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## A TANGLED SITUATION.

There can be few ringing organisations in the country which, being county in character and desiring to become diocesan in status, would be confronted with the difficulties which would beset the Surrey Association if ever that organisation should depart from its present title. The county itself includes parts of three dioceses, two of which are almost wholly within its boundaries. The association has never effectively covered the whole county, and although its title is comprehensive, the prior establishment of the old Winchester Guild kept it from operating over a large slice of territory in the south and west. Since the Guildford Diocesan Guild took over this part of the county on the division of the diocese there has been the most amicable relations between the two organisations in that part of the area where there is overlapping. In that portion of the county which comes within the boundaries of Greater London the difficulties of a partition of areas would probably be more marked. The most active part of the Surrey Association is in the Diocese of Southwark and the island portion of the Diocese of Canterbury, which is Croydon. In South London, however, the London County Association, which was formerly the St. James' Society established for the purpose of enabling College Youths and Cumberlands to ring peals together and meet round a friendly table, adopted the somewhat anomalous sub-title of 'North Southwark Diocesan Guild,' the boundaries of which must be as vague as in actual practice are those of the Surrey Association. Again a portion of the Diocese of Southwark is in a corner of Kent, where the County Association has long been well established. It is proposed that representatives of the four organisations concerned shall informally discuss the situation. It is certainly a tangled one and a solution will not be easy.

When the modern ringing organisations were first established, the promoters did not all realise the importance of identifying themselves with the dioceses. Their aims were one with those who adopted a diocesan status, but those who adopted a territorial title missed just that link with the Church which, could it have been generally secured, would have strengthened the position of ringers throughout the country. The art of change ringing is so entirely dependent upon the co-operation of church authorities—the bells and the belfries belong to them—that the closer the association between ringers and the Church the more secure will be the future of the art of ringing. Indeed, in a world where there are people ready to suppress anything and everything which they do not themselves appreciate, it may even be that the influence

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of the Church will be necessary to save the art from practical extinction. As a merely personal pursuit bell ringing in populous areas would sometimes be difficult to justify; it is in its service to the Church that it is possible to claim its real usefulness and maintenance, and while ringers themselves may know that between diocesan and county associations there is no difference of aims, less well informed people, and among them many clergy, imagine there is a distinct difference between the two. In all respects the advantage is with the diocesan organisations. Sooner or later, we believe, territorial associations will find themselves more or less compelled to change their status, and this may probably be at no far distant date when the younger generation of ringers, many of them recruited from the Church, take control, and the older men, who hold a sentimental attachment to the old titles, fade into the background.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

FRED HAYES... ..	... Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM ... ..	7
RALPH COLES ... ..	2	ROLAND BIGGS ... ..	8
F. DONALD BOREHAM ... ..	3	REV. C. E. WIGG ... ..	9
GEORGE F. HINTON ... ..	4	P.S. CBCL A. SMITH ... ..	10
FRANK BOREHAM ... ..	5	EDWARD R. COLES ... ..	11
FRANK WEST ... ..	6	WILLIAM H. PLUMBRIDGE ...	Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by EDWARD R. COLRS.

First peal as conductor. All the ringers reside in the parish of High Wycombe, and, with the exception of the ringer of the 8th, who kindly obliged at the last moment owing to the indisposition of one of the local band, are Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT WALKER ... ..	... Treble	H. JAMES TURNER ... ..	6
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... ..	2	JOHN E. EATON ... ..	7
*C. HOWARD STANLEY ... ..	3	*HENRY H. FEARN ... ..	8
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ...	4	FRANK E. HAYNES ... ..	9
*CHARLES WEBB ... ..	5	GEORGE E. FEARN ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. Webb and A. S. Downes, of the local band. Mr. Barber was paying a flying visit from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLOSSOP.

THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITFIELD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F.

JAMES BUCKLEY ... ..	... Treble	ELI GARTSIDE ... ..	5
*FRED MARSDEN ... ..	2	*FRED BOOTH ... ..	6
THOMAS JACKSON ... ..	3	BENJAMIN THORP ... ..	7
JOSEPH MARSDEN ... ..	4	*JOSEPH BENTLEY ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

\* First in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells since recasting by Gillett and Johnston.

## THROWLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... Treble	WILLIAM BIDNELL ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN  
First peal since the addition of two bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, March 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S ODD-BOB FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ADAM DEAS ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 6
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 4	JOHN STUART ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

This was the conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Triples. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. John Stuart.

## HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

WALTER R. FARROW ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
CHARLES H. MOORE ... 2	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 6
HENRY TOOK ... 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM J. CLOVER.

\* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' First peal of Double Norwich as conductor.

## WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF BERKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 27 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 6
EDWARD J. BRAGG ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
GEORGE GILBERT ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

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

A peal in this method (Carter's No. 9) is now rung for the first time. None of the band had previously struck a blow in the method.

## FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, March 15, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

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

Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT

First attempt for a peal of Stedman as conductor.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 15, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM THORNLEY ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... 5
WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 2	TOM CLARKE ... 6
THOMAS STORER ... 3	J. ALFRED BARRETT ... 7
ALFRED B. MOSS ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 15, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

## A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2	WALTER R. FARROW ... 6
HENRY TOOK ... 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... 7
RUSSELL W. CURSON ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by all, at the first attempt, and in the county, and longest length in the method by the association. The three-part composition, with extent qualities with 4-5-6 only in 6th's, allows the 1-2-3 to dodge with the tenor only in 5-6. The quickest peal on these bells previously recorded occupied 3 hrs. 15 mins. The thirtieth peal together by Messrs. Smalls and Golden.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

RICHARD E. JONES ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 3	WILFRED STEVENSON ... 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (175).

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal in method away from treble. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES H. HAYWOOD ... Treble	MISS DORICE TURNER ... 5
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 2	JOHN MARSHALL ... 6
JOHN J. R. GILBERT ... 3	MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE.

## ABERAVON, GLAM.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY ... 5
ERNEST STITCH ... 2	* EDWARD PHILLIPS ... 6
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 7
JOSEPH LOVETT ... 4	GWYN I. LEWIS ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ERNEST L. SHELTON ... .. Treble	* WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 5
WALTER PERKINS ... .. 2	ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 6
HARRY CHAMBERS ... .. 3	JAMES T. WARD ... .. 7
AMOS SMART ... .. 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.  
\* First Surprise peal, and hails from Raunds.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 10½ cwt.	
* REGINALD MORTON ... .. Treble	† FRANK HADLEY ... .. 5
† MALCOLM MELVILLE ... 2	NORMAN G. LEECH ... .. 6
DENIS HOLDEN ... .. 3	FRANK G. BURLINGHAM ... 7
FREDERICK HANDLEY ... 4	JOHN STANLEY MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK G. BURLINGHAM.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Treble	PERCY GREEN ... .. 5
* MISS AMY WALDOCK ... 2	HAROLD E. PENNACK ... .. 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4	FRED CHALK ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.	
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	* EDGAR G. BARBER ... .. 5
* CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 2	† WILLIAM O. GARDNER ... 6
* JOHN WALL ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7
† REGINALD GARDNER ... 4	† FRANCIS HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HENRY TOOKE ... .. Treble	CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 5
CHARLES W. ROOPE ... .. 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... .. 6
* GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3	WILLIAM J. CLOVER ... .. 7
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in the method. First attempt for a peal in the method by all except ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor.

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On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.	
JONATHAN PRESTON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5
* GEORGE H. WILLIAMS ... 2	* CHARLES DAVIS ... .. 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 4	CHARLES H. COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

\* First peal in the method away from treble. Arranged and rung for the 86th birthday of Mr. William Cooper, the local towerkeeper, also as a birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. G. H. Mitchell, the Ringing Master.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.	
* HENRY FRANKS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... .. 5
WALTER FRANKS ... .. 2	JAMES G. POWELL ... .. 6
SYDNEY DRIVER ... .. 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... .. 7
JACK SINDEN ... .. 4	GEORGE PRODGER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. LEVETT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. C. A. Levett.

