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## PEAL RINGING'S PLACE.

There is a suggestion, in the letter from Mr. E. M. Atkins, which appears in another column, that undue prominence is given in this journal to the peal ringing side of the art, and just a hint that on this page the subject gets more than its fair share of attention. It is true that several pages are usually taken up in the publication of peal records, but all the while peal performances are regarded — as they undoubtedly are regarded by the majority of ringers—as the high-watermark of achievement, so long, we think, they merit a conspicuous style of presentation; while, on the question of space, other considerations, which we need not enter into now, have to be taken into account when it comes to the size of type used.

Whether peal ringing is made more of than it deserves in this column is probably a matter of opinion, but when it comes to considerations of progress and such questions it is only by peal ringing results that any accurate comparisons can be made, for in no other branch of the art are accurate statistics available. Moreover, not only are the greatest energies of practical ringers bent to peal ringing, but in the realm of composition the best efforts of composers are devoted to the production of peals. In every respect from the progressive ringers' point of view, the 'peal' is the ultimate goal. If with some people the peal is overrated—and there may be some who set more store on peal ringing than they do upon their services to the Church—there is no reason why peal ringing should not be given its proper place as the keystone of the arch as it stands in relation to the art itself.

No right thinking person will deny that church bell ringing should be first and foremost a service to the Church, but the purpose of service ringing, as such, could just as well be served by call change ringing. The art of change ringing is really only subsidiary to the service which we ought all to desire to render to the Church, but we who seek to further its interests consider that good change ringing is a better offering of mental gifts than can be made by ringing of the other kind. It is only in this respect that the art comes into association with our services to the Church. There ought to be nothing in the encouragement of peal ringing which should detrimentally affect the ringing of bells for the services of the Church. On the contrary, it has often been pointed out that peal ringing makes for good ringing, and there can be no disagreement that good ringing should be the aim of all service ringers. Thus, from the two points of view, of furthering the art of change ringing and promoting efficiency in Sunday service ringing, peal ringing deserves to be encouraged, and if it may seem

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to some that we dwell too often on the many sides of the subject we feel that, on the whole, we are justified. At the same time we do not admit that the other phases of ringing have been neglected, and each, as occasion has demanded, has received its share of comment and criticism. Let it be understood, however, that we in no way resent Mr. Atkins' suggestion, but rather welcome it when offered in the spirit in which we know it is put forward.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Four Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 1	*CHARLES CLARK... .. 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 2	FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 9
*ERNEST HIBBINS ... .. 4	HERBERT SHEMMING... .. 10
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... .. 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 12

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to his late Majesty, Albert, the King of the Belgians, also to Alfred G. Rivers, a respected member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, who was interred at Dry Drayton, Cambs, the same afternoon.

## TEN BELL PEALS

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST W. PYE... .. 1	†THOMAS J. LOCK... .. 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	JOSEPH WAGHORN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 8
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... .. 4	†ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 9
*JOHN G. NASH ... .. 5	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES  
\* 100th peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 1	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... .. 7
*NORMAN G. LEACH ... .. 3	GILBERT HARDING ... .. 8
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 4	BERT HORION ... .. 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 5	THOMAS J. ELTON... .. 10

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. KNIGHT.  
\* First peal of Caters in the method. Rung half-muffled to the memory of H.M. King Albert of Belgium, and to Mr. G. R. Thorne, who was for 21 years M.P. for Wolverhampton East.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE  
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

SYDNEY MARSHALL ... .. 1	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 6
JAMES CARTER ... .. 2	SYDNEY THOMPSON ... .. 7
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 3	BENJAMIN THORP... .. 8
VERNON SYKES ... .. 4	HERBERT BARLOW ... .. 9
THOMAS E. LOXTON ... .. 5	CARUS WILSON ... .. 10

Composed by ARTHUR HUBBARD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP  
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Henry Hoap, of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR J. TAYLOR ... .. Treble	JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. 5
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2	*J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 6
*RALPH HARRIS ... .. 3	GEORGE A. KING ... .. 7
*FRANK SADLER ... .. 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal in the method. Stedman Triples had been arranged, but owing to the indisposition of the conductor the above was substituted, the ringer of the 3rd filling the gap at short notice.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, WOOLWICH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6
JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 3	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 7
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWARD G. BUCK ... .. Treble	§LEWIS BYWATERS ... .. 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 6
†WALTER D. POOLEY ... .. 3	THOMAS C. CASTLE ... .. 7
†DONALD C. MEARS ... .. 4	GEORGE FERRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method away from treble. § First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor man.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble	*SIDNEY EDWARDS ... .. 5
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 2	ROLAND PARK ... .. 6
ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3	*THOMAS GUEST ... .. 7
WILLIAM HOPWOOD ... .. 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

EVERTH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PITSIOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 13 G.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble	LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. 5
GEORGE W. PIPER ... .. 2	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 6
JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. DARKE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

AT BROOKFIELD CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT SMITH ... .. Treble	JOHN FEARNHEAD ... .. 5
EDWARD F. MANBY ... .. 2	ERNEST SEDDON ... .. 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 3	CHARLES OLLIER ... .. 7
ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD ... 4	FREDERICK PAGE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by F. PAGE.

\* First peal. First peal in the method at this church by an entirely local band.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, February 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 5
GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 2	†VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... 6
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3	†ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. REEVES.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. 50th peal by Mr. Daniels.

BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD ... Treble	*NORMAN SIMS ... .. 5
GEORGE W. SLACK ... .. 2	G. CECIL WALLACE ... .. 6
*ARTHUR ARMITAGE ... .. 3	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. 7
FRANK SCHOLEFIELD ... .. 4	*HERBERT ASHTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

\* First peal. First attempt by the local company, all being regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WALTER P. CROSS ... .. Treble	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 3	ALAN R. PINK ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	LEONARD STILWELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of H.M. the King of the Belgians.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HORACE HINGLEY ... .. Treble	NORMAN G. LENCH ... .. 5
†GEORGE BUTLER ... .. 2	WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6
GEORGE MEATH ... .. 3	BERT HORTON ... .. 7
ARTHUR HINGLEY ... .. 4	DAVID HINGLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

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## BRIDGEND, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, February 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Illtyd,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED ST. ILLTYD AND OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... .. Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 5
CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 6
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 3	D. REES JAMES ... .. 7
JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* 150th peal. First peal ever rung with these two methods spliced. It contains 2,240 changes of St. Illtyd and 2,800 of Oxford, two ordinary singles and all the 6-7's at back stroke. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. D. R. James, wife of the ringer of the seventh.

## LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ARTHUR ROWE ... .. Treble	JOHN FOSKETT ... .. 5
CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. 2	CHARLES DAVIS ... .. 6
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	JACK DAPTERS ... .. 7
EDMUND MOUNTER ... .. 4	ARTHUR P. CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK DAPTERS.

First peal as conductor. Rung with clappers half-muffled as a mark of respect to H.M. the late King Albert of Belgium.

## GRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paulinds,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 6
VICTOR L. TOOTHY ... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 7
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... .. 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

E. A. Barnett's 50th peal on the bells.

## CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER LONGMAN ... .. Treble	THOMAS HURD ... .. 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 2	WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... .. 7
WILLIAM CORNWALL ... .. 4	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This method is now rung for the first time. Rung at the first attempt without previous practice. It was a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Hurd, and also rung for the conductor's 24th birthday.

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 5
GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 6
ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 3	JOHN EVANS ... .. 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Arranged for Messrs. Peglar (Bangor), J. Evans (Rhyll), A. Crawley (Crewe) and E. V. Rodenburst (Hodnet). Also as a birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Peglar (Bangor) and Mr. J. Evans (Rhyll). The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Williams for their kind hospitality after the peal, and the Rector for the use of the bells.

## HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REG. BLABY ... .. Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... .. 2	PERCY NEWION ... .. 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
FRED BIGGS ... .. 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

## MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

(UNATTACHED.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

I. SIDEBOTHAM ... .. Treble	J. M. KELVEY ... .. 5
H. TIMPERLEY ... .. 2	F. HALL ... .. 6
W. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3	W. MULLINEAUX ... .. 7
B. GODDARD ... .. 4	J. HEAP ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

\* First peal. First peal by an all-Mottram band since 1912. The peal is the first part of T. Day's 16,608.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

EDWARD CHARMAN ... .. Treble	JOHN COOK ... .. 5
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 6
PETER CHARMAN ... .. 3	JACK BRANCH ... .. 7
SAMUEL EELES ... .. 4	ALFRED CHARMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

\* First peal.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. Treble	JOHN MARSHALL ... .. 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 6
FRED DUNKERLEY ... .. 3	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... .. 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

## BOOKING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN ... .. 5
BERNARD HOLDAWAY ... .. 2	SAMUEL WARNE ... .. 6
GEORGE IVES ... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7
ARTHUR G. BUTCHER ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Arthur Saunders and Arthur G. Butcher.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. Treble	HARRY WILDE ... .. 5
MISS MARY JAGGER ... .. 2	WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 6
NORMAN DAVISON ... .. 3	GEORGE AMBLER ... .. 7
EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 4	WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method.



HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH HALL ... .. Treble	FRANK SADLER ... .. 5
* J. WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 2	RALPH HARRIS ... .. 6
JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7
JOHN HALL ... .. 4	* JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Frederick J. Johnson, who was interred at Hinton the same afternoon.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 19 cwt.

* ALBERT G. RICHARDS ... Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6
EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 3	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 7
ERNEST STITCH ... .. 4	* P.C. EDWIN H. CHAMBERS Tenor

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. Arranged and rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. Bevan, who was president of the Guild. Also to the memory of the late Mr. D. M. Glasbrook, churchwarden, and the late King Albert of Belgium.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. ASH ... .. Treble	JOHN MCGLENN ... .. 5
G. WILFRED SLACK ... .. 2	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. 6
WILLIAM DIXON ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rector of this parish, Ven. J. F. Howson, M.A., Archdeacon of Craven, who served this church for 28 years.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

HARRY LIMBERT ... .. Treble	HORACE DOWELL ... .. 5
ALBERT TAYLOR ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN. 6
WILLIAM H. DETHERIDGE ... 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 4	SAMUEL DETHERIDGE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE, JUN.

Rung in honour of the coming of age of the treble ringer. The above band, except the ringer of the fourth, are all regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 12, 1934, in Three Hours,

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

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

Being 42 six-score, ten callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

* WALTER HANCOCK ... .. Treble	* ERNEST E. FISHER ... .. 4
RICHARD ROBERTS ... .. 2	EDWARD J. AVERY ... .. 5
WALTER J. TILLY ... .. 3	A. JAMES GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. J. AVERY.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. William Young, Vicar's warden at this church for the past 15 years, who was buried the same day.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 15, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Being 1,200 Grandsire and 480 Oxford Singles, twice repeated.  
Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER CHAPMAN ... Treble	HARRY HOWARD ... .. 4
WALTER MANSFIELD ... 2	FRANK HAYES ... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3	VICTOR G. LEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. TACK.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(N.E. DIVISION.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, with different callings.  
Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... Treble	HARRY E. FINCH ... .. 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 2	GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... .. 5
JOSEPH BOWELL ... .. 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

A birthday compliment to Mr. William J. Nevard, of Great Bentley.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Being 720 each of Annable's London, Rossendale, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge and London.

ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... Treble	JAMES BASSETT ... .. 4
ALBERT RELFE ... .. 2	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... 5
THOMAS FULLER ... .. 3	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith, of Leatherhead, on their recent marriage.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* H. DENNIS MANN ... Treble	† R. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 4
† SIDNEY MUNTON ... .. 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... .. 5
* SIDNEY HARRISON ... .. 3	JOSEPH T. PACE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. PACE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. The average age of the band is 21, the conductor, aged 15 years 10 months, being the youngest.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

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

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

J. BRINLEY JONES ... Treble	GEORGE POYNELL ... .. 4
JOHN H. RACKHAM ... .. 2	ALAC A. RACKHAM ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SAUNDERS ... 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late beloved president and founder of the Guild, Edward Latham Bevan, D.D., Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on February 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,283 changes): F. Corke (first quarter of Stedman Caters as conductor) 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, R. Davill (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 3, A. G. Twinn 4, J. J. Pratt 5, R. Warneft 6, E. Hancox 7, F. W. Goodfellow 8, W. H. Coles 9, C. Nicholls 10.

## CHARING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK J. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 4
GEORGE C. HILL ... .. 2	*CLIVE GORE ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. HENNIKER ... 3	ALEXANDER WADDINGTON Tenor

Conducted by A. WADDINGTON.

\* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late King of Belgians.

## BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 callings.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

*ALBERT E. T. PAULLEY ... 1 reble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
MISS PAMELA J. PALMER ... 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD ... 5
HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 3	WALTER J. GORNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

\* First peal. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of sympathy with the Belgian nation on the tragic death of their King. Slowest peal on the bells.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 1 reble	*FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 4
*J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 2	WALTER WHITE ... .. 5
WILLIAM DICKINSON ... .. 3	*JOHN E. HOBBS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Pinder, a prominent member of the St. Peter's band. First peal of Minor on the bells.

## GLINTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 24, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the 720 rung seven times in the following methods: (1) Rossendale and Stamford; (2) Carlisle; (3) Beverley and Surfleet; (4) London and Wells; (5) York and Durham; (6) Norfolk and Primrose; (7) Cambridge and Ipswich.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMSON ... .. 1 reble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... .. 4
CHARLES W. WOODS ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung on St. Mathias' Day. First peal in 13 Surprise methods by ringers of treble and 2nd and for the Guild.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT, EDGELEY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 3-4	A. ERNEST JONES ... .. 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witnesses—Hiram Meakin and Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

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## 'AMONG THE BELLS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Before finally disposing of the surplus copies of 'Among the Bells,' I should be glad to know if any ringer needs odd numbers to complete his book.

Any ringers who do not possess the whole volume may like to have Part No. 1—containing photos of the first Master of the Oxford Guild, Fred White, of Appleton, Charlie Hounslow, Matt Wood and Henry Johnson, and pictures of St. Laurence's Church, Appleton, and St. Peter's, Drayton. Copies price 6d., post free. This offer is open till Saturday, March 10th, only.

VERA ROBINSON.

Fair Home, Wokingham, Berks.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Branch was held at Haddenham on Wednesday, February 21st, about 22 members being present. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. J. Lawrence was elected to the chair. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Secretary, Mr. F. Warrington; committee, Mr. H. Collins, Mr. G. Few, Mr. A. J. Ginn, Mr. S. Slupp, Mr. W. Seekings and Mr. F. Thulbon.

After discussion it was decided, under Rule 10, to elect a ringing master, and Mr. A. J. Ginn, of Over, was unanimously elected.

The next meeting is at Whittlesea, provided consent is given. Will all ringers watch the notice columns of 'The Ringing World.' It is hoped to hold the meeting on Saturday, March 17th.

## DULL SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I do not think it is the lesson so much that ringers get sick of hearing at their services as the address that preachers almost invariably inflict on their congregations at those gatherings. Nine clergymen out of ten either take their text from the passage Mr. Dove quotes, or 'A golden bell and a pomegranate,' and they all proceed to tell the same story about the time that bells first formed part of Christian worship, etc. It appears to me pretty obvious that they all derive their knowledge from the same source.

I attended a meeting at Chiltonham many years ago, and we had the same old story given us by the preacher from the stock text I have quoted above. I remarked on this afterwards to the late Mr. J. W. Taylor, who told me of an incident related to him by the late Sir Arthur Heywood.

