett, sen., my own grandfather, although only a three-bell ringer at Cattistock, Dorset, was an ideal example of a fine old English gentleman, and it is by following such worthy examples as these that we can make our own lives and records worth while. I trust young Mr. Barnett will go on from a glorious beginning to a long and honourable career.

ERNEST MORRIS.

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon, on Boxing Day. There was a fair attendance of members from both dioceses, but not such a large number as usual. The bells, a ring of 10 (one of Taylor's best) were rung during the afternoon. The Dean officiated at the service, and the lessons were read by the Rev. Ivor Phillips, who is a ringer and curate at Machen Church. The Dean gave a most interesting address, specially emphasising what a pleasure it was to him to welcome the association to St. Woolos.

Following the service a move was made to the Westgate Hotel, where tea was in readiness which had been very kindly arranged by the Dean.

The business meeting was presided over by the Dean. Instructors' reports showed that progress was being made at Redwick, Caerleon and Nash.

Restorations and augmentations were reported on, with the result that three guineas were voted towards the cost of a proposed new treble bell for Nash, where last year the bells were restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Mr. T. Wood, of Llandaff, was appointed Master, and the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) and auditors were re-elected.

It was arranged to hold the next annual meeting at Llandaff, the next two quarterly meetings at Bonvilstone and Llanfrecchfa, the Bonvilstone meeting to be held on Easter Monday.

The Dean, having to leave to keep another engagement, was heartily thanked for his kindness and hospitality. The chair was then occupied by the Rev. Ivor Phillips.

Quite a number of new members were elected.

The proposal to hold a dinner last year not having matured, it was decided that it be held next October.

The hon. secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Harry Page, of Pentre, who has been ill for some time, wishing him a speedy recovery.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed, and the bells of both St. Woolos' and All Saints' Churches were rung until late in the evening.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. NORTH-WESTERN DISTRICT.

The annual general meeting of the North-Western District of the Essex Association took place at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday week, and was well attended. After ringing touches at St. Michael's Church, the ringers attended a special service which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. McCarthy), who gave a short address. This was followed by tea in the Parish Hall, at which a company of 30 was present, including a number of lady ringers.

Before the Vicar left he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his welcome to the ringers to St. Michael's and for his address. In reply, the Vicar said it always gave him great pleasure to see them there, as he considered the ringers were an integral part in the service of the church.

For the business meeting, Mr. F. Dench, of Saffron Walden, was voted to the chair.

The election of the Ringing Master resulted in Mr. G. Dent, of Harlow Common, being re-elected unopposed, and Mr. H. Wacey was also re-elected hon. secretary.

Mr. Dent then took the chair, and referred to the illness of the Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree), who usually attended this meeting, and moved that the secretary send a letter of condolence to him and his family.

A letter of sympathy was also sent to Mr. Walter Prior, of Stansted, and a wish for his speedy recovery.

It was decided that the next meeting of the district should be held at Raydon in February.

Mr. Dent gave a welcome to ringing members from a wide district, including Saffron Walden, Sawbridgeworth, Braughing, Harlow, Harlow Common, Chelmsford, Exning, Great Chrishall, Sawston, Barley, Melbourn, Fulbourne, Stansted and Bishop's Stortford.

Thanks having been accorded to the organist, the ringers again repaired to the tower and rang touches for the rest of the evening.

THE EIGHT 720's OF CAMBRIDGE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was interested to read in 'Reflections of W.W.' of Henry Wilde and the eight 720's of Cambridge. Curiously enough I met Mr. Wilde for the first (and last) time on the day before the Council meeting W. W. writes about; it was the occasion of the Essex Association jubilee. We spoke of the Bankes James Cambridge, and I told him that the 'eight' tenors-right extents were 'in my pocket', and dozens of others of 'all sorts'—the product of another man, with whom Mr. Wilde ultimately got in touch. He told me he had the eight, too, but the point is this: he stood aloof because of the hopelessness of convincing the Council that the 'eight' were all 'different'!

Hornchurch.

GEO. L. JOYCE.