TUNSTALL, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

CARTER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.	
GEORGE SPICE ... .. Treble	STANLEY SHELLOCK ... .. 5
GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2	* BENJAMIN BAKER ... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 3	LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7
EDWARD ALLEN ... .. 4	GEORGE WOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Spice for their kind hospitality before and after the peal.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.	
RALPH COLES ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. COLLETT ... 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 2	RICHARD A. POST ... .. 6
ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 3	FRANK WEST ... .. 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 4	REV. C. E. WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WEST.

\* The quickest peal yet rung on the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,  
**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE & LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.	
JOHN E. ROOTES ... .. Treble	* MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2	* HAROLD J. CASHMORE ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	* FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

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

\* First in five methods, also first peal in five Major methods for the association. This composition contains 3,072 of London, 576 Bristol, 608 Cambridge, 608 Superlative, and 320 of Lincolnshire. Cambridge and Superlative were rung as far as possible in alternate courses.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

HERBERT DEVONPORT ... .. Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
MISS ROSE BELL ... .. 2	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 6
STEPHEN PARRY ... .. 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
FRED DONKERLEY ... .. 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... .. 5
FRED BIGGS ... .. 2	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7
PERCY NEWTON ... .. 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... .. Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 5
JOHN A. GREEN ... .. 2	FREDERICK C. CASE ... 6
HARRY RIDGWAY ... .. 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... 7
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 4	HARRY O. READ ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

\* First peal of Stedman. This peal is associated with Mr. Challis F. Winney's birthday compliments.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(TOWCESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 10, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Forty-two six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*JOHN A. GREEN ... .. Treble	THOMAS E. ROBERTS... .. 3
ERNEST C. LAMBERT... .. 2	*FREDERICK C. CASE ... 4
*ERNEST A. HILLYER ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Also the quickest peal on the bells.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 11, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven different callings.

*BERTIE CORNELL ... .. Treble	†WILFRED JARVIS ... .. 4
†RONALD C. DAKIN ... .. 2	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ... 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 3	†LEONARD PRYKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First tower bell peal. † First peal of Minor on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to B. Cornell, who hails from Little Walsingham. The rest are from Lavenham.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 12, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

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

DAVID PARRY ... .. Treble	JOHN BROWN ... .. 4
*DAN LEA ... .. 2	†JAMES MCKEE ... .. 5
JAMES MARTIN ... .. 3	JOHN MCKEE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MCKEE.

\* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by local band, all of the above being Sunday service ringers, along with Messrs. L. Corteen and W. Cleator. The bells were rung muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Williams, who for over 60 years was a ringer at Llandegai, near Bangor, North Wales, and was father of Mr. Taylor, churchwarden at above church. He passed away on March 1st, at the age of 94.

COLNE ENGAIN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(ST. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARLS COLNE.)

On Wednesday, March 14, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, York Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS BIRD ... .. Treble	FRANK CLAYDON... .. 4
*GEORGE TOWNES ... .. 2	†ALEC GENERY ... .. 5
†FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	†ALBERT L. DIXEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. GENERY.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor.

HORSHAM ST. FAITH'S, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 16, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,

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

Seven variations.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

DAVID WARD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK LAWS... .. 4
LLOYD CHAPMAN ... .. 2	ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS... .. 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS.

\* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. E. Smalls.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BURTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CECIL G. SMITH... .. Treble	†WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 4
JOSEPH W. COTTON ... .. 2	†GEOFFREY W. CLAYFORD... 5
FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 3	*OLIVER HINES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. W. CLAYFIELD.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. Specially arranged for the 'first pealers.'

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Being 42 six-scores in 10 callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

*JAMES H. CRIDLAND... .. Treble	SIDNEY WYBURN... .. 4
*EDWARD J. WEBBER... .. 2	ALBERT J. CHUBB ... .. 5
†ARTHUR J. BELLAMY... .. 3	JOHN M. COOK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by S. WYBURN.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are members of the local band.

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SHIPLEY, YORKS.—At the Parish Church for evening service on March 4th, 720 of Bob Minor: K. Simpson 1, J. Briggs 2, T. B. Kendall 3, F. Seager 4, H. Stott 5, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 6. The treble ringer's first 720. He is 13 years of age and son of the conductor. Also 360 Double Court, Thomas A. King taking part.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 16, 1934, in *Two Hours and twenty-Two Minutes*.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**\*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 1-2 †THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6  
†HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3-4 EDWIN BARNETT ... 7-8Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.  
Umpire—T. Groombridge.

\* 100th peal, age 15½ years, and the youngest ringer to accomplish this. † First peal in the method 'in hand.' ‡ 250th peal. Rung after meeting too late to start for a tower bell peal.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

'KATE' CAUSES A DIVERSION.

An enjoyable and highly successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, March 12th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Holloway, where the eight bells were kept going during the afternoon in several methods from call changes upwards.

Tea was served in the church vestry, an innovation greatly appreciated by the less energetic members, as on previous visits to Holloway the tea interval entailed a rather lengthy walk to the nearest place of refreshment.

An unlooked-for diversion occurred during tea, when a 'big gun' from a certain London suburb suddenly distributed the contents of his teacup between the carpet and his world-famous nether garments.

When an explanation was demanded, the person concerned said that somebody had whispered in his ear that that person of mystery, 'Kate,' was present, and the shock had rather upset him. His equilibrium was speedily restored when informed that, even if the lady was in the room, she would not have bothered with him while certain other young men were present.

The business meeting took place immediately after tea, and among other matters the rules of the association's handbell contest for the 'Dawe' cup were discussed, and it was eventually left for the district secretary to bring the matter before the general body.

St. Mathew's, Bethnal Green, was chosen for the next meeting, with St. Dunstan's, Stepney, as an alternative.

Votes of thanks to those responsible for the arrangements concluded the business, and further ringing took place. The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Major.

**STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

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Repeated.

The first peal in this method was rung at Lawton, Cheshire, on February 26th, 1934, conducted by J. Worth.

**DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN AUSTRALIAN RINGER.**

HEAVY LOSSES IN MELBOURNE.

Ringers in England and elsewhere who have visited Australia, and particularly Victoria, will regret to hear of the death of Mr. S. J. Hallissy, for 40 years a ringer at St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral, and during most of those years hon. secretary of that society, on December 20th last. Mr. Hallissy was one of the pioneer band who first rang Stedman in Australasia during the early 90's of the last century. The erratic 'go' of the eight bells of that Cathedral have always precluded any attempt at peal ringing, but Thursians' four-part was successfully rung in two sections during the year 1893 or 1894. Mr. Hallissy rang his first and only peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, ringing the treble by special request of his life-long friend, the late Mr. A. E. Bames, the composer and conductor of the first peal on the back eight of that peal of twelve. He was a remarkable striker, whether on a light or heavy bell, and his perfect ringing of the treble on that occasion, with the exact 'open hand stroke' leads, was often referred to by Arthur Bames in after years as one of the chief factors of success of that splendid peal.

Mr. Hallissy was a regular Sunday ringer at St. Patrick's Cathedral and was an occasional visitor at St. Paul's. Of modest and retiring disposition, he was an ideal companion, and when the occasion demanded was the life and soul of a 'convivial' meeting or social gathering of ringers.

The anniversary of Mr. Bames' peal was celebrated for a number of years, and at these gatherings Mr. Hallissy used to cause much mirth when replying to the toast of the ringers by stating in his droll and quaint way: 'I am glad to have rung in that peal for several reasons—one of which is that I won—I got my bell in front by a short head just at the finish and kept it there—as the winning post was passed.'

He was a man with no enemies—and it was often remarked—'to know Hallissy was to love him.' As a youth he joined the Metropolitan Gas Company, and by ability and disposition rose rapidly in the service of that great Corporation. For many years he was inspector of works, and had many responsibilities to shoulder—a faithful servant of the company and as popular with his men as with brother ringers.

The interment took place at Melbourne General Cemetery on December 23rd, the remains being followed by many of his fellow-workers and brother ringers. Mr. Hallissy is the ninth ringer removed by death since the war, and the loss to change ringing in Melbourne is a staggering one.

E. F. B.

**A YOUTHFUL RECORD.**

A BOY'S ONE HUNDRED PEALS.