Sir Arthur's brother, or brother-in-law, I forget which, was the then Bishop of Guildford, and when they met the following conversation took place:—

The Bishop: Oh, Arthur, I had to address a company of ringers the other day at so and so.

Sir Arthur: Did you, what did you tell them?

The Bishop: I looked up so and so, and so and so, and told them all about bells.

Sir Arthur: Well, if ever it falls to your lot to again address ringers, give them a good straightforward address. The humblest ringer in your congregation could have told you more about bells than you will ever know.

I recounted this afterwards to my father, and, after that, whenever a Rector of Crayford was going to address ringers, he was always advised as to his subject beforehand, and they were always grateful for the advice.

One instance of how ringers benefited by 'that little word in season' was that wonderful address given by the late Canon Gedgo at the annual meeting of the Kent County Association in 1928. Canon Helmore, in his report to 'The Ringing World' the following week, said of it, 'Such an effect this had on the members that it was requested that it should be printed and circulated.'

Ringers themselves can do a lot towards brightening their services by just letting their clergy know beforehand what to talk about. We cannot blame the clergy altogether for our uninteresting services.

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

## A RINGERS' FRIEND.

## AN APPRECIATION.

Ringers in various parts of Southern England, including the Metropolitan, will be sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. W. Hibbert, of East Isley, Berks, who succumbed to a long and painful illness on Sunday, February 11th.

Since the bells of the village were augmented to eight in 1921 many bands of ringers and many individuals have made a call there, either on an outing or for a peal attempt, and very few have left the village without being catered for by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert. The local people have lost a good neighbour, the husband a good wife and the sons a good mother, and the writer of these few words has lost a real good sister and 'pal.'—R.I.P.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DIVISION AT CHICHESTER.**

The annual meeting of the Western Division was held at Chichester on Saturday, February 24th, when 24 members and friends attended from Bosham, Chichester, Heene, Lindfield, Lyminster, Pulborough and Westbourne, with several visitors, including a lady ringer, from Portsmouth, Portsea, Fareham and Wickham. The bells of the Cathedral were made good use of during the afternoon. After tea at the Tower Cafe, Mr. J. H. Blake was elected chairman of the meeting, and gave the members a hearty invitation on behalf of the Vicar of Bosham (the Rev. G. Street) to make use of the Bosham bells if they cared to go there.

The following new members were elected, viz.: J. Gregory (Westbourne), S. White (Heene), H. Weaver and C. H. Cobbitt (Goring), C. Alsford, G. Bacon, T. B. Daughtry, T. W. Daughtry, W. Richards, W. Stevens, E. Tregus and T. Venn (Arundel).

Mr. A. W. Groves was again elected divisional secretary, and one new committeeman was elected, viz., Mr. J. Farmer.

Mr. Tucker kindly undertook to convey a vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells.

Mr. A. W. Groves expressed pleasure at seeing so many members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild present, and, on behalf of the Sussex Association, gave them a hearty welcome.—Mr. Linten, of Fareham, said it gave them much pleasure to be amongst them. The company then returned to the campanile for further ringing, and finished up with some handbell ringing.

**DEDICATION OF PEAL TABLET.**

A peal tablet recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Oswestry, Shropshire, on December 27th, 1932, was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Langford Brown) on Sunday last. The peal is worthy of note from the fact of a lady being a member of the band. It was her first peal, and she was the first local lady to ring a peal. The performers were Miss Amy Kynaston 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, T. Marshall and R. Kynaston 8. All are members of the local band except the conductor, who is a former member and now of Swindon, Wilts. Owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor, two men were necessary, but the bells have now been rehung. After the dedication ceremony a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by Miss A. Kynaston 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

The February meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Horbury Church, where the nice light peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) were raised about 3.15 p.m., and various methods were rung until 5.15, when a splendid tea was served in the Parochial Rooms. After tea further ringing took place, and later the business meeting was held in the tower. The president (Mr. W. H. Senior) was chairman, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Barnsley, Drighlington, Elland, Liversedge, Ossett, Rothwell, Wakefield and the local company. One new member (Mr. Harold Pickles, of Horbury) was elected.

The next meeting will be the annual nomination meeting, and, after discussion, it was decided to try and obtain the bells at Burley Church, the suggested date being March 24th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Horbury for allowing the use of the bells and to the local company for the arrangements was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior and seconded by Mr. H. Horner.

A further vote of thanks to the ladies, who had baked and served the tea, and to Mr. H. Pickles, who had supervised the arrangements, was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse and seconded by Mr. T. W. Strangeway.—Mr. H. Pickles replied on behalf of the local company.

**HONOURING CHURCH OFFICIALS.**

At St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, on February 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. D. Fellows (first away from tenor) 1, D. W. Turner 2, A. E. Turner 3, F. V. Nicholls (first with a bob bell) 4, L. W. Turner 5, A. Reynolds 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, E. S. Bushell 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. W. Farr and Mr. W. A. Horne upon their re-election as churchwardens and to Mr. C. W. Cooper, secretary of the local band, upon his election as a member of the Ruri-decanal Conference and Church Council.

**ASTRAY!**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent who signs himself 'Bob Minor' (in your issue of February 16th), referring to his attendance at the Pudsey meeting, has got somewhat astray in his Yorkshire dialect phraseology, and intermixes words not usually thus spoken in the West Riding.

I am glad to hear, however, that he enjoyed his visit and 'gat awa in good time,' else he might 'hav had more Surprise' and missed 't' last tram.'

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Prescott Parish Church, Lancashire, have been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are to be dedicated to-morrow. In connection with the completion of the scheme, gifts of money to God for the bells will be received in the church from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The peal of Bob Major at Warfield on Thursday week was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. P. Cross and for the coming of age of his son, Mr. G. T. L. Cross. Owing to the tragic death of the King of the Belgians, however, the peal was rung with the bells half-muffled.

The Cross family have been connected with Warfield for over 300 years, and the treble to the peal was rung by Mr. W. P. Cross, brother of Mr. E. P. Cross.

The band in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild which is doing so well in ringing peals in spliced Surprise methods (they rang a peal in 13 methods last Saturday), under the conductorship of that stalwart, Mr. H. M. Day, has lost one of its most capable members by the removal to the Birmingham district of Mr. R. W. Daniels.

Next Wednesday that grand old man, Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, will celebrate his 81st birthday, and ringers are invited to meet at Farnham Royal Church that evening at 7.30 to ring 'many happy returns.'

Will the lady who went home from the meeting at All Hallows, Lombard Street, on Saturday, with one of her own gloves and with or without a grey suede one, please communicate with Mrs. R. F. Deal, 10, Kimberley Avenue, East Ham, E.6, who pleads guilty to having taken away one of the wrong pair by mistake.

His many friends, including those new ones he made at Bristol on the occasion of the B.U.R.G. dinner, will regret to hear of the illness of Mr. W. E. Dennis, of London, a member of St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild, who has undergone a serious operation in St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. We are pleased to say he is going on fairly well.

The leading article on 'Clergy and Ringers' from 'The Ringing World' of January 26th has been reproduced *in extenso* in 'The Liverpool Diocesan Leaflet,' which is inserted in practically every parish magazine in the diocese. This has been brought about by the efforts of Mr. O. I. Davies, hon. secretary of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association.

The death occurred on February 21st, after a long illness, of Mr. A. G. Rivers, of Dry Drayton, Cambridge. Deceased was 63 years of age. The funeral took place at Dry Drayton on Saturday and was largely attended, among the congregation being many ringers.

The time of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at St. George's, Stockport, on February 17th, was three hours and fifty minutes, not three hours and thirty-four.

## BELLS AND THE WIRELESS.

### A B.B.C. INNOVATION.

Bells have come into singularly unexpected prominence on the wireless during the last week or so. As an experiment the B.B.C. are using a record of Bow Bells, rung in some well-struck call changes, to indicate intervals in the programme, where formerly the 'tick-tock' was employed.