THE PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR.

BELLS IN THE BROADCAST PROGRAMME.

Bells put a crowning touch to the midnight broadcast in this country at the passing of the old year. Those who listened to the wireless programme heard the bells of Westminster Abbey ringing half-muffled just before twelve o'clock, and, following the striking of the hour, by Big Ben, the bells of Canterbury Cathedral ringing in the new year, came over the ether. The amount of ringing heard by the public was very limited, but it gave to the broadcast a characteristically English note which has been missing in the hectic celebrations in some previous years.

At many churches up and down the land, where circumstances permitted, the bells were rung at midnight.

At St. James' Church, Clerkenwell, four ladies took part in the ringing, and the next day their efforts were graphically described in a London newspaper. At Aldershot, however, no fewer than nine local lady ringers shared in ringing out the old year.

At St. Peter's Church, Portishead, Somerset, on New Year's Eve, with the bell half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: R. Porter (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, Miss H. Orchard 2, E. Goldstone 3, Mrs. W. Edwards (conductor) 4, Miss G. Stadden 5, E. Smith 6, A. E. Colburn 7, J. Thomas 8.

RECORD BEATING.

THE SILENT PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—After heartily wishing all friends of change ringing every blessing and the compliments of the present season, I feel bound to voice my humble congratulations and say, 'Well done, Birmingham!' on the marvellous success of a truly wonderful band in achieving a truly wonderful peal, and evidently presided over by a truly wonderful Young Person.

I allude, of course, to the 'Silent' Peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the 15th ult.

It would have staggered the men of a bygone age!

For combined concentration it is amazing, and only those who have rung handbell peals can fully realise what the conditions, as imposed, required of the gentlemen taking part.

Half a century ago I assisted in two or three of the then records on tower bells, and now the question arises, 'Where is this record-breaking going to stop?'

Will any other band ever be able to invent anything that can possibly beat it for intellectual skill, truly described by you in 'The Ringing World' as a 'brilliant performance'!

F. E. DAWE.

SURPRISE MINOR CONDUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query of Mr. H. M. Day in your issue of December 22nd, the following peals, rung by the St. John's (Leytonstone) Society, were in each case the first attempt at conducting by the respective conductors:—

April 2nd, 1933, at Leytonstone, seven Surprise methods, A. Prior (3); November 29th, 1924, at North Weald, seven Surprise methods, E. D. Smith (tenor); March 24th, 1928, at Chigwell Row, 22 Surprise methods, G. L. Joyce (treble); January 28th, 1929, at Leytonstone, seven Surprise methods, G. Dawson (5); December 31st, 1932, at Leytonstone, seven Surprise methods, P. H. Avey (5).

A. PRIOR.

TWENTY-TWO METHODS.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Hunt's letter of December 29th, it may be of some slight interest to recall that the Essex Association rang, some years ago, seven extents comprising twenty-two Surprise Minor methods with a footnote, 'first as conductor,' although this 'feat' reflected very little credit to the individual concerned, he having called the extents many times previously. I think, however, that these do not directly concern Mr. Day's original question, but I should imagine that somebody at Leytonstone could claim a seven-method Surprise peal as his 'first as conductor.'

G. L. JOYCE.

EXTENTS OR METHODS?

Dear Sir,—In Mr. Hunt's reply to my enquiry he uses the word 'extents.' Does he mean methods, or extents of one method? In my humble opinion there are no different extents. There is only one 720, however many methods are rung or callings varied, although we often see in print 'seven different extents,' instead of 'seven different callings.'

H. M. DAY.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Edmund's Church, Warkton, Northants, on Sunday, December 31st, for evensong, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1933 changes) in 1 hour 12 mins.: Miss D. J. Moir 1, H. T. Eastbrook 2, A. S. Foselard 3, B. P. Morris (conductor) 4, H. Patrick 5.

THE VILLAGE OF GRESFORD—ITS CHURCH & ITS RINGERS.

'Romantic scenes here open to the view,
Scenes that surprise, and prospects that are new.'