Edwin A. Barnett, the son of Mr. Edwin Barnett, jun., and grandson of the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., has created a number of youthful records, and has now set up another by ringing his one hundredth peal at 15½ years of age. The peals include a large proportion in Surprise methods, as will be seen from the following list:—

Method.	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Triples	5	
Union Triples	1	
Stedman Triples	16	
Bob Major	15*	2
Double Bob Major	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	1	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Northfleet Little Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	4†	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	12	1
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2	1
Superlative Surprise Major	9	1
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1	1
Pudsey Surprise Major	1	1
London Surprise Major	10	1
Bristol Surprise Major	4	
Spliced Surprise (four methods)	3	
Grandsire Caters	1‡	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1	
Total	100	9

\* Including five on handbells. † Including a peal by youngest band to ring a peal of Major. ‡ On handbells. The peals were rung in four counties, for four associations, in 16 towers, with 114 ringers, out of 173 attempts, and including 16 peals rung with three generations of the family.

**A LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY?**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am very interested in the suggestion made in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' concerning the formation of a London University Society. Should the proposition actually materialise, I, for one, would offer my humble services.

D. G. BROWN.

The Homestead, West Wickham, Kent.

**PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. C. W. PLAYER.****BELL RESTORATION SCHEME AT STONE-IN-OXNEY.**

The bells of the late Mr. C. W. Player's own church at Stone-in-Oxney having become unsafe to ring, a fund has been opened to put them in order as a memorial to him, and erect a tablet in the church giving the particulars and date of this restoration. Estimates have been obtained for doing what is considered to be a minimum, in order to make a good job. There had been a suggestion that two trebles might be added as a memorial, but as this is a very small and also a very poor parish, and the cost would be in the region of £300, it was considered an impossible task to raise the necessary amount. It has, therefore, been decided to restore the bells.

The work would include quarter turning all the bells, rehangng the 5th and 6th in bull bearings, making the required alterations to the old clappers to bring them all proportionate to their respective bells, now headstock to the fourth, all new rollers, and new wheel rims. For this a sum of £80 is required, and if a greater amount should be collected it would be used to carry out any other repairs necessary and possible.

If any ringers would like to help with this memorial work, would they please send their donations, however big and however small, to the treasurer of the fund, the Rev. R. C. J. White, The Vicarage, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, Kent.

CARLOS COLEMAN,

Hon. (Tower) Secretary.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DIVISION OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, on March 10th, when between 20 and 30 members attended from Hastings (All Saints'), St. Leonards, Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and Good Shepherd), Battle, Heathfield, Lindfield, Ringmer, Lewes, Mayfield, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), and Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne.

The bells of St. Saviour's were kept going from 2.30 until 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Claude Williams), who also presided at the tea and business meeting which followed.

The whole of the executive officers were re-elected.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his interesting address and for presiding.

The members then went to All Saints' tower from six till seven o'clock and on to St. Mary's until 8.45.

**SOME FIRST QUARTER PEALS.**

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. H. Stevens 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, H. C. Chandler 3, A. Jones 4, F. J. Cattermoul 5, W. Lewis 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, E. R. Gladman 8. First quarter in method as conductor. First quarter in method by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. All are local Sunday service ringers.

**OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.**—On Saturday, March 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: \*N. Farrant (Sidmouth) 1, C. Turner (Ottery) (conductor) 2, J. H. Godfrey (Ottery) 3, \*R. A. Teed (Sidmouth) 4, P. Davis (Sidmouth) 5, E. Marks (Ottery) 6, \*B. Pike (Sidmouth) 7, J. Arbury (Ottery) 8. \* First quarter in the method.

**ST. ALBANS.**—At St. Peter's Church, on March 17th, after an attempt for a peal of Treble Ten had failed, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: A. J. House 1, Miss M. Pack 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, B. H. Swinson 4, Ben Jarman 5, H. V. Frost (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, F. J. Spicer (first quarter-peal in the method 'inside') 7, G. E. Debenham 8, G. W. Debenham 9, G. Gray 8. Great credit is due to Mr. Swinson, who only returned to England the same week after a four year's spell in Venezuela.

**MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.**—At St. Dunstan's Church, on March 15th, 1,440 Bob Minor: E. Fenner 1, A. R. Miles 2, A. Lewery 3, W. Brown 4, C. Brasier 5, W. A. Kitchenside (conductor) 6, W. Moon 7, C. Ponnygar 8 (7-8 covering). Longest length in the method by the ringers of 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8.

**GORSEINON.**—At St. Catherine's Church, on March 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Williams 1, G. Howells 2, Reg Dobbins 3, H. Dobbins 4, W. Dobbins 5, Will Dobbins 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for all except conductor.

**BARTON-ON-HUMBER.**—On March 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: J. W. Goddard 1, A. W. Hoodless 2, A. H. Eastoe 3, J. Broughton 4, T. Hall 5, G. Johnson 6, J. Atkinson 7, W. Goddard (conductor) 8. Rung after Confirmation service conducted by the Bishop of Lincoln. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of treble, 4th, 6th and 7th, also first attempt as conductor on eight bells. All are members of the local band with the exception of the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Elsham.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, March 4th, for Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of London, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by J. George): R. Colver 1, C. Lord 2, K. Guyler 3, Miss F. Clayton 4, W. Bunco, sen., 5, T. Collins (conductor) 6, J. E. Lewis Cockey 7, J. E. Rootes 8. First quarter-peal 'inside' and in the method for ringer of 4th.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

This is the 1,200th issue of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. F. Sharpe, secretary of the Bicester Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and captain of the towers of Caversfield and Launton, has just been appointed churchwarden of Launton, where, together with two other ringers, he has for many years been a member of the Parochial Church Council. All the ringers at Launton are closely connected with the church. Seven out of ten are choristers, two are altar servers, and, in addition, one of these is also parish clerk and vergers.

Mr. R. Gardner is to be congratulated on ringing at Malvern Link his first peal of Triples at his first attempt. He is 76 years of age, and has been a ringer for 60 years. He has rung a few peals of Doubles, the first being at Churcham, Gloucestershire, in the year 1879.

Mr. J. Corbett, hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, was last week installed as Worshipful Master of the Bagsshot Lodge of Freemasons. Appropriately, a feature of the musical evening that followed the installation banquet was handbell solos, contributed by Mrs. A. A. Hughes.

Mrs. J. Davies (widow of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies) has recently undergone an operation. We are happy to say she is reported to be progressing satisfactorily, and is looking forward to being well enough to attend the dedication of the memorial at Tewkesbury Abbey on the Saturday before Whitsun.

The first peal of Reverse Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham on March 23rd, 1751, conducted by the famous James Barham.

To-day is also the anniversary of another first peal. At Fulham, on March 23rd, 1783, the College Youths rang 5,020 Old Double Casters, 'being the first peal ever rung in that method.'

A hundred and fifty years ago next Monday (March 26th, 1784), the College Youths rang a peal of 5,048 'Real Double Twelve In' at St. Saviour's, Southwark.

On the following day the Royal Cumberland Youths achieved their great performance of 12,000 Treble Royal at Shoreditch, which was the culmination of the competing lengths between the two old London societies, and stood as a record in the method for exactly 130 years.

## NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE.

### CORRESPONDENTS, PLEASE NOTE!

As Good Friday falls in next week, 'The Ringing World' will be published a day earlier than usual. All communications for inclusion in that issue should reach us by Monday morning, and it is particularly requested that all peal reports should be sent in by that time.

## COUNTY OR DIOCESAN?

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It was a great pleasure to read in your issue of the 16th instant of the meeting of the Surrey Association, more particularly with regard to its boundary and possible change of title. It is to the last aspect that I wish briefly to refer, and quite agree as a ringer and churchman that we should now give full and calm consideration to this matter of diocesan status. In the case of counties or districts where no alteration of boundaries will or may be affected, I as a churchman consider the time is now opportune for adopting a diocesan title. As churchworkers we must progress; there is no standing still. You either go forward or you go back; which is it to be? Wherefore may I cordially appeal to all ringers as churchworkers first and ringers afterwards to give this matter their very fullest and mature consideration, and not let any side issue obscure their view.

Some may say it is of more importance from an historical point to retain the county titles where they exist. With this outlook I cannot agree. Does not history tell us that the Church founded the State, and is it not, therefore, a fact that the Church is by its very nature more historical than the State, which is, in effect, the counties as a whole? I earnestly appeal to all ringers to give a calm and considered judgment to the subject, more particularly those members of the Essex Association who are shortly to vote on this matter by referendum.