It is certainly of more pleasing effect than the 'clock,' and we hope it may help to make the public a little more 'bell minded.'

## BELLS BEFORE BROADCAST SERVICES.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—I have never trespassed before in your valuable columns, but I hope this letter may help towards the object which most ringers would like to see accomplished, that is when services are broadcast the bells are included wherever possible. Unfortunately, at many of our churches whose services are broadcast the bells are not included. Take Stoke-on-Trent for example. A service was broadcast from there a few weeks ago, but no bells were broadcast, although there is, I believe, a peal of eight, and, I understand, a competent band of ringers. According to the programme to-night (Sunday, February 25th), the bells are not being broadcast from St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells before a broadcast service are just as important as any other part of the service. I do not consider the B.B.C. are to blame altogether, the cause is partly what we have been reading about in recent issues, 'the relationship between clergy and ringers.' I would like to appeal to the Central Council that at the meeting at Warwick a resolution may be passed that the B.B.C. be communicated with urging the importance of bells in broadcast programmes before services. If a church service is being broadcast (whether Church of England or Roman Catholic), the association and the local ringers could greatly assist by approaching the incumbent on the subject. I am not going to encourage such rubbish we here so frequently from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, but I would like to see more churches following the example of St. Martin's, Birmingham. It matters not whether Surprise or call changes are rung, provided that the striking is good. That is what the public wants.

B. P. MORRIS.



## PEALS OF MINOR.

## THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

By THE EDITOR.

In their letter in the last issue of 'The Ringing World,' Messrs. Trollope and Turner say: 'You want the Central Council to recognise the Bankes James Cambridge Minor. So do we. . . Shall we try and get the Council and the Exercise to say definitely that it is quite allowable to use that and similar compositions in a peal. . . ?'

My reply is: By all means, as long as the words 'similar compositions' are clearly understood to cover only those compositions which, like the Bankes James Cambridge, consist of 720 rows, produced without repetition before the next extent is begun—and are not intended to commit anyone to the compositions, like the Law James London and others, which should be dealt with when the Bankes James Cambridge is out of the way. I say this for the reason that, in my opinion, the two things are in different categories and must be separately judged.

Moreover, as was explained in the article in 'The Ringing World' on February 16th, my belief is that in the Bankes James Arrangement each 720 is in itself true, and should, therefore, be accepted as such.

In support of that contention I put forward certain definite arguments. But Mr. Trollope and Mr. Turner (I am not quite sure why Mr. Turner has been brought in) ignore that side of the issue and dismiss it as lightly as Mr. Trollope had previously endeavoured to thrust aside the views of 'those people who keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720.' Mr. Trollope and Mr. Turner say: 'We are not likely to agree with your arguments.'

That they are 'not likely to agree,' however, will not alter facts, and it would be interesting to know their specific reasons for disagreeing with the following assertions contained in the article referred to? They are the basis of the contention of 'those who keep talking about 720 true rows being a true 720.'

1. 'You cannot prove a peal by going into the tower and ringing it.'
2. 'Truth can only be assured by recourse to figures.'
3. 'The truth of a peal is tested by the rows on paper and not by the changes made in the tower.'
4. 'In an extent of Minor it requires 721 rows to produce 720 changes.'
5. 'The final rounds is a repetition of the first row, otherwise the term "round block" is meaningless.'
6. 'For the purpose of the truth of a 720 of Minor it does not, therefore, matter which row of rounds you count as one of the 720. They are one and the same.'

## THE FUTURE MATTERS MOST.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your recent leading article, and especially the second paragraph thereof, so agrees with the view I expressed at a ringers' meeting a few weeks ago that I feel I should like to make a few comments thereon. First, as regards the 'mixing' you refer to, I should like to go a great deal further. I feel that all is not well even as regards 'mixing' at meetings. In many cases there is great difficulty in getting the average or 'worse than average' ringers to attend the meetings, and, as far as I can tell, the reason appears to be that they feel that they are only admitted on sufferance, and touches for their benefit are only put on as a concession. This, of course, is all wrong, and the concession should be for surprise touches for the experts. At any rate, the aim of those arranging meetings should be to make the ordinary, i.e., the non-peat ringing ringer feel quite at home.

The other point about which we appear to agree is that some of the peal ringers might sacrifice some of their time to assist in teaching the non-peat ringers. I had this also in mind when commenting on the accumulation of association funds. The idea I tried to express was that some of the funds might be used to meet travelling expenses of any experts volunteering for this work who required assistance. It appears to me that the present season of Lent, which is hardly a time to ring peals to the glory of God, gives a good opportunity for us all to consider whether we can do more to get ringing regularly Sunday by Sunday all the rings of bells we know—and especially those we ring peals on.

Finally, may I, in all humility, make a few comments on 'The Ringing World'? 'The Ringing World,' as I see it, is primarily a peal ringers' paper, and more often than not your leading articles, which, of course, are really very fine in their way, deal with peals, peal ringing or peal ringers. The first 25 per cent. of the letterpress comprises reports of peals. Now, Sir, I should say that on a very conservative estimate less than half the ringers in the country are peal ringers, and less than 20 per cent. ring more than two or three peals a year. Is there any wonder, therefore, if the reply to any effort to improve your circulation is met with the comment that 'The Ringing World' is not for us? I suggest you print the peals in small type, so that they occupy about half the space at present taken and that you do the same to the notices of meetings. The space thus saved should be used for articles of interest to all church bellringers whose motive is primarily to do something, whether elementary or advanced, to the glory of God. I have not given up my interest in the Minor controversy, but I feel that this is dwarfed into insignificance, and, as you rightly say, 'the future matters most.'

E. M. ATKINS.

7. 'You cannot produce the first change without it' (the first row of rounds).

8. 'The first row of rounds is an essential part of the first lead; you cannot construct the first lead of any method (with a single hunt) without it.'

9. 'The last row of rounds is not an essential part of any of the preceding leads—it belongs to the first lead of the next 720.'

10. The Methods Committee in the 'Minor Collection' show 123456 as part of the lead in every case, and the back stroke, after the succeeding lead end is definitely cut off from the preceding rows.

11. 'In arriving at the scientific truth of a touch or peal, things like hand stroke and back stroke, and whether rounds or any other row is the first row do not matter.'

12. In ringing 'more than one 720 without a break it does not signify (as far as truth is concerned) what the first row of the second and subsequent 720's is.'

13. 'In any case it has got to be a repetition of something in the first 720.'

14. It is, therefore, no more a breach of truth to use the 481st row than the first.

## MR. JOYCE REPLIES TO CRITICS.

Dear Sir,—Good ring-general that he is, Mr. Coles knows the value of stepping 'in' to meet the blow, when side-stepping will not avail; but the 'timing' should be good when taking this risk! You notice that the spotlight is focussed upon my challenge as to this one method's name, and thus the major point remains deeply shadowed—the PRINCIPLE UNDERLYING.

You should realise, Sir, that Mr. Coles is my very good friend; that I hold nothing but admiration for those who composed and rang this 12-method peal—the finest 'job' of its kind ever accomplished; and that I am using it merely as a lever in forcing home my contention that what is 'sauce for the goose also is sauce for the gander.' I want none of your readers to get a false impression. I ask that general definitions shall, so far as is possible, govern all peals from Singles to Maximus, Plain Bob to Bristol; that the Minor shall not, quite unnecessarily, be separated from the others. To this end I attack this particular peal in detail, and only for that reason.

Come back with me to Mr. Coles' letter of December 18th, 1932: '... I CANNOT admit ... (the inclusion) ... of the first row of rounds ...'; so that, by 'force of logic,' he would compel me to write AND RING the methods under immediate discussion thus (the dots representing 30 identical rows in each):—

'NORFOLK.' 'TIMBUCTOO.'