One of the prettiest and most picturesque villages in the border counties is that of Gresford, and many travellers who pass through the quaint railway station (on the Great Western Railway) in fast express or local train feast their eyes for a brief period on diversified beauties of hill and dale, meadow and stream, and ejaculate, 'Ah, now we're in North Wales!'

Geographically, Gresford is situated about three miles from Wrexham and eight from Chester. It comprises the lordship of Marford and Heseley. The parish is supposed to have derived its name, anciently 'Croesfordd,' or, 'the road to the cross,' from its situation near an ancient cross, within half a mile to the south of the present church, of which the shaft is still remaining. It is very extensive, comprising upwards of twelve thousand acres.

The village is delightfully situated on the western side of the road from Wrexham to Chester, near the head of a beautiful valley, which opens into the Vale Royal of Cheshire, a tract of country remarkable for the richness of its soil, the beauty of its scenery, and the pleasingly diversified views which its presents.

The little vale of Gresford is one of the most lovely in the Principality, abounding with pleasing and interesting objects, enlivened



GRESFORD PARISH CHURCH.

by the wanderings of the river Alyn through its meadows, and finely varied with richly wooded eminences, on one of which stands conspicuously its beautiful church, remarkable for the elegance of its architecture and its picturesque appearance; the plantations and pleasure grounds attached to the elegant villas and rural mansions, which are scattered throughout this small but romantic dell, combine with the natural beauties of its scenery to render it in every respect one of the most interesting and attractive spots in this part of the country. It is bounded on the east by the Dec, and is intersected by the Alyn, a tributary of that river.

The Welsh name, which became 'Gresford,' was, in full, not 'Croes-fordd,' but 'Y Groes-ford,' the cross-road, in which the Welsh article causes the mutation of the initial consonant, when the noun happens to be feminine. So in many other cases the Welsh name appears with the softer initial, though the article has been omitted.

Willis, in his 'Survey of St. Asaph,' contends that the origin of the word 'Gresford' was 'Croes-fordd,' from the fact that it was built where four cross-roads meet, but in the Domesday Book the name is spelt Greford, and as the cross was probably not in existence at that time we must seek further for the origin of the name.

In Domesday Book the village is recorded as situated in the Hundred of Exestan, which formed part of Cheshire at the time of the Survey, and the following is a translation of the entry:—

'Hugo and Osbernus and Rainaldus hold Greford. Thoret held it as a freeman. There are xiii. hides of taxable land. The land is xii. ploughs. Hugo holds v. hides, Osbernus vi. hides and a half, and Rainaldus one and a half hide. One and a half plough is held by the lord. There is a Church and a Priest, and seven villeins, and twelve husbandmen and one freeman. These have two and a half ploughs of land amongst them all. In the whole

manor there is a forest 5m. 4f. long and 2m. 6f. wide, and two eyries of falcons. Osbernus has a mill which grinds the corn of his own establishment. In the time of Edward the Confessor the whole was waste, and the present holders received it as waste. It is now valued at 65s. amongst all the holders.'

AN IMPOSING CROSS.

Coming back to the cross, this structure must at one time have been an imposing one—even in the days when village and churchyard crosses were common—judging from the size of the pedestal, which is all that now remains of it. It stands under a grand old sycamore tree, at the junction of the roads from Wrexham to Chester, and from Gresford to Rhosnessney. It rests on large stones or steps. The pedestal is square in shape, and there is ample evidence that sculptured figures of bold design occupied the four corners. No inscription is now visible, except what may perhaps be the handiwork of forgotten individuals who desired to transmit their initials and certain dates to a careless, unheeding posterity. There is an apocryphal story of Queen Margaret having rested at this spot 'after one of the defeats of King Henry VI.'