INTERESTED.

## FIRST BY ALL.

At Minchinhampton, Glos. for evening service, on Sunday, March 4th, 720 Carlisle Surprise Minor: H. Newman 1, P. Pouting 2, E. Jefferies 3, H. Phelps 4, H. Barratt 5, F. Pouting (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for the whole band.

## TOWER OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL MUNIFICENT GIFT FOR COMPLETION.

### Bells Already Provided For.

Another munificent gift towards the completion of Liverpool Cathedral has just been made.

Lord Vestey and his brother, Sir Edmund Vestey, have promised £220,000 for the erection of the great Central Tower.

The tower, which will be 327 feet above ground level, cannot be built until the walls of the Central Space, on which it will stand, have been finished. To complete the sum asked for to build the Central Space and the Western Transepts, and to permit the consecration of this portion of the building in 1938, the Cathedral Committee will need an additional £97,000 within the next four years. So far the building at this point has reached a height of 148 feet out of a total of about 175 feet to which it was intended to carry it at this stage.

The tower will form the crowning feature of Sir Giles Scott's design, and in Emeritus Professor Reilly's opinion will be a 'thrilling addition to Liverpool's skyline.'

It is thought the tower may be completed by 1940.

The bells are already provided for. A large sum of money was left by the late Mr. Thomas Bartlett, of Liverpool, for this purpose. The bequest is so large that, in addition to providing for a peal of twelve bells, there will be ample funds for a carillon and a large 'Bourdon' bell, although, of course, nothing with regard to the bell scheme is yet definitely settled.

Lord Vestey and his brother are Liverpool men, and have been associated throughout their business lives. They are directors of the Union Cold Storage Company, Limited, and heads of the Blue Star Line. The gift is made in memory of their parents.

### SUFFOLK GUILD.

#### DISAPPOINTMENT OVER ANNUAL MEETING.

A meeting was held at Woodbridge on Saturday, March 17th. It was of especial interest to most of the visitors, as it was the first meeting held at Woodbridge since the bells were opened. About 80 ringers were present, and much favourable comment was heard on the 'go' and tone of the retuned peal. The clapper control, which has been fitted to the tenor bell, was the subject of much discussion and admiration.

The Rector, the Rev. R. B. Dand, had a surprise for the visitors. It was a short service at four o'clock, which was very much appreciated. It was far from being dull. Master F. Trotman, one of the local hand, was at the organ.

Tea was partaken of in St. Mary's House, some local ladies acting as 'Nippys.'

The Rector was voted to the chair for the business meeting, which followed tea.

Ten new members were enrolled, six being from the local band.

The annual general meeting came in for much discussion, it being a great disappointment when it was learnt that the towers at Bury St. Edmunds were not available. Ipswich was ultimately decided upon.

### 'NOT FOUND WANTING.'

In view of past correspondence on the question of apathy shown by the clergy towards that part of God's house known as the belfry, it is very appropriate that, on referring to the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' one observes that at the Parish Church of High Wycombe a peal was rung on Sunday, March 18th.

This, says our correspondent, is a very fitting example of the interest taken by the Vicar of High Wycombe in granting permission for the bells to ring out their message of duty to God on the Sabbath Day.

The band consisted entirely of High Wycombe residents, and eleven of the twelve are Sunday service ringers at the Parish Church.

## COMPETITIONS.

BY A. S. ROBERTS.

The suggestion put forward at the annual meeting of the Surrey Association with regard to competitions startled, and even shocked me. In fact, if ever such a retrograde step is seriously considered, I am convinced that ringers in general will at once begin to lose that prestige which has taken them so many years to acquire. Competitions on church bells—just think of it! By all means compete on handbells in the parish room, or else go to Manchester Town Hall, if you are filled with a desire to receive a premier award at the expense of others—fellow-members—who are less favoured with opportunities, too numerous to mention, and who would receive the humiliation of being at the bottom of the list. All ringers offer the same service—at least, they should do so. Why should some be adjudged better than others?

Perhaps I have been a little severe in my criticism, but one can only condemn or uphold such a suggestion, and I unhesitatingly do the former, as my namesake, 'C. W.', did at the meeting. It is the more distressing that such a suggestion should come from Surrey, and it is to be hoped that this county association will soon be swallowed up by, or reconstituted into, a diocesan or various diocesan guilds, when all thoughts of competitions should receive no episcopal blessing and would thereby die a natural and unlamented death.

Anyone living, as I do, in what can be rightly termed 'the West of England,' can properly claim a fair knowledge of competition ringing—commonly known as 'prize ringing.' There is an organisation called the South-East Cornwall Ringing Association which holds competitions for money prizes, but there are very few priests who appreciate the idea, and as an illustration the following is an extract from a letter from the Rector of Duloe (the Rev. A. E. S. Ward, D.D.) to the secretary of the association when application was made for use of his bells for a competition on Easter Monday next:—

'I write to tell you that there can be no question of Duloe being considered as a centre for any bellringing money competition. If any men enter who reside in the parish, of course they can please themselves, but their entry must not be considered as Duloe Church. I think the association ought to cease giving money prizes and put their ringing festival on the same lines as a Sunday School or choir festival, where no money inducements are offered to people who attend.'

I am not suggesting that Surrey would give money prizes, but am only assuming there would be some trophy.

Again, we have another association in Cornwall—the St. Austell Deanery—which came into being seven or eight years ago when a few towers in that district desired competitive ringing. They have, however, now ruled out all competitive ringing and only award 'class' certificates, and there is a scheme of reunion on foot that they should become affiliated to my own Guild—the Truro Diocesan—and abide by its rules. Even those who wanted competitions have, within a short period, grown tired of the idea.

Can anyone imagine a choir festival with individual choirs proceeding to the chancel, singing an anthem or a little plainsong and marching out again for points? It would mean nothing but ridicule, and I cannot place the reintroduction of competitive ringing other than on the same level.

Our art has been claimed as a definite part of the ritual or ceremony of worship and our service ringing as a part of the service itself. We can compare our offering to music. Our cathedrals and large parish churches set an example of the best that can be offered in church music, and even the humblest village choir, if it has an enthusiastic leader, is ever trying to improve and do something better. Likewise, there are many churches which show the way in method ringing for service, and it is to these that many others look for inspiration; and again, under the enthusiastic leader in their branch of work, they are ever trying to improve and advance in new methods.

Amongst musicians there are those who cannot be content with accompanying psalms, hymns and anthems, but who long to practise and perform Bach, Beethoven or Handel. It cannot be done at service, so special times have to be selected, and with the permission of a Dean or incumbent they are permitted to do so. Such performances have no connection with any service whatsoever. Compare peal ringing to this: a 5,000 has become the traditional length of a performance, and the more enthusiastic, interested and progressive ringers follow the art by performing the works of Holt, Annable, Middleton and a host of others, just as the musician performs the works of his composers. As long as deans and incumbents permit us we can go on making history and ringing what our composers give us. A peal on paper is not worth much, even if it does contain numerous 4-5-6's in 5-6: it is when it has been rung that the composer's intention is fulfilled. Sunday services and the ringing which precedes them, are the natural, and need no permanent records, but great musical performances and peals are the exceptional, in comparison, and therefore need more preparation and at-

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### MEMORIAL TO REV. C. W. O. JENKYN. OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD SCHEME.

The committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to carry out the memorial then decided upon are now able to report that the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church have kindly given their consent to the placing of a memorial tablet, similar to that of the first Master (Rev. F. E. Robinson), in the Cathedral Cloisters.

Work on this has already begun, and it only remains to ask members of the Guild to make their contributions as soon as possible, not only to ensure that the memorial may be dedicated free from debt, but also to enable the Guild to hand over a substantial sum to the governors of Queen Anne's School towards the new aisle of the chapel built by them in memory of their chaplain—a project which the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn had deeply at heart, and which he longed to see accomplished.

Mr. A. J. Wright will act as treasurer, and will acknowledge all contributions through the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

It is expected that most of the subscriptions from towers will be paid to him through the branch secretaries, but any of the committee are ready to receive individual subscriptions if sent to them direct.