12345678 12345678

.....

16847253 16847253  
18674523 16482735

Bob (in both)  
18642735

'NORFOLK.' 'NORTH POLE.'

12345678 12345678

.....

16847253 16847253  
18674523 16482735

Bob (in both)  
18642735

This is the Major parallel to the manner in which the Cambridge Minor is 'made' to be false; the back stroke definitely is clamped to the lead proper, and the method is not completed unless the back stroke row is INCLUDED THEREIN. Logically, then, NEITHER METHOD WAS RUNG!

Now, alternately and without the slightest difference in practical ringing, I can make my Cambridge Minor 'true' by writing AND RINGING these Major methods thus:

Here, strictly logically, Mr. Coles is fully entitled to claim that either method was rung, and he may name it what he pleases without the slightest grouse from myself; but if he does do so, surely any fair-minded 'Major' will agree that I am entitled to claim my Cambridge Minor to be 'true'!

You read that Mr. Coles is '... tied down ... by some odd leads of so-called Norfolk ...' (Sheer side-stepping here.) Actual facts are these: Twelve methods were named. Seven only were duly completed (Pudsey, Rutland, Yorkshire, Superlative, London, Cambridge and Lincolnshire). Two others (Bristol and New Gloucester), while not 'completed,' could not very well be anything else at the lead end. Three more (Eastcote, Wembley and Norfolk) each have a 'mate,' which, for convenience and facetiously to follow Mr. Coles' little joke, I shall dub 'Middlesex, Meddlessex and Muddlessex' respectively. If my Cambridge is true, either (of the pairs) was rung; if not, THEN NEITHER.

And Mr. Coles recommends Mr. Warrington to read, very carefully, the letter from Mr. Trollope; he might have added that Mr. Warrington should read, also very carefully and with some profit, my record of Mr. Trollope's views on rows and changes which was published immediately under that letter.

'Reading carefully' leads me to Mr. Cashmore's opening reference to myself. I cannot decide if his remarks result from carelessness, lack of knowledge of the subject matter, inability to read with understanding, or just a mistaken sense of humour; but, in any case, I consider that you are 14 lines of good and valuable space to the bad. (Continued at foot of next page.)

### EDINBURGH RINGERS' DINNER.

#### 'ENDOWED' FUNCTION OF ST. CUTHBERT'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, February 13th, a company of nearly a hundred ladies and gentlemen attended the annual dinner of St. Cuthbert's Parish Church Society, Edinburgh, held at the Caledonian Hotel. As an endowed dinner, held annually under the terms of a will, the function is among the most distinctive which are held in Edinburgh, and, in conformity with custom, a group of change ringers, in the course of the evening, demonstrated their art with handbells, five members of the society, conducted by Mr. W. C. S. Heathcote, giving a short touch of Grandsire Caters.

The dinner, which was held in the main dining room of the hotel, was presided over by the Rev. W. White Anderson. On the wall opposite the chairman's table there was placed the photograph of Mrs. Anderson, the widow of Major-General Anderson. Throughout the year the photograph of Mrs. Anderson, who gave the bells to St. Cuthbert's and left a sum of money to provide a dinner every year for the change ringers and their friends, hangs in the church belfry, and is brought down for one night in each year to be hung on the wall at the dinner.

Proposing a toast to 'The Memory of the Donor of the Bells,' Mr. Anderson said that as the years went on they all increasingly felt their debt to Mrs. Anderson's foresight and her love for St. Cuthbert's. She had loved her church and she had desired that people should go to church, and she had given these lovely bells that the West End of Edinburgh might be called to worship by the sound of them. The toast he proposed was a toast to the donor of the bells, but because she had wanted the bellringers and their friends to have at least one very happy night in the year she had also endowed that dinner, and for that, as well as for the bells, they were all extremely grateful.

The toast was pledged in silence.

Mr. Matthew Brown, a member of the Kirk Session, proposing the toast of 'St. Cuthbert's Society of Change Ringers,' said that on behalf of every member of St. Cuthbert's, and on behalf of all the citizens of Edinburgh, and on behalf of the hosts of visitors to Edinburgh, they wanted to acknowledge a warm debt of gratitude to those men and ladies who gave them the peal from St. Cuthbert's (applause). He thought Mrs. Anderson must have been a very joyful and happy personality, showing her appreciation in a very happy manner.

The change ringers, continued Mr. Brown, were certainly not an ostentatious body. One never saw them, although they made a noise—a musical noise. Nothing gave him greater pleasure and enjoyment on a Sabbath morning than the joyful peals coming from St. Cuthbert's, dispelling all the worries of the week's work. When he had first learned permutations and combinations he had wondered what was the use of them, but now he saw some value in them related to this question of change ringing. He had worked it out that there were 5,040 possible changes in a peal of eight bells (laughter and applause).

Following the toast there was ringing on the handbells, and the Rev. T. Ritchie, St. Matthew's Church, Edinburgh, formerly one of St. Cuthbert's Sunday School boys, and still an active member of the Society of Change Ringers, replied. Mr. Ritchie said that the society was like the Loch Ness monster in that it had succeeded in making itself known, and had also achieved the glory of being broadcast. In only one respect did they differ from the Loch Ness monster, and that was that they had not succeeded in receiving the same amount of interest. That was a thing which could be overcome, and he extended a cordial invitation to the elders of St. Cuthbert's to visit the belfry. Belfries and change ringers were few and far between in Scotland compared with England, and there was, therefore, all the more reason for co-operation between the change ringers and the ministry and office-bearers of the Church if change ringing was to be kept on a secure foundation.

Mr. W. B. Sampson, president of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers, replied to the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' proposed by Mr. A. Gordon Cairns, W.S., and the toast of 'Our Guests,' proposed by the Rev. G. F. McLeod, who is an honorary member of the society, was replied to by the Rev. Dr. C. W. G. Taylor.—The toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. John Watt.

During the evening songs were sung by members of the church choir, including Miss E. Gibson, Miss A. Boyle, Mr. J. Matthew and Mr. R. C. Sutherland, accompanied by Miss Marion H. Smith.

All the arrangements were in the hands of the honorary secretary, Mr. William C. G. Jinkins.

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Finally, Mr. Pulling's 'budgeon' is reminiscent of Mr. Willson's '... if the first row, etc. ...' I am perfectly prepared to guarantee satisfaction to Mr. Pulling in the shape of an answer to his question, if he first will tell us, keeping entirely to the practical side, how it is done when we commence at hand stroke and finish at hand stroke. Moreover, he can call a 720 of Cambridge W.R.W., starting from back stroke and finishing at back stroke, while I, in the same 720, shall start with back stroke and finish in the orthodox manner—in the tower, let it fully be understood, and not pencil and paper!

Leytonstone.

GEO. L. JOYCE.

An explanation of the Bankes James Arrangement by 'Equus' will be given next week.

### A SCOTTISH CHURCH.

#### JUBILEE OF ST. JAMES', PAISLEY.

This week the Church of St. James, Paisley, one of the few in Scotland in possession of a ring of eight bells, is celebrating the jubilee of the present building, a very handsome structure. The foundation stone of the church was laid on November 20th, 1880, by Sir Peter Coats, of Auchindrane. On December 28th of the same year it was agreed to erect a spire, and at the beginning of the following year Sir Peter Coats offered the gift of a peal of bells.

Soon after the spire was completed in 1882, however, anxiety was felt regarding its safety, for, owing to the nature of its site and foundations, it showed alarming signs of moving from the perpendicular. Expert advice was called in, and it was deemed advisable



ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PAISLEY.

to take down the tower and spire. The foundations were carried down a further 18 feet and steel girders were put in. The whole cost, amounting to nearly £3,000, was generously born by Mr. Archibald Coats and Mr. Peter Coats. The bells were cast in 1882 by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and in 1909 the four trebles were recast and the remaining four bells returned. The particulars of the bells are as follows:—

- Treble.—E flat, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.
- 2.—D, 5 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.
- 3.—C, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.
- 4.—B flat, 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.
- 5.—A flat, 10 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lb.
- 6.—G, 12 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lb.
- 7.—F, 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.
- Tenor.—E flat, 22 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

The church, which originally cost £22,150, and was opened on March 1st, 1884, owes much to the munificence of the Coats family.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.