It is worth noting that Gresford was the birthplace, in 1807, of Samuel Warren, the author of 'Ten Thousand a Year,' 'The Diary of a Physician,' and other works. He was born at a farmhouse called 'The Rackery,' where his mother happened to be visiting Mr. Williams, a relative. The village has other literary associations, as the former residence of Eliot Warburton, author of 'The Crescent and the Cross' (who perished when the 'Amazon' foundered in 1852); and as the scene of 'The Angler' in Washington Irving's 'Sketch Book.' This author considered the scenery by the River Alyn to be quite after Izaak Walton's own heart. It may also be noted that Sheridan once proposed to make Gresford his abode, and the lovely Mrs. Sheridan inspected a house there. The idea, however, was not carried into effect.

Of a former Gresford resident, Colonel Robinson, the famous Royalist, it is related that he had to fly the country on the death of Charles I., but returned at the Restoration. He found his house deserted by a Puritan, who had rebuilt it in his absence, and he thereupon took undisturbed possession of it. He was buried in Gresford Church.

Opposite the church is a building of somewhat long dimensions, a small portion of which was at the time of its foundation used as a school. It still bears the following inscription: 'Scholae Eleemosynæ, Dnæ Margaretæ Strode. Fundata 1725. Ad pauperes ejus sumptibus erudiendos.' Another portion of the same building is inscribed: 'Hospitium Invali Dorum Parochianorum impensis Structum, A.D. 1725. Thoma Pate, Rogero Jones, Petro Potter, Johani Edwards, Guardianis.' This almshouse was probably erected with charity money in the hands of the parish officers, who exercised the right of admission. In the churchwardens' accounts are some memoranda of agreement made by them with several contractors, which show the cost of building work in those days. Bricks cost 5s. per thousand; lime, 10d. per barrel; bricklayer's work, brick and half, 4d. per yard; slating, including materials, 2s. 1d. per yard. In 1786 the trustees of the Strode Charity added to the original buildings for the purpose of furnishing the schoolmaster with a dwelling-house. In the year 1836 it was decided to build new schoolrooms by subscription, and a wing was thereupon added, opened at Christmas, 1838. The walls of the schoolrooms are nicely panelled with oak, which came from the old seats of the church when they were replaced by the present modern benches. These schools have now been replaced by modern buildings on the south side of the church. Above the front porch is the date 1874, and the following inscription: 'These school buildings were erected by relatives in affectionate memory of Thomas Vowler Short, late Bishop of St. Asaph, an earnest promoter of education; who died at the Vicarage, in this parish, April 13th, 1872.'

THE CHURCH.

Gresford Church, which is dedicated to All Saints, is always an object of great interest to visitors, and deservedly so, as it is extremely handsome and of noble proportions. The living is a Vicarage, in the gift of the Bishop of St. Asaph. It formerly belonged to St. Stephen's College, Westminster, and then passed to the Dean and Chapter of Winchester, who, according to a document among the Bridgewater MSS. in the British Museum, granted the 'Rectory of Gresford in Denbighshire' to Queen Elizabeth, February 1st, 1581.

Of the church itself, it may be said that it is a spacious and elegant structure, consisting of a nave and north and south aisles, the roofs of which are of oak, panelled, and profusely ornamented with fruit and flowers exquisitely carved. The ground plan is a parallelogram, 110ft. long and 59ft. wide, the nave extending 73ft. With the exception of the pillars of the nave, arcing the lower portion of the church, and the graceful Decorated window of the south aisle, the general character of the architecture is late Perpendicular.

The main body of the church belongs to the middle of the thirteenth century. The church tower, to the height of the first band, is believed to have been built towards the end of the fourteenth

century, when the chancel was also lengthened. Towards the end of the next century the church was in a great measure rebuilt, the principal part of the beautiful tower added, the elaborate roodloft and handsome screen erected, and the windows filled with rich stained glass.

The lofty square embattled tower is of fine proportion, richly ornamented on the summit with the figures of the Twelve Apostles, alternated with crocketed pinnacles. The tower is also decorated with traceried bands, quaint gargoyles, and hollow cornices, which adorn its four sides, and these last are carried round the entire church, and represent a race of cats, mice, dogs and grotesque creatures. In 1543, Vicar White wrote to Bishop Wharton, 'that many offerings had been brought to this church from divers parts of the country, by reason of which it was strongly and beautifully made erect and builded.'