G. F. COLERIDGE, Master.

Committee: Canon Coleridge, Crowthorne Vicarage, Berks; R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading; A. J. Wright, 31, Priest Hill, Caversham, Reading; L. Joyce, 10, Bath Road, Reading, Berks; Rev. C. E. Wigg, Wayside, Hampden Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

### 'BARNETT' MEMORIAL.

Previously acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' (February 2nd, 1934), £27 3s.; J. George, 2s. 6d.; R. Charge, 2s.; C. T. Coles, 2s.; H. E. Audsley, 10s.; J. Hunt, 2s. 6d.; H. Hoskins, 2s. 6d.; total, £28 4s. 6d. This fund is now closed, with thanks to all subscribers.

It is hoped that the committee will decide at Easter what form the memorial will take.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT AT HILLINGDON.

The first monthly meeting of the year of the South and West District was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, on Saturday, March 10th. It was a good start, for 33 sat down to tea, and the quality of the ringing was encouraging. Methods rung included Bristol and Cambridge Major and some Spliced Surprise Major in three methods. The novices were well looked after with rounds and the simpler methods, and Mr. T. Collins, Ringing Master, was assiduous in his efforts to suit all tastes. Evensong was held at five o'clock, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. R. Horne. In his address he dealt with the subject of church attendance of ringers in a manner which some other clergy could well copy. The Vicar is keenly interested in the work of his own ringers, and is thus able to appreciate their difficulties and aspirations from experience. He remarked how good it was that they could meet for ringing and a cup of tea together and knit the whole into something worth while with this short service. He asked them to remember always the high purpose of their ringing.

Tea, generously provided by the Vicar, took place in the Church Hall. Mrs. Reason and Mrs. Kemp, wives of the two churchwardens, presided at the tea pots, whilst Charlie made an excellent 'Nippy'. Prior to the business meeting the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) thanked the Vicar for the service and his very helpful address, for the use of the bells and for the splendid tea he had provided.—Mr. Horne replied that the visit of the association gave him great pleasure.

The Vicar was elected an hon. member, as was 'Mrs. Tom,' the popular wife of the Ringing Master. Mr. W. S. Beaumont, of Ruislip, was elected a ringing member.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) gave notice of the annual general meeting of the association which was to be held on Saturday, April 21st, at Ealing. The Bishop of Willesden had consented to preach, and it was hoped that South and West District members would give their hearty support.

It was agreed to accept the invitation of the Vicar of Isleworth to hold a meeting at his tower on Saturday, May 12th. Mr. Corke and the local ringers were thanked for their efforts in the tower. Good use was made of Mr. G. M. Kilby's very fine handbells, and the tower was revisited.

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tention, otherwise lack of appeal or disaster is the result. The one is entirely dependent upon the other.

To reach perfection we must make a plan and carry it out; practices, service ringing, meetings and peals—there is continuity throughout. We have to omit competitions, as such things would spoil the look of the whole thing because they do not edify. Interest and ambition are the foundation of all progress—not competition—at least, in the art of ringing. Our subject may be suitable for greyhounds, rabbits or cage birds, but not for ringers!

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### SOUTHERN DIVISION RINGING MASTER RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 10th, when, despite the wintry conditions, a representative gathering was secured, upwards of 40 members being present. Owing to special services ringing was rather curtailed, but the time available was made full use of, and a variety of methods was rung, viz.: Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major, London and Bristol Surprise, Cambridge Royal, Grandsire Cinques and Forward Maximus being included.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, the vice-president, Mr. G. Lewis, being in the chair, supported by Mr. G. Halksworth (Ringing Master) and members of the committee.

Messrs. E. H. Preston, of Rawmarsh and A. Stamp, of Eastwood, were elected members of the association.

The annual joint meeting with other South Yorkshire associations was fixed for June 16th, and an invitation was accepted from Rawmarsh to hold it at that place, the secretary being requested to notify the respective societies and ask for their support.

The meeting learned with great regret that the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. G. Halksworth, did not seek re-election. In his letter of resignation he stated that, having served the division as Ringing Master since the formation of districts in 1911 (a period of 20 years), he felt he was entitled to a little rest from the cares of that office. He was getting on in years, and while he was giving up his post it did not mean that he was leaving them, for he would endeavour to attend all the meetings he possibly could. He thanked most sincerely his fellow-officers and the members for their loyalty and support during his term of office, and hoped they would give the same to his successor.

In accepting the resignation, the chairman and secretary both voiced their very sincere regret, and spoke of the good feeling which had at all times existed between them, and of the sterling example Mr. Halksworth had set. By his attendance at meetings, his courtesy and ability, he had done great work in making the Yorkshire Association what it was to-day.—The members fully endorsed this, and the secretary was instructed to insert in the minutes their very deep appreciation of his services, not only to the Southern Division and the association, but to the ringing community as a whole.

For the vacant post, Mr. S. F. Palmer, of Sheffield Cathedral, was unanimously elected, and the members considered themselves very fortunate in persuading Mr. Palmer to accept the position, for which office he possesses every qualification.—In returning thanks for the honour accorded to him by his election, Mr. Palmer hoped that with the support of the members he would be able to uphold the high standard which had been set by his predecessor in office.

Messrs. Ryder and Panther were re-elected to the committee for three years, and to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Palmer's promotion, Mr. Halksworth was unanimously elected. He was also elected to the general committee, as it was felt that his years of experience in the work of the association were much too valuable to lose.—Mr. Halksworth thanked the members for the honour and confidence, and promised the same hearty co-operation in the association's work as he had always tried to give in the past.

It was announced that the reopening of the new peal of 10 at Rammoor would take place on March 31st, and a cordial invitation was extended to all members to be present at that function. Further particulars will be found elsewhere in 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Provost, the churchwardens and the local company at the Cathedral for the necessary permission to hold the meeting and for the arrangements made. This was replied to, and brought a most enjoyable and successful meeting to a close.

### 'THE 4th OF MARCH' AT APPLETON.

It was decided some few years ago to hold the anniversary dinner at Appleton on the first Saturday after March 4th if the fourth did not come on the Saturday. So on Saturday, March 10th, ringers from various parts made their pilgrimage to this 'Mecca' of change ringing. The ten bells were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters from morning until four o'clock, when upwards of 40 ringers gathered round the festive board and did justice to a typical old Berkshire dinner, well cooked and well served.

After the tables had been cleared, the chairman, in a few heartfelt words, referred to the 'vacant chair' caused by the passing of Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who had attended that festival for many years, broken only from 1914-18, and who had a great love for Appleton. The company stood in silence for a short time.

Then the time-honoured toast, 'The Appleton Society,' was proposed and duly honoured, and Mr. George Holfield responded with an interesting resume of the doings in Appleton tower since 1918, from the first 120 of Doubles and first 720 of Minor to the 21,000 of Stedman Caters and the 16,000 of Grandsire.

The evening passed pleasantly and quickly with anecdote, song and handbells, and the wish that all may meet again on the 117th 'Fourth of March' next year.

**SLEAFORD BELLS RESTORED.****THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCH.**

The bells of the Parish Church of St. Denys, Sleaford, were heard again, after a silence of three months, on Saturday, March 10th, when a service of thanksgiving for their restoration was held. The chiming apparatus was connected at 12 noon, and the Westminster chimes signalled that all was well once again. The bells were 'opened' at 2 p.m., and the following ringers rang the first touch: R. Waddingham 1, Norman Ed. Snow 2, A. Blackburn 3, W. Townsend 4, F. Dewey 5, H. S. Hinkins 6, R. R. Dixon 7, J. Charity 8.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon until 4 p.m., when a service of thanksgiving was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. Norton Howo). There was a large congregation, and the following clergy were also present: Canon A. Hunt (Kirkby-la-Thorpe), Rev. G. A. Beckett (Helpingham), Rev. J. A. Elwell (Osbourneby), Rev. G. F. Frost (Rauceby), Rev. C. G. Hodge (Aunsby), Rev. R. Olsen (St. Giles, Lincoln), and Rev. C. F. Paget (Aswarby).