There was an attendance of just over 50 at the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held at Dunster on February 10th. Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. George's Church, where service was held, conducted by the president of the branch (the Rev. T. M. Etherington, of Withypool). In the course of his address, on the words, 'Charity never faileth,' the preacher referred to the pioneer work of members of the association, and paid special tribute to the great service rendered by the late Rev. James Utten Todd at Dunster. Among others he also referred to Harry Moore, William Reed, George Atkins and William Arthur Hawkins.

Tea was served at the New Inn, and at the annual meeting which followed, the Rev. F. M. Etherington presided, supported by Mr. George Stacey (hon. secretary), the Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton), the Rev. C. W. Howard (Luccombe), the Rev. A. P. Lance (Wootton Courtenay) and Capt. W. A. Hook.

At the outset the hon. secretary referred to the severe loss the association had suffered by death of valuable members since the last annual meeting. First, he spoke of Mr. W. W. Thorne (of Ockham, Surrey), who helped to found the association in 1890, was its oldest member, was a good ringer and had a wide circle of ringing friends. Mr. W. H. Poole, of Chipstable, another whom they had lost, was a self-taught man in the methods of scientific ringing who taught his band at Chipstable and kept it together. Mr. J. W. Veysey, of Winsford, was the foreman of the belfry there and did a lot in the way of keeping his band together. The greatest loss to the association, however, had been created through the death of Mr. W. A. Hawkins, who was a member of the association for about 35 years. He (the hon. secretary) had had the pleasure of teaching ringing to Mr. Hawkins, and when he left Dulverton Mr. Hawkins took his place in the tower. He was a staunch churchman who mixed the church and the bells together. At the same time, Mr. Hawkins had always been to the forefront in having what he used to term 'a friendly dig at the parson.' The association had suffered a very great loss indeed.

The members then stood in silent memory of those who had passed away during the past twelve months.

The balance sheet and report for the year were then submitted by the hon. secretary, who said that the balance sheet was about the same as usual. Receipts totalled eight guineas, and, after sundry expenses had been met, there remained a credit balance of just over six guineas. In the course of his report, Mr. Stacey referred again to the association's losses by death, and to the successful gatherings which had been held at Minehead, Selworthy, Sampford Brett and Skilgate. Five honorary and seven performing members had been added during the year, but 'against this there are two or three towers which are likely to drop out of the association, through not paying their subscriptions, which is most regrettable.' Mr. Stacey concluded by congratulating Withypool and Hawkridge members, who had each added a treble bell to their tower, making two nice little peals of six.

The balance sheet and report were accepted on the motion of Mr. J. Pugsley (Minehead), seconded by Mr. T. Elliott (Dunster).

The Rev. F. M. Etherington was re-elected president and Mr. G. Stacey hon. secretary. The latter was thanked for his excellent work over many years, and, in reply, acknowledged the support which he had received from the members, and referred to the good feeling that was always displayed within the ranks of the association.

Mr. Dawson was elected hon. auditor in place of the late Mr. W. A. Hawkins, and Mr. J. Pugsley (Minehead) was re-elected Ringing Master. Mr. Stacey was appointed to the General Committee of the association in place of the late Mr. Hawkins.

Nine new members from the Chew Stoke tower were elected to the association, and local names submitted and approved were those of Messrs. G. Ball, John Reed, jun., and T. Upham, Wootton Courtenay; Sidney Curtis, Withypool; and G. Hannaford, Exton.

Winsford was chosen as the next place of meeting, in April.

The remainder of the business was mainly composed of expressions of thanks. Mr. J. Pugsley's appreciation of the president's references to Mr. Todd was heartily supported by the company. Mr. Pugsley mentioned that Mr. Todd had taught several ringers in the district, and he believed he was the last at Minehead and Mr. Elliott the last at Dunster. Mr. Dawson voiced the association's gratitude to the retiring officers, and from the chair there was a further expression of gratitude to Preb. Reeder for the use of the bells; to Capt. Hook for his services at the organ; and to the towerkeeper, Mr. A. R. Tudball, for his courtesy; Mr. Etherington adding that the association were glad to come to what was perhaps the most beautiful church in Somerset. The president was thanked for his services to the association at all times, on the motion of Capt. Hook, who was elected as an hon. member of the association.

Mr. Dawson extended an invitation to the association to hold a meeting at Carhampton whenever it liked to come there.

Afterwards the bells were kept going for the rest of the evening.

The towers represented throughout the day, in addition to the home tower, were those at Dulverton, Exton, Timberscombe, Selworthy, Wootton Courtenay, Minehead, Hawkridge, Withypool and Carhampton.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## ENCOURAGING SIGNS IN LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT.

Several innovations, in an endeavour to create an interest among the public, were tried for the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at Leatherhead on February 17th. The Vicar was approached and the services of the choirboys were obtained, and the service was announced with the services for the week the previous Sunday, and a few of the congregation attended. The Guild's form of service was used and the Vicar gave a short address on the parable of the talents.

The fog prevented some from coming, and drove the general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) home early, but 30 sat down to tea in the Institute. The tea was a shilling one, a breakaway from the customary 1s. 6d. meat tea, and was received with a mixture of feelings by those present, but the plates were not quite cleared, and the committee hoped that a cheaper tea would enable more to afford the expense.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge) took the chair for the ensuing business meeting. The balance sheet (presented by the secretary, Mr. A. H. Smith) showed a decrease of £2 5s. on the balance in hand, but he explained that most of the heavy expenditure would not be again incurred, he hoped, for a long time.

The year's report showed a slight increase in paid subscriptions from the previous year, and, despite the number of peals rung having fallen to six for the year, there were encouraging signs in the ordinary ringing. Several choirboys at Ashted, with Mr. W. J. Whiting as instructor-in-chief, were shaping well, and Ashted could now muster a local service ringing band, which it had been unable to do for some years.

This statement was received with applause.

The Vicar mentioned the peal of Leatherhead Surprise Major which had recently been rung, and which he thought a noteworthy performance. He also referred to the fact that some of his choirboys had just received their first lesson in handling a bell.—Both the balance sheet and report were adopted.

Two new members, Miss H. Darvill, of Capel, and Mr. H. V. Young, of Leatherhead, were elected, and the election of John Hobden and Frank Mitchell previous to a peal at Banstead was ratified.

All the retiring district officers were re-elected, and the retiring general officers were renominated, Mr. Hasted being nominated as auditor in place of the late Mr. C. N. Burdock.

Ockley, Ranmore (joint meeting with the Surrey Association), Epsom (Christ Church) and Ashted, with Leatherhead for the next annual meeting, were places selected by the committee for meetings in 1934, and were duly approved by the members.

When 'any other business' was reached, the Vicar rose and said he had been asked to perform the pleasant duty of wishing the newly-married secretary and his wife every happiness and to present them with a fluted oval mirror, from the Leatherhead band, and a picture of a bookcase now being made for him, as a gift from the Leatherhead District.

The secretary suitably thanked everyone concerned for two very useful presents.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all who had helped make a successful meeting, especially the Vicar for his many services.

Six towers in the district were represented at the meeting, and visitors came from Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Clandon and Hillingdon, while the ringing included a variety of methods on eight and ten bells, up to Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal.

## EXPERTS AND THE 'LESS-THAN-AVERAGE' RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to Mr. Pink for his comments on my report. If, however, he intends to suggest that it is for the good of the Exercise that experts should be merely ornaments and attempt to do nothing on their own initiative to foster the interest of less keen and able ringers, then, Mr. Editor, neither you nor I can agree with him, can we?