There are some very handsome stained-glass memorial windows in the church. In the south aisle is a window of bold design and vivid colouring, depicting four of the disciples, erected to the memory of a former Vicar, as will be seen from the inscription: 'To the glory

THE BELLS AND SOME EPITAPHS.

The bells of Gresford have long been noted for their sweet and harmonious tones, and are numbered among the so-called 'Seven wonders of Wales.' (These seven wonders are as follows: St. Winifred's Well, Wrexham Church, Overton Churchyard, Gresford bells, Llangollen Bridge, the falls of Pistyll Rhaiadr, and Snowdon.) They bear inscriptions:—

Tenor: 1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Seventh: Thomas Mears, of London, founder, 1836.

Sixth: 1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Fifth: Thomas Rudhall, Gloucester, founder, 1775.

Fourth: 1623. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Third: Peace and Good Neighbourhood, T.R., 1775.

Second and Treble: Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1875.

Prayer Bell: 'God save this Church.'

A new and elegant Caen stone pulpit was given by the late Miss Egerton, of Gresford Lodge, in 1867. The churchyard contains a number of imposing monuments, among which are the following legies:—



THE GRESFORD BAND,

With their former Vicar (Archdeacon Williams) (centre) and their present Vicar (Rev. W. E. Jones) (right).

of God, and in loving remembrance of the Ven. Robert Wickham, M.A., Archdeacon of St. Asaph, for thirty-four years Vicar of this parish, who died December 21st, 1860, aged 78 years.' There is also a stained-glass window in the east in the Madoxes Chapel of some antiquity. It represents the legend of the Virgin Mary's birth, and shows the date of erection to be 1498, but the names of the donors cannot be traced. This window was restored in 1872.

Among past Vicars of Gresford there have been four who ultimately reached the episcopal bench: (1) Hughes, a native of Carnarvon, who became Bishop of St. Asaph in 1573. (2) Hugh Bollot, born at Moreton, in Cheshire, and buried in Wrexham Church, who was successively Bishop of Bangor in 1583 and Chester in 1595. He was employed by Queen Elizabeth as one of the Biblical translators. His remains now lie in the chancel of Wrexham Parish Church. (3) Richard Parry, a native of Ruthin, Bishop of St. Asaph in 1604. (4) Humphrey Lloyd, a son of Richard Lloyd, Vicar of Ruabon. A still higher honour was accorded Nareissus Marsh, Vicar in 1689, who became Bishop of Ferns, Archbishop of Cashel, then of Dublin, and then of Armagh, and Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

The earliest registers commence in 1660 in Latin. In addition to the ordinary brief announcements of baptisms, marriages and burials, there is occasionally an item of interest, including: 'Mem. The fairs began at Gresford, 4th December, 1752.' 'A drought in the year 1762, from the 2nd of May, new style, to the 7th day of July, following.'

'Affliction sore with patience bore,
Physicians were in vain,
Till death did ease and God did please
To ease me of my pain.'

'This lovely bud, so young, so faire,
Cut off by early doom,
Just come to show how sweet a flower
In Paradise would bloom.'

'No verse of praise write on my tomb,
Since there is judgment yet to come;
Leave all to God, who justly knows,
And more than we deserve bestowes.'

Outside the south porch is an old sundial, on a stone pedestal, dated Anno 1732.

There are several yew trees in the churchyard, one of which is a veritable giant, and supposed to be the oldest in the kingdom. At one of the meetings of the British Associations, a speaker contended that, judging from its size, etc., it was more than 1,400 years old. It is over 30ft. in girth, and reaches a height of about 60ft. 'Haydn's Dictionary of Dates' says that in 1851 its 'circumference was nine yards nine inches, being the largest and oldest yew-tree in the British Dominions.' During the last century it was known to have grown nine inches larger in fifty years.

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TWO YEARS' RECORD.