Henry Purcell's anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' usually called 'The Bell Anthem,' was beautifully rendered by the choir, and the Vicar, in the course of his address, referred to the excellent response of the inhabitants of Sleaford, and old friends of the town, to the appeal which was made in the new year, and to the fact that the amount required for the restoration of the bells had been readily forthcoming. He said the bells are the voice of the church and truly conveyed the message inscribed on the third bell in the tower, 'Peace and good neighbourhood.'

After the service the Vicar, churchwardens, the secretary of the Church Council and about 75 ringers sat down to a most enjoyable tea kindly given by Mr. F. H. Williams, an old friend of St. Denys, and a willing band of helpers.

Mr. N. Ed. Snow afterwards presided at a meeting of the Lincoln and Sleaford Districts of the Northern Branch of the Lincolnshire Diocesan Guild, and welcomed all those who had attended that day. He stated it was the largest and most representative gathering of ringers in Sleaford for 40 or 50 years, and showed that the action taken for the restoration of the bells by those responsible was the right one, and was very much appreciated. He referred to the practical assistance given to the art of change ringing in the past by Mr. T. H. Holdich, now residing at Beckenham, Kent, and to his interest in the work which had been so successfully completed that afternoon. He passed on a message from Mr. Holdich that his thoughts were with the ringers at Sleaford that day.—On hearing of the illness of Mr. Holdich, it was unanimously resolved by the meeting that a letter of sympathy be sent to him, expressing the hope that he will soon be restored to good health.

The Vicar and Mr. W. Spyvee, churchwarden, thanked all those present for their interest in the bells of St. Denys, and hearty votes of thanks were extended to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the choir for their part in the service, and to Mrs. Williams and her helpers for the excellent fare provided for the ringers.

Reference was made to the easiness of ringing the bells and to the thorough manner in which they had been restored, and a representative of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were responsible for the work of restoration, expressed thanks, on behalf of the firm, for the pleasing remarks as to the manner in which the work had been carried out.

At the conclusion of the meeting the ringers returned to the tower and the bells were kept going during the evening. During the day touches in the following methods were rung, and good striking was evident throughout: Grandsire, Bob Major, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, London Surprise and Cambridge. In addition to the local band, ringers were present from Benington, Blankney, Boston, Folkington, Gainsborough, Grantham, Great Hale, Reckington, Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincoln, London, Metheringham, Pinchbeck, Rauceby, Ruskington, Spalding, Surfleet and Swineshead.

The bells were lowered at 9 p.m., and thus ended a memorable chapter in the history of the bells of St. Denys, Sleaford.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

The West Tyne Division of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association held a meeting at Hexham on Saturday, March 10th, when the following towers were represented: Newcastle Cathedral, Fenham, Whickham, Chester-le-Street, Benfieldside, Newton Hall and Blaydon.

The wretched weather no doubt prevented many more from visiting this very fine tower with its beautiful peal of eight bells. As there were several new ringers present, advantage was taken of the occasion to give them their first touch, so the afternoon and evening were not wasted.

Fortunately, Mr. Anderson, the energetic president of the association, came along and took the chair at the meeting.—Mr. Storey moved the vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Newton Hall on Saturday, June 9th.

**LEICESTER AND DISTRICTS ANNUAL DINNER.****NO STEREOTYPED SPEECHES.**

The annual dinner of the Leicester and Districts ringers, held on March 10th, was a huge success. The bells of St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's Cathedral (10) and St. John's (10) were available throughout the afternoon, and the many visitors made good use of their opportunity by ringing all methods from rounds to Surprise, thereby enabling everyone to get a pull.

Dinner was served at the George Hotel, and a very fine spread was put on at a most reasonable price. Ringing friends were present from all the local towers—Aylestone, Anstey, Billesdon, Burbage, Lutterworth, Loughborough, Syston, Oakham, Welford, Wigston (Old and South), Thrusington, and elsewhere, to the number of 80.

The Chairman (Mr. A. J. Harris) at the outset stated that these Leicester dinners were essentially for social intercourse and entertainment, and no stereotyped speeches would be made, the only toasts being 'The King' and one to 'The Visitors.'

The latter was proposed by Mr. H. G. Jenny, who in a few well-chosen words welcomed the old visitors who had come to the gathering on each occasion in the past, and trusted they would continue to come for many years. He also welcomed many new and younger members, extended to them hearty greetings, and invited them to come again and enjoy the social intercourse afforded by these gatherings.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) and the Rev. Groome-Merriells (Theddington) both replied.

A capital programme of musical items was contributed by Mr. Grimes, who got 'sweet music' out of many and varied weird instruments. Songs were rendered by Mr. Colin Harrison, Mr. J. Morris and Mr. H. J. Poole, interspersed by courses of Stedman Caters and Cinques, the latter being rung by: F. E. Wilson 1-2, G. S. Morris 3-4, P. Harrison 5-6, E. Morris 7-8, H. J. Poole 9-10, J. Morris 11-12. It was regrettable that owing to illness the hon. secretary, Mr. E. H. Bagworth, was unfortunately unable to be present.

The concluding items by the Leicester City Police (Detective) Quartette were the original compositions of Det.-Sergt. H. J. Poole, including 'Good Old Leicester City,' 'The Policeman's Night Shift,' and others, and were most amusing. Thus ended another very enjoyable gathering, after which the 'Sergeant-Major' remarked, 'These annual gatherings ought to be held monthly!'

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****PROGRESS IN NORTH DORSET BRANCH.**

A most successful quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held on Saturday, March 10th, at Zeals, Wilts. Rev. W. G. C. Addison (Rector) conducted the Guild service, and Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Guild) was at the organ. The lesson was taken from Longfellow's Golden Legend, 'The bells themselves.' The Rector gave a very practical address from the words, 'Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' He said that this was a very popular text, and the words were the greatest expression of success, of satisfaction, of honour, and everything else worth having in life. In the ringing of bells, especially in the higher branch of the art, these words applied.

An excellent tea was served in the Church Hall, Mrs. Addison and a willing band of lady helpers kindly undertaking the catering.

The business meeting was afterwards held in the Parish Room, when fifty-five members were present from the following towers: Weston (Bath), Stourton, Okeford Fitzpaine, Kingston Magna, Mere, Sherborne, Siltton, Bourton, Tisbury, North Cadbury, Gillingham, Cucklington, Stoke Trister, Bradford Abbas, Warminster, Wincanton, Buckland Newton, Bishopstoke, North Stoneham, Longbridge Deverill, Evercreech and the home tower.

Rev. F. L. Edwards presided, supported by Rev. W. G. C. Addison, Rev. E. C. King (Rector of Stourton), and Mr. H. J. Ralph (hon. secretary of the branch).

The following were elected ringing members: Mr. John Hallett (Bradford Abbas), and Mr. F. Deverill (Siltton). Mr. Leslie Ridout (Okeford Fitzpaine) and Rev. E. V. Verdon Roe (Kettering) were elected life members.

The Chairman announced that the Guild Festival would be held on May 12th, at Bradford-on-Avon, at which Canon Clark would be pleased to welcome all ringers and friends.

The thanksgiving service at Milton Abbey would be held on June 9th, when the Bishop will preach.

Mr. Ralph proposed a vote of thanks to all the workers and helpers, and this was carried with acclamation.—The Rector replied.

The bells of Zeals, Mere, Stourton, Bourton and Siltton were available during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung showed an all-round keenness for progress, and included London, Wells and Cambridge Minor. A unique feature was a touch of Kent Treble Bob by Messrs. Frank, Cecil, Bert, Leonard, Tom and Ben Ridout (father, three sons and two nephews), from Okeford Fitzpaine.

A touch of 'Hat Surprise' by an unknown friend and the secretary did not come round, the unknown friend taking the lead, and his departure, before the secretary was aware of the first change.

## PEALS OF MINOR.

THE BANKES JAMES ARRANGEMENT.

By THE EDITOR.

When next the Central Council is called upon to discuss the question of a peal of Minor I hope the members will well weigh the following statement made by Mr. Trollope in his article last week when, having been requested to say specifically in what respect he disagreed with the arguments I set out in my contention that each of the seven 720's in the Bankes James Arrangement are true, he wrote:—

'There are some people for whose abilities I have the greatest respect, who argue like this: "If I start with 123456 and from it write out rows according to the Bankes James composition, when I reach the 720th row I shall have written out the total number of possible rows without any repetition whatever. Does not that prove that the 720 is a true extent? What other proof can you have than that you should have all the possible rows and none twice?"