G. L. GROVER.

## FORMER RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

At St. Margaret's Church, Horsmonden, Kent, for morning service, on Sunday, February 25th, 720 Ipswich Surprise Minor: E. Bromley 1, T. Hoadley 2, A. Bromley 3, R. T. Lambert 4, F. J. Lambert 5, A. Wingfield Durham (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Butchers, of Horsmonden, where the former was a ringer for many years. The anniversary occurred on Thursday, February 22nd, but the bells were rung half-muffled for the late King Albert of Belgium on that day.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Wednesday evening, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Mary J. Norton, the beloved wife of Mr. William J. Norton, hon. treasurer of the St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild. The interment took place at Hampstead Cemetery the same afternoon: J. S. Hawkins (conductor) 1, H. C. Alford 2, R. F. Deal 3, G. J. Choquet 4, E. C. Russell 5, A. C. Darnell 6, E. Brett 7, C. H. Vidler 8.

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Towcester Branch was held at Stoke Bruerne on Saturday, February 10th. There are five bells at this church. There was a good attendance at the service, and the Rector (the Rev. R. P. Newton) gave a short address, in which he welcomed the ringers to his parish.

Tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, the Guild Master (Mr. F. Wilford) and Mrs. Wilford being present.

The hon. secretary (the Rev. R. Howes) read the balance sheet, which was very satisfactory, there being a much larger balance in hand than last year. He also welcomed Mrs. Wilford.

During the afternoon and evening the following methods were brought round: Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire (New, Old and Reverse), New Doubles, Union, Carter's, St. Simon's and Original.

### SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD'S LOSS.

#### DEATH OF THE LORD BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE.

The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, who died suddenly at Weymouth on Feb. 2nd, was the founder of the Swansea and Brecon Guild in 1923, and had been president since its inception. He had always taken a live interest in its activities and never failed to preside at the annual meetings. His cheery smile and witty sallies made him an ideal chairman. Through the generosity of the Bishop the annual meetings of the Guild were held every other year at his residence, where all ringers, whether members of Swansea and Brecon Guild or of outside Guilds, were warmly received and royally treated.

The remains of the late Bishop were brought from Weymouth to Brecon for burial. As the cortege passed through the town, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung at St. David's and St. Mary's Churches, Brecon, the bells being half-muffled. Members of Llanelly (Breconshire), Talgarth, Hay and Cefn Coed bands brought round touches of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Mary's during and after the burial service at the Cathedral. Among the large number of floral tributes laid on the grave was a beautiful wreath in the form of a bell from the Swansea and Brecon Guild. Mr. L. Havard (hon. secretary) and Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild) were the Guild's representatives at the funeral. Mr. Charles Powell (hon. treasurer) acted as a bearer.

On Sunday, February 11th, at St. Peter's Church, Pentre Ystradfydwg, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the local C.E.M.S. band as a last token of respect to the Right Rev. the Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, who was interred at Brecon Cathedral on Tuesday, February 6th: G. Wines 1, W. Palmer 2, G. Palmer 3, J. Lovett 4, F. Lasbury 5, H. Davies 6, W. Cross (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Crabb 8.

On Sunday, February 4th, for evening service, at St. John's Church, Morriston, Swansea, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Bishop of Swansea and Brecon: H. Charles 1, G. V. Williams 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, C. Davies 4, G. Lewis 5, D. G. Williams 6.

### ST. ALBANS SURPRISE.

BY J. A. TROLLOPE.

12345678	5,184 CHANGES
21354768	BY H. G. CASHMORE.
12537486	23456 M. W. B. H.
21573846	
25137864	54632 — —
52318746	26435 — —
25138764	42635 — —
52317846	64235 — —
25371486	24536 — —
52734188	35642 — —
52371486	43526 — — x
25734168	54326 — —
52374618	(42563) — x
25736481	35264 — —
27534618	23564 — —
72356481	52364 — —
27536841	32465 — —
72358614	64523 — —
73256841	52643 — —
37528614	65243 — —
73258164	26543 — —
37521846	56342 — —
37258164	36452 — — x
73521846	43652 — —
37512486	63254 — —
73154268	23456 — —
37514286	
73152468	The course end in
71325486	brackets is not
17352846	actually rung, the
71538264	bob before cutting
17583624	out the home lead.

17856342  
4th's place bob

First rung at  
Aldenharn, Herts,  
on January 20th,  
1934.

### SOME FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Stony Stratford, Bucks, on Monday, February 12th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: T. Trasler 1, J. A. Green 2, T. C. Tompkins 3, H. C. Edwards 4, E. C. Lambert 5, W. Dillow 6, E. Hillyer 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 6 and 7.

At Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, on Sunday, February 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Miss L. Mumford 1, H. Price 2, A. O. Lewis 3, F. B. Martin 4, H. F. Martin (conductor) 5, S. J. Jones 6, P. Honeybourne 7, R. Lewis 8, F. Crump (longest length of Caters on a working bell) 9, H. Norbury 10. Longest length of Caters by ringers of 1, 3, 6, 7 and 10.

At Hughenden, Bucks, on Sunday, February 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Biggs (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Biggs 2, Jos. Evans 3, A. Newton 4, R. Blaby 5, F. G. Biggs 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.—On Sunday, February 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, Miss O. Biggs (first attempt 'inside') 2, R. Blaby 3, H. Stratford 4, A. Newton 5, F. G. Biggs 6, P. Newton (conductor) 7, V. Evans 8.

At Frindsbury, Kent, on January 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. E. Smith (first quarter) 1, G. Philpott 2, R. Humphrey 3, A. Bloxham 4, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 5, W. Collishaw (first quarter on an 'inside' bell) 6, T. Beaumont 7, J. Aitkin 8. A farewell to the Rev. S. E. Gardiner (assistant curate), who has been appointed Vicar of Kington, Warwickshire, in the Diocese of Coventry.

At Raunds, Northants, on Sunday, February 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. F. Nutt (first quarter-peal and first attempt on eight bells) 1, J. Stubbs 2, C. M. Whitney 3, W. Copperwheat 4, F. Stubbs 5, S. G. Robinson 6, W. J. Whitmore (conductor) 7, C. Barker 8. The ringer of the treble is from Stanwick, the rest are Sunday service ringers at Raunds.

On January 29th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Pinner, Middlesex, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: K. J. Guyler 1, C. Lord 2, E. P. Ashby 3, J. E. Rootes 4, W. Bunce 5, T. Collins 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 7, R. Colyer 8. First quarter-peal in the method by treble and tenor ringers.

At St. James', Clerkenwell, London, on January 28th, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Steiner (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. H. Howe 3, W. E. Troke 4, G. A. Parsons 5, W. Prockson 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, G. Donaldson 8.

At Upwey, Dorset, on Sunday, February 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Chalker (first quarter-peal) 1, E. G. Carpenter 2, S. Foot 3, C. H. Smart 4, F. Virgin (conductor) 5, G. Osmond 6.

At Highclere, Hants, on Sunday, January 21st, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples after evening service: Miss M. Ansell 1, H. Lawrenson (first quarter-peal of Triples) 2, T. Bratchell 3, Miss D. Honeywell 4, J. Berry 5, J. Chesterman 6, R. W. Rex (conductor) 7, W. Kewell 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1 and 8.

At Headingley, Leeds, on Wednesday, January 24th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: Rev. P. Thorman (first quarter-peal) 1, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 2, R. Thomas 3, H. Ashton 4, E. J. Redfern 5, G. W. Slack 6, R. F. Deal 7, H. Walker 8.