At St. Martin's, Salisbury, for evensong on Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Fulford 1, J. Maidment 2, F. Pittman (Christchurch) 3, A. Fry 4, W. A. Romaine 5, F. C. Smith 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8. By ringing this quarter-peal St. Martin's band have now rung a quarter-peal for a Sunday service every month for the past two years, all of which have been rung by St. Martin's ringers except on five occasions, when visitors have stood in. On Sunday, December 31st, after the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Jewel 1, J. S. Fulford 2, W. A. Romaine 3, S. Macey 4, J. Daniell 5, L. Harris 6, F. W. Romaine (conductor) 7, A. Southey 8.

YORK SURPRISE.

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First rung by the Warwickshire Guild at Nuneaton on December 16th, 1933.

GRESFORD VILLAGE AND BELLS—Continued.

In a violent storm in 1850 one of the pinnacles of the tower fell on the roof of the nave, carrying away one of the main beams and causing damage to the amount of about £200. From the oak of the beam which fell two chairs were made for the communion table and presented to the church by the Vicar (Rev. Robert Wickham).

Extensive repairs, through the ravages of the beetle, have now been completed to the roof of the nave and north and south aisles, the greater portion of the oak beams and panels being renewed. These timbers had supported the roof since 1729, and beneath the leads on the north side was found a hand-forged chisel and gouge, and on the south side a hand-made pincers, one foot six inches long, with jaws three inches across.

In the group photograph, reproduced with this article, is the recently resigned Vicar (centre), Archdeacon J. E. Williams, and (right) the new Vicar, Rev. William Edwyn Jones, and the band of Gresford boys, who rang their first peal together on January 27th, 1931, each born within a mile of the church, baptised and confirmed in the church, and all except two married in the church. With one exception all are Sunday service ringers. The ringers were George Williams, Arthur Prince (Bath), William J. Roberts, James Alderman, Samuel Roberts, John A. Randles, Thomas R. Griffiths and Arthur Tilston.

The Domesday Book was originally 'The Book of Winchester,' but acquired the name 'Domesday'—the day of judgment—by metaphor, and was the outcome of a general survey of England by William the Conqueror in 1086. He wanted to know how much each place could and should pay either by way of gold, land tax, rents, or other dues. This book was kept in the 'Domesday Chest' with other State papers. It had three different locks, the keys of which were kept by three State officials, and could only be opened in their presence. The book and chest are now at the Public Record Office, Chancery Lane, where they can be seen without payment.

AN EDITOR'S POSITION?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Just as I expected! The whole question re the above has very humorously and cleverly been turned to a huge joke, and that by the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' who talks of such as being no argument, and when one has no case, I won't say abuse on this occasion; perhaps a more fitting word would be amuse the other side. He richly deserves the compliments of the writer of this letter for it. You surely never thought of all that yourself, did you, Mr. Editor? We are not face to face, or you might be given a pat on the back for it! Very amusing, isn't it, that the answer as to what should be an Editor's position should be 'a turkey and a Christmas pudding'? It really does tickle one to death.

Amusing, too, isn't it, that a person should (in addition to being ringer and editor of a paper), hold such offices as that of a secretary, member of 'a thousand and one' committees, Central Council representative, etc., and yet be termed by Mr. Frank Warrington as an independent and silent witness? This does really 'win the bun.' Independent and silent! Those two words ring in my ears like the sound of an explosion from a machine gun. I could say quite a lot regarding this, but prefer not to give too long an epistle beyond referring to that lengthy controversy on five and six bell ringers. Who in the name of goodness has done more to criticise these and put them in their place than the Editor of 'The Ringing World'? They ought not to ring Morris and Pitman's 240's of Doubles. They ought not to ring peals of Minor in less than seven methods after so long. They ought not to do this and that; in fact, I wonder they ought to do anything at all without first asking the Editor and some of these Central Council men if they can! Hitler himself couldn't be a bigger dictator than some of them are! In fact, it is a real marvel that most of us were ever intended to have a will of our own at all. Independent and silent. Oh, dear! Fetch me the smelling salts, somebody do! All day long I have been trying to concentrate on Sahara Sandals, but each time I put my thoughts on them a voice whispers in my ears, 'Independent and silent!' 'Nuff said.' The season's greetings, Mr. Editor.