'The argument seems unanswerable, and so it is, so long as you look at the matter in the way these people do. Nothing that can be advanced will shake it.'

But having said that 'so long as you look at the matter in the way these people do' the argument is unanswerable, Mr. Trollope seeks to divert the reader from this unshakable contention by starting off on another scent and discussing change ringing as an abstract thing. Change ringing in the abstract may be all that he says it is, but it is not with that that we are concerned in proving the truth of the Bankes James Arrangement. The truth in this case is a concrete thing, and no amount of abstract argument can alter it.

It is hardly necessary, therefore, to follow Mr. Trollope through his abstract arguments, in view of his first admission, but it may be well to refer to one or two of his points.

Hampered by the awkward fact that truth can only be assured by recourse to figures, Mr. Trollope says 'figures on paper have neither part nor lot in change ringing.' In the actual processes which the ringer applies to change ringing in the tower it is true figures play little part, but you do not prove peals by ringing them in the tower, and it is proof that we are concerned with. Given a method which he had not seen before and the position of the calls of what purports to be a peal, there is no man living, who could go into the tower and ring it and say with certainty that the peal was true or false, unless the composition contained some glaring fault. All the 'hunting and place making and dodging and snapping and leading and lying and the rest' in the tower, to which Mr. Trollope refers, never proved a peal yet, and it is quite beside the point to pretend that they have any bearing on the truth of a composition.

Then Mr. Trollope tells us that the proof of peals is '... scarcely ever done by actual rows.' Nobody, of course, would write out the 5,000 odd rows of a peal in order to prove their truth, but he is asking ringers to stretch their credulity to breaking point if he wishes them to believe that peals are not proved by committing representative rows to paper.

Mr. Trollope lays great emphasis on the fact that what he calls the 720th step in the first 720 (which is the 721st row) in the Bankes James Arrangement 'does not bring us home and finish our job.' There is no need to finish our job at that point—we don't want to finish it there—but it does not alter the fact that we have had all the possible rows without repetition. The composition is one of seven 720's, and it is not until we get to the end of the seventh 720 that we want 'to finish our job.'

As an analogy Mr. Trollope refers to 'unfinished' peals of Grandsire Triples, containing 5,040 rows, produced by bobs only. Supposing a band set out to ring such a composition and repeated it until at the end of the third 5,040 (if it is the third) the bells came back into rounds. Would that band have rung one peal, or three peals of Grandsire Triples, and would not each 5,040 be true, even if it lacked that 'completeness' on which Mr. Trollope insists?

By the recognised principles of method construction and by the only possible means of proof, which is by figures on paper—the Bankes James Arrangement consists of seven separate and true 720's. Mr. Trollope admits in his last article that the argument which I presented in support of this contention is unanswerable.

If the 720's are true on paper they cannot be false in the tower.

In December, 1928, Mr. Trollope himself said they were true.

If they were true in 1928, they cannot be false in 1934.

### AN OPEN LETTER

TO INDIVIDUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,—Those of you who hold that it is unconstitutional for an individual directly to approach members of the Council are under no obligation to read that which follows. The others are those to whom it may be of interest.

When a prominent official of your body told me that it ought to be a straightforward and easy matter for anyone to obtain the 'car' of the Council, via an association representative, I was inclined to believe him; but my experience in this direction may be summed up

in the following reply from a representative, which was typical of many: 'Mr. Joyce, we are—nearly all of us—heartily sick of the whole question. It has been bandied about for so long, by the few, while the majority are not up to arguing the various points. If opportunity arises I certainly will state your case, but I feel that I shall do very little good.'

My case now is placed publicly before each one of you who cares to read, viz: That the proposed definitions, to be found at the end of this letter, were signed by sixty-five ringers at a few meetings where they were put forward; and, further, that I have had offers from Minor ringers, in various parts of the country, to obtain signatures supporting any reasonable definitions that I could frame. Provided—and these provisions are fairly general—that (a) none is committed to the opinion that rounds is the first 'change,' (b) none to the opinion that extents which do not run round are 'desirable,' and (c) that such definitions shall place, so far as is possible, all peals on the same footing without alteration to prevailing practical conditions.

By far the most emphasised was the last—all peals alike; and, before appending the proposed definitions (which, I submit, comply with the above requirements), I place before you, for your consideration, a plain statement of what is perhaps the most irritating feature of this controversy. People absolutely will not boldly face up to fundamental and indisputable facts; and those facts are these:—

(i.) That there can be no possible question as to the truth of the Bankes James Cambridge, from any point of view whatsoever, without the debatable point of 'rounds first or last' arises. It is no use people putting up other considerations or arguments, for or against. Its truth depends solely upon the question as to which row is to be 'counted,' and it must stand or fall solely on this count.

Anybody who can prove a peal will vouch for the truth of this statement to any who doubts it; or he may write the peal out—and see!

(ii.) That when you go into a tower and ring, no matter to which faction—'first or last'—you belong, that question no longer arises.

Any man would be an utter fool to attempt to disprove that both—first and last—of these rows, changes, permutations, or whatever else you may care to call them, are produced, rung, sounded, or 'something,' in ringing any peal from Singles to Maximus.

(iii.) That no man has a right unnecessarily to separate Minor from Major so far as concerns those laws which can be made equally to apply to both.

Who are we—you and I—that we may say: 'While a Major ringer may do "this," a Minor ringer must do "that"?' When both, Major and Minor, in the tower do, perforce, exactly a same thing.

(iv.) That this Cambridge and its like are judged (by some) to be 'false' only because an existing (and obsolete) definition positively excludes the first rounds. These are the only grounds upon which it can so be judged. And, further, that no 'tenors together' peal of Major can be proved to be true—and this statement I am prepared to substantiate—while that definition remains unaltered.

In substantiating, I ask anybody to publish two rows only (nothing else) with the treble in the same position in each, both + (plus), both - (minus), or one of each (I care not!). And, because the false courses will lie at equal distances from rounds and any handstroke you may care to select, I shall supply, from the given two rows, all of the false course 'ends' which pertain to any four rows of which the given two can be made to be part. Provided that the method is 'regular' and symmetrical in the halves; and, if the rows are of opposite natures, that they shall be of different distances from rounds and the handstroke in the first lead—in short, a fair and proper test.

(v.) That the extent of a Minor method can be produced only by means of the 'reversal' of certain leads; and that it is impossible to 'reverse' those leads while that wretched definition remains in its present form.

If you cannot agree, prick out two extents of Bob Minor; call the tenor W.R.W. in one, and I.L.4th's in the other. Observe a particular lead which in one 720 runs from a backstroke to its handstroke; while, in the other, those same rows faithfully are reproduced in a reverse manner, running (now) from that former 'handstroke' (now the backstroke) down to that former 'backstroke' (now the handstroke).

Moreover, do you think that anybody would have the audacity to assert that, to reverse the first lead of Bob Minor, you must make second's place at the go off?

(vi.) That the 'law of Q sets' argument belongs to the days of Thompson (and of good Queen Anne!), because, to-day, extents can be produced which are 'true and complete,' start from rounds and end with rounds, are satisfactory in every possible way, but in which the Q sets are no more 'complete' than in those of the Cambridge.

I am writing in nineteen (not eighteen) thirty-four, and present-day problems demand present-day vision. Amongst other 'mathematical' (grandmother-in-) laws, this 'Q set law' is Mr. Trollope's 'rock of ages.' Is he, or any of those who think with him, going to refute what I have said, and call my bluff?

The definitions, approved by sixty-five ringers whose signatures were handed to the Master of the Essex Association after collection, were these:—

'... The following are not intended fully to cover the ground. It is understood that a "row" shall mean the order in which bells may sound. That a "change" defines, for the present purpose, the actual means by which "rows" are produced. That a "touch" would mean something less than a peal—otherwise to conform thereto.

'A true and complete peal shall—

'(1) Commence with rounds and return to rounds.

'(2) Consist of differing rows, produced by means of those changes which lie within limits prescribed by the Central Council, and numbering:—

'(a) In Major and upwards, at least 4,999 differing rows, and two rows of rounds.