On Sunday, February 25th, for evening service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. W. Stemp (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. M. Eager (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, J. H. Cassidy 3, P. Giles 4, L. P. Cook 5, E. R. Warner 6, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 7, C. H. Shepherd 8. Great credit is due to the treble ringer, as he did not commence ringing changes until after Christmas, and only learnt to handle a bell a few months ago.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

#### SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION MEETING.

A meeting was held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 10th, members being present from Chelmsford, Danbury, Great Baddow, Maldon, Springfield and the local company. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Rutherford), who welcomed the ringers to his church and gave a very interesting address on the history of bells. Tea was afterwards served in the Parish Hall, to which 18 sat down, presided over by the Vicar.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Master (Mr. H. Kinton) presiding, nine ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Boreham on April 21st if convenient.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking the service, also to Mrs. Rutherford for playing the organ and to the local band for their help.

The meeting closed with handbell ringing, after which a return was made to the tower for further ringing.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—On Saturday, February 24th, in 25 mins., on the back six, 720 Bob Minor: H. T. W. Bishop 1, \*C. H. Smart 2, H. Smith 3, H. C. R. Vine 4, \*A. H. Chant 5, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Minor and first attempt.



**NOTICES.**

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 46th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 3rd, 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 St. Chad's R.C. (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30, Bishop Ryder's (8) 3.30 to 4.30. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1687).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd, Southwark Cathedral on the 15th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on March 3rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—Please note. The annual meeting of the society will be held at Eckington on Saturday, March 3rd. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Please notify for tea, Mr. Davis, White Hart Hotel, Eckington.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield (3).

**SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD**.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on March 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Finchley. Bells from three o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each at 5.40. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Radcliffe-on-Trent (six bells) on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please look your Minor methods up.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

**BARTON STACEY, NEAR SUTTON SCOTNEY, HANTS**.—The ring of five bells, restored and augmented to six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southampton on Saturday, March 3rd, at 5.30 p.m. Tea in the Village Reading Room at 4.30, at the usual charge.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—The blessing of the restored bells of Sherborne Abbey by the Bishop of Sherborne will take place on Saturday, March 3rd, at 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome, and tea will be provided by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. The tower will be open for ringing during the evening.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and friends will receive a hearty welcome at this meeting.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brickhill on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. Good attendance desired. All ringers welcome. Please notify those requiring tea.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. No business meeting. A meeting of the Northern Ladies' Guild will also take place at Milnrow on the above date in conjunction with the branch meeting and the Lancashire Association committee meeting. Tea will be served in the school at 5.30 p.m.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow, and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, Ladies' Representative, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**.—Wotton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe on March 3rd. Bells (6) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome. 1934 subscriptions now due.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Ambleside on March 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Meeting 3.30.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—All ringing friends will be welcome at Farnham Royal on Wednesday, March 7th, at 7.30 p.m., to ring 'many happy returns' to J. J. Parker, Esq., on his 81st anniversary. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treasurer.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5.15. All ringers welcome whether beginners, average or expert. Please look up Bristol.—J. G. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, Anthony Street, London, E.1.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—The annual general meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (Harvest Home, Beddington Lane) 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Social or further ringing after meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, March 7th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., Ebbisham, Woodmere Avenue, Shirley, Croydon.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (St. Saviour's) on Saturday, March 10th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A joint meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, March 10th, on the occasion of the opening, after restoration, of the bells of the Parish Church (8). Bells open 2.30 to 9 p.m. A service will be held at 4 p.m., at which a collection will be taken to help to defray the cost of rehanging the bells. Tea will be provided free of charge at the kind invitation of Mrs. W. Norton Howe and friends, to those who notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, The Drove, Sleaford, by Wednesday, March 7th. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—H. Marcon and H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A district meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—W. H. Curson, Hon. Sec., Netherseale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Bird's, Winscombe, 5.15. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by March 7th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.**—The annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel (Clock Tower) on Saturday, March 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. each. Applications by Wednesday previous latest. All welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-East Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Thorington on March 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All are welcome. Will all those intending to be present please notify secretary not later than 9th?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (12) available from 3 to 7 p.m. General meeting for election of officers, etc., will be held in the tower at 5 p.m. The annual report is now available, and subscriptions for 1933-34 are due. Further particulars to towers by circular.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Helens on Saturday, March 10th. By invitation of Father Riley, Lowe House Church, members are invited to inspect the carillon at 3 p.m. prompt. Parish Church bells (10) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s.; notify Mr. E. Mercer, 13, Spray Street, St. Helens. An especially large muster of ringers is desired at this meeting, as a new ring of 8 bells is shortly to be dedicated at St. Helens.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The 116th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Will those who intend to be present at the dinner please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready at 2.30. For tea please notify Mr. J. H. Sykes, 1, Stottercliffe Road, Penistone, by Thursday, 8th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, March 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. All members are requested to attend, if possible.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, March 10th. Tower opened 3 p.m. Will all attending kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Claydon on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 2.45 p.m. Guild service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Teas can be obtained nearby. Buses from Clayton Green at 2.10 and 4.10 p.m. pass the church. Next Surprise practice will be held at Whittle, Tuesday, March 6th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Charnock, Hon. Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, March 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**SALISBURY GUILD.**—N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Zeals on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Stourton, Bourton and Siltan bells also available. All ringers welcomed.—J. Ralph, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the West Tyne Division will be held at Hexham on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) of the Abbey will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed and are assured of a good ring on this fine peal.—R. W. Leighton, Dis. Sec., 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's (City) on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Important business on agenda. Please do your best to be present. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Wednesday, March 7th.—Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10th, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West (opposite R.A.F. Depot). Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, in Church Hall, at 5.30 p.m. Subscriptions are two months overdue.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Burton-in-Westmoreland on March 10th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, price 1s., at 4.30 p.m. Meeting at 5.15 p.m. in the National School.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on March 10th. The bells (tenor 22 cwt.) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service, conducted by the Vicar, at 5 o'clock, tea and business meeting after. We shall be glad to see as many old friends, also new ones, as can come.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Combined practice meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, Monday, March 12th. Handbells 6.30 to 7.30. Tower bells from 7.30, Major methods only.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Woodbridge on March 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at St. Mary's House, at 3.30 p.m. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford Rectory.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Badgeworth on Saturday, March 17th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5.30. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by the 14th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Shere, Saturday, March 17th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Notifications by March 12th, please.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, Guildford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Further particulars later.—F. M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**LADIES' GUILD AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 10 a.m. More particulars later.—L. N. Cawthorne and M. E. Wilson, Dis. Hon. Secs.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, at 6 p.m. Full details later.—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

**BRIGHTON.**—Ringers visiting Brighton for the Easter Conference of the N.U.T. are asked to communicate with S. E. Armstrong, 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton.

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#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Michael, for morning service, on Sunday, February 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): R. Hayden 1, H. A. Wacey 2, P. Springham 3, W. T. Prior 4, H. Bull 5, H. M. White 6, F. Bird (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

**STURRY, KENT.**—For evening service on January 7th, 720 College Exercise: Miss A. Slingsby 1, R. H. Maile 2, E. Slingsby 3, W. Thompson (conductor) 4, E. Banks 5, R. French 6.—For evening service, on Sunday, December 31st, 720 Cambridge Surprise: Miss A. Slingsby 1, E. Banks 2, E. Slingsby 3, W. Thompson (conductor) 4, R. Maile 5, R. French 6.

**HENLOW, BEDS.**—On Sunday, January 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with ten callings: S. Gravestock 1, F. Beaumont (conductor) 2, J. Church 3, L. Bywaters 4, P. Tompkins 5, H. Bywaters 6, First quarter as conductor, and rung as a farewell to him, as he has joined the Royal Air Force.

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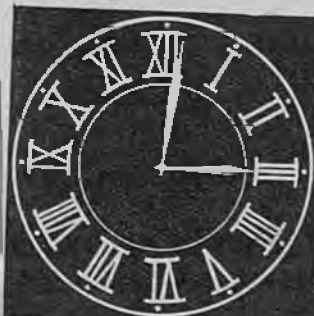
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