P. AMOS.

Wellingborough.

[And the same to you, Mr. Amos.—Ed., 'R.W.']

'NONE OF HIS BUSINESS.'

Dear Sir,—In to-day's issue of 'The Ringing World' you publish a letter from Mr. Percy Amos, the tone of which all decent ringers will deplore. He attacks you for being on the Central Council and for being a general secretary of a Guild. Why suggest that editors should be debarred? You have earned the respect of every good ringer by sheer good work, and you hold the positions in the Guild and on the Council as a church bellringer, not as editor of a paper. I suggest that Mr. Amos takes these matters to the Central Council and the Diocesan Guild for their decision; he would probably get the answer he deserves, viz., 'It is none of his business.'

He also accuses you of unfairness. What piffle! For myself I can say that I have known you over 30 years, and during that time I have never found anything of the kind. It is true that we do not see eye to eye in some things, and that we have differed in our opinions, but I am sure both of us never allowed such variations of opinion to open the door of personalities. After all is it not clearly the duty of a ringer to look for the best in a brother ringer, and not seek to pick holes in any good work he is trying to do? Mr. Amos' letter is devoid of reasonable logic and argument, and if he cannot do any good he should certainly try and refrain from doing harm.

I hope we shall not get anything like this from any others of the younger school of ringers, to which I presume Mr. Amos belongs. Editors (even of ringing papers) are only human after all, and if one of the Exercise does not appreciate a good hard worker, believe me, all the others, including myself, do.

It is not an editor's duty to test the accuracy of statements made by correspondents, but it is clearly the duty of a correspondent to be of a fair mind to all.

I wish you a very happy 1934. Let not those who want to stir up trouble and strife keep us from giving to the best of our ability.

WM. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

NOTICE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northwich Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wilton (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 13th. All ringers welcome. Tea has been arranged (1/9 per head) at the Temperance Hotel. Will those who intend to be present kindly advise before Jan. 12th.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3 London Road, Davenham, near Northwich.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th, St. Magnus' on the 17th and 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Business meeting at 3 o'clock in St. Maurice's Hall, followed by tea at 4. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — West Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, Jan. 6th.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held at the St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Saturday, Jan. 6th. Ringing at St. Martin's from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Churchkirk on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1934. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. These bells will go to any method.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Visitors welcome.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec., 293, Ormskirk Road, Spring Bank, Wigan.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—A joint meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 6th. For tea please notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Amended Notice. A quarterly meeting will be held at Corston on Saturday, January 6th. Tea and business 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district will take place at Derby on Saturday, January 6th. The bells of the Cathedral (10) will be available from four o'clock till seven o'clock. The business meeting will commence at five o'clock for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business. All welcome.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—To-morrow, Saturday, January 6th. Meeting at S. Nicolas', Thames Ditton. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will members of the district please make a special effort and support this meeting?—K. Eastes, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—January notices: Jan. 8th, practice, 6.30 p.m.; quarterly meeting, 8.15 p.m. Jan. 22nd, practice, 7.30 p.m. The above at St. Clement Danes', Strand. Also at St. Mary's Lambeth, practice, Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 8 p.m.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Station Road, Camberwell, S.E.5.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Ely.—A mid-week meeting in Cambridge on Thursday, Jan. 11th. Bells of St. Mary the Great (12) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Please make own arrangements for tea. Ringing at St. Benedict's Church 6 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The second annual supper, social and dance will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, High Street, Hounslow, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. each, can be obtained from members of the committee until Jan. 6th. The bells of St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow (8) and St. Leonard's, Heston (8) will be available from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1934, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. The Lord Bishop of Guildford will preside. Ringing at St. Nicolas' Church (10 bells) 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Apply for tickets before Tuesday next to J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. The Ven. Archdeacon Howson will preach, and he invites all present to tea at the Institute after service. Please notify Mr. Walter Fisher, 90, Old Hall Street, Liverpool, for tea. Members of the Wigan Branch are especially invited to this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, January 13th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Good bus service from Maidstone. Subscriptions for 1934 can be paid at this meeting. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Meeting after tea. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, only to those who notify Mr. Jas. Harrison, Park Gate, Hoghton, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th. The next combined practice will be at Whittle on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec., Carwood Lane, Whittle-le-Woods.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Tower open 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Divisional Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter-de-Merton, Bedford, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting for election of officers, etc., for the year, including a new district secretary. It is hoped all will endeavour to attend.—Percy C. Bonnett, Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Southampton District will be held at Southampton on January 13th. Service in St. Mary's Church at 3 p.m. Dedication of two new trebles to complete ring of ten by John Taylor and Co., will take place during this service. Address by Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in Chantry Hall. Meeting follows. Numbers for tea by January 10th. St. Michael's bells available from 2.30 p.m., St. Mary's from 6 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on January 13th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, Local Secretary, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