'(b) In Triples, 5,039 differing rows, and two rows of rounds.

'(c) In Minor, 720 rows all to differ; repeated six times, without interval and in varying forms of successions; and one row of rounds.

'(d) In Doubles, 120 rows all to differ; repeated forty-one times, without interval and in at least ten varying forms of successions; and one row of rounds.

'(3) Be described as "... of (so many) changes ...," the number of which shall be one less than the full number of rows as defined above.

'(4) Embody all existing definitions, which are not in direct opposition to the foregoing.

'We, the undersigned, hereby express approval of any amendment which may be attempted, so long as it lies within the spirit of that which is expressed herein. ...'

I am, gentlemen, yours most respectfully,

GEO. L. JOYCE.

Hornchurch and Leytonstone.

#### A REPLY TO MR. JOYCE.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Joyce's concern over your loss of 14 lines of valuable space is rather amusing, as his latest effusion consists, for the most part, of statements and arguments which any intelligent schoolboy would hesitate to put on paper.

His analysis of the twelve-method peal would create the impression that his study of the subject has been done from the point of view of rope manipulation, rather than as a branch of mathematics, and his answer to Mr. Pulling would appear to strengthen this impression.

Every lead in the peal is complete in itself and conforms in structure with any lead taken from the plain courses of the twelve methods named, and no argument that Mr. Joyce can put forward will alter the fact.

If he is really of the opinion that the back stroke of the treble's whole-pull is the last row of a lead on any number of bells, let him produce an intelligible argument to support his contention, but such argument will have to be something different from criticisms of other people's statements and performances.

H. G. CASHMORE.

#### FOUR 720's FOR ONE SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

St. Mary's company, Fryerning, Essex, rang the following 720's on Sunday, March 4th: Before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Durham Surprise and 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 York Surprise and 720 New London Pleasure. The ringers were: L. Camp, C. Harrington, J. Sitch, E. Sitch, H. Wright and A. Bradley, and there were four conductors, viz., L. Camp, E. Sitch, C. Harrington and A. Bradley.

#### LATE NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting on Easter Monday at St. Neots (Hunts). Bells of the Parish Church (8), Eynesbury (6), and Eaton Socon (8) available during afternoon and evening. Short service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Shepherd's Cafe, Market Square, at 5 p.m., followed by annual meeting.—B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Wem (8 bells) on Saturday, April 7th, commencing at 3 p.m., with interval for tea, etc., at 5 p.m. All requiring tea should notify me by April 3rd.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castle Fields, Shrewsbury.

#### NOTICES.

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#### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—

The annual district meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (10) at the Abbey available afternoon and evening. Service in the Abbey at 4 o'clock; preacher, the Vicar. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—

A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Birkenhead (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Six bells. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good meeting is requested.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton Branch.—

The next meeting will be held at Berkeley on March 24th. Bells (10) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Fussell, Fortfields, Dursley.

#### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—

A meeting at Caxton on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock, price 1s. each.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

#### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—

Come and join the bright young people at Chalfont St. Peter (6 bells) on Saturday, March 24th, at 3 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

#### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The March meeting

will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Tea provided.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

#### HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—

A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, March 24th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hasting's.

#### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Lough-

borough District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) will be available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

#### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester

District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at South Wigston (8) to-morrow (Saturday), March 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please roll up, and make it a big meeting. — Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec.

#### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough

Branch.—The monthly meeting of the branch will take place at Ogbourne St. George on Saturday, March 31st. Bells (5, in good condition) ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. A card for tea, please, not later than Wednesday, March 28th.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The new peal of ten bells recently installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, of which the two trebles are a memorial to the late Mr. Sam Thomas, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield on Saturday, March 31st, at 3 p.m. Open ringing afterwards. By the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Foster) a Ringers' Day will take place on Saturday, April 21st. —M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The 54th annual general meeting will be held at Maidstone on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Committee meeting in All Saints' vestry at 11 a.m. Association service at 12 noon. Luncheon in the Corn Exchange at 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. The following towers will be open during the day: All Saints', Maidstone (10), Leeds (10), Linton (8), West Malling (8), Aylesford (8), Barming (6), East Farleigh (6), Boxley (6), and Bearstead (6). Application for luncheon tickets (1s. each to practising members, 3s. to non-members, including moderate refreshment) must be made to the undersigned before first post, Wednesday, March 28th. Remittance must accompany application.—Fred M. Mitchell, Gen. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting, Leicester, on Easter Monday. Bells of St. Margaret's (12), Cathedral (10), St. John's (10), St. Saviour's (8) open from 11 a.m. during day (except short intervals for weddings, etc.). Committee meet 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (1s. 9d. per head) at Victoria Hotel, near Midland Station. General meeting follows. Convivial evening at Star Hotel, Clock Tower, 7 p.m. onwards. Tea will not be reserved unless notification is sent to Mr. E. H. Bagworth, 36, Turner Road, Leicester, before Thursday, March 29th.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.15 p.m. prompt. Chairman, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., to whom a presentation will be made to celebrate his 25 years as president. Service with address by the Dean in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for those who notify me before Wednesday, March 28th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 12.20 to 2, St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), All Saints' (10), St. Nicholas' (6), and St. Swithin's (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House between 11.30 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Ringing at Cathedral at 12 noon, St. Peter's 2 p.m., St. Stephen's and St. Michael's by arrangement. Service in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Earnshaw Smith, Vicar of Watford. Meat tea in the Abbey Institute after service, followed by the Annual Meeting for the election of officers, etc. Please let me know whether you intend to take tea. This is very important.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft

(12), St. Giles' (8), and St. Michael-at-Coslany (8) and All Saints' (5) will be at the disposal of the members from 10 a.m. Divine service will be held in the Church of St. Peter Mancroft at 12.30 p.m., when the address will be given by the Rev. H. W. Benson, M.A., Vicar of Buxton. Luncheon will be served at the Bell Hotel, Orford Hill, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. per head. The annual business meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.—Arthur L. Coleman, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Meeting, Cirencester, Gloucester, Easter Monday, April 2nd.—Management Committee will meet at 11.30 a.m. Lunch may be obtained at Viner's Restaurant. General meeting at 3 p.m., followed by tea. Full details next week. Davies' Memorial Dedication will take place at Tewkesbury on Saturday, May 19th. Detailed announcement in this paper in due course. —Edgar Guise, 46, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol, 2.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Middleham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available for ringing during the day. Dinner will be provided at the Commercial Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Mar. 28th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., Hewick House, Ormesby Road, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30 a.m. St. Peter's later. Luncheon at the Silver Grill at 1 p.m. —A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 109, High St. N., Dunstable.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at South Normanton on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send number requiring tea to J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Alresford on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at the Corner House at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming. Five towers available for ringing.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service, Parish Church, at 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.10 at the Geisha Cafe. Bells (6) 2.30, also Luppitt (6) and Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers are very welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**LADIES' GUILD (Northern District) AND SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—A joint meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) available from 10.30 a.m. (not 10 a.m.). Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. each. It is important that those requiring tea should notify Mrs. Ryder, 19, Middle Lane South, Rotherham, by Wednesday, March 28th. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. N. Cawthorne and M. E. Wilson, Dis. Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Ep-

som, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, March 27th. All ringers welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bonvilston, near Cardiff, on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual General Committee Meeting will be held at Oxford on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.15 p.m., in the Chapter House, Christ Church.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oakford on Saturday, April 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Transport can be arranged from either Tiverton or Bampton for visitors if notification is sent to me by Saturday, March 31st (latest date), also for tea. Bampton bells also available.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by April 4th? Subscriptions for 1934 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold a quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Halifax Parish Church on Saturday, April 7th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will only be provided for those who send word not later than March 31st to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells (6) available at 3.30. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15, business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than Wednesday, April 4th.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on April 7th. St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Rushmere (6). Service: St. Mary-le-Tower at 4. Tea at St. Matthew's Hall at 4.30. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

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

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tue Brook on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea, 1s., and meeting to follow. Special method London Surprise Major. For tea notify me by Wednesday, April 11th.—Claude I. Davies, 68, Dunbabin Rd., Liverpool, 16

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Leeds on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (free) and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Please notify me early.—C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**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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