BUSHEY.—Saturday, January 13th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea, Institute 5.45. Bells available till 8.45. Cheap tickets by coach, train, etc., from all parts. The rest is up to you.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—'Short Notice.' A meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, January 13th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8).—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford (six bells) on Saturday, January 13th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Adoption of report and balance sheet.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13th. St. Lawrence Jewry 3 till 5 and St. Dunstan-in-the-East (recently overhauled) after tea. Business meeting at St. Dunstan's.—James G. A. Prior, 77, Anthony Street, St. George-in-the-East, E.1

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warkton (five bells) on Saturday, January 13th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, January 9th?—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Saturday, January 13th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by January 10th?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea (5 p.m.) and meeting at Station Restaurant, Eldon Street. Please notify Mr. W. Carbutt, 79, Park Grove, Barnsley, by Friday, 12th. All ringing friends cordially invited.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

TUTBURY, STAFFS.—On Saturday, January 13th, at 3 p.m., the Lord Bishop of Lichfield will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. By kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. Canon Hudson, tea will be provided free to all ringers who notify him of their intention to be present by Thursday, January 11th.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Caythorpe, Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available during afternoon and evening. Tea only for those who send names by Monday previous to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (8) available at three o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow in Church Hall. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Guilborough (six bells) on Saturday, January 13th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, January 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea (9d.) and business meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by January 10th. All members and friends cordially invited.—Arthur E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting of the North-East Branch will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by Monday, Jan. 15th, please. Come in numbers.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Annual Dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 20th, 1934, 6 p.m. Chairman, Mr. Frank Skidmore; chief guest, Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Bristol. Tickets, 5s. 6d., from Messrs. J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Dyke (Bath), T. King (Bath) and officers, stewards of B.U.R.G., or direct from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m., Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Cafe, The Borough, 5.15 p.m. Notifications for tea by Tuesday, 16th, to Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Road, Farnham.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral (10 bells) on Saturday afternoon, January 20th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham, Saturday, January 20th. Divine service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rector. Collection for Branch Restoration Fund. Tea in Church House 4.45 to those who inform me by January 15th. Members of branch 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, January 20th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, January 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea by invitation. Please advise by Tuesday, 16th.—G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at the Guild Hall, Hadleigh, on January 20th. Tea at 4.30, 9d. each. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, January 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. B. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday previous.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BRIXHAM, DEVON.—Two trebles added in a new frame to complete ring of eight (tenor 16 cwt.) and old No. 5 recast by Gillett and Johnston. Re-dedication by the Bishop of Crediton on Wednesday, January 24th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ripon Cathedral on Saturday, January 27th. Further details next week.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, February 3rd. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DEATH.

ROBINSON.—On December 21st, 1933, at Fairhome, Wokingham, Mary C. Robinson, widow of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, M.A., aged 86.

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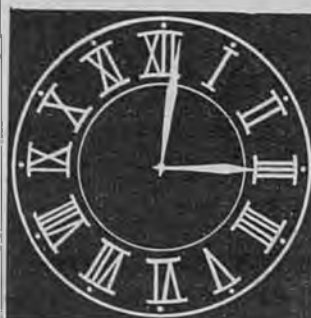
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