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**BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.**

The public attitude towards church bells was touched upon by at least three speakers at the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham on Saturday. They approached the subject from different angles, but all led to the same focal point. 'Good bells rung with skill and restraint and with consideration for other people still make a unique appeal, in spite of the somewhat jaundiced utterances which occasionally gain publicity,' said the Vicar of Aston, who added that evidence from diverse and unexpected sources had shown him that bellringing has still a hold upon the public. The hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild uttered a warning against the insidious and undemocratic powers by which a Minister of the Crown might, by a stroke of the pen, prohibit church bellringing through a Departmental Order. Upon this matter it behoves ringers to keep a constant watch. The third reference was made by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who, speaking of the importance to ringing of a sympathetic Press, advocated a voluntary limitation of peal ringing in populous areas.

These three points all direct attention to the core of the subject. In these days we cannot afford entirely to ignore public feeling. Church bells, when one gets down to real bedrock, have a place of affection in the hearts of the majority of the people of this country, but in a world distracted by the noises of its own creation and dizzy with the turmoil of its own making, where panic action is taken to stay the penalties which are the inevitable corollary of the so-called progress of mankind, there are forces at work which might conceivably deal a staggering blow at our art and even at the age-long usages of the Church itself, not because, in itself, the ringing of church bells offends the ear or shatters the nerves, but because all sounds are 'noise' to certain people. The zeal of reformers of this type is always directed at the other man's pursuits or pleasures, but this does not alter the fact that these people, usually few in number, are able to pull the strings which put their pet views into operation, and the vast majority of the public know nothing of it until it is too late to counteract the regulations which have been made.

Sound advice will be observed in all the speeches referred to. 'Good bells rung with skill and restraint and with consideration for other people.' It comes from a non-ringer. It emphasises that the striking should be good. That is the first essential. Good bells are a most desirable possession, but even poor bells can be made to sound less disagreeable as the ringing of them improves. Good striking is one of the best ways of showing con-

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sideration for the public, but there is another very important way in which this consideration can be exhibited in the case of very noisy towers. The effective stopping-up of the louvre windows, which can easily be done and, usually, at little cost, will make a vast difference to the comfort of the people living in the surrounding houses. It is a matter of constant surprise to us to come across towers where the amount of ringing has been curtailed to a minimum and peals absolutely prohibited because of annoyance to the neighbours, and to find that no attempt whatever has been made to reduce the volume of sound outside the church, when ready and inexpensive means of doing so are available. Ringers everywhere should take this matter up with their Church authorities and remove any cause there may be for legitimate complaint, before some departmental action, at the instance of a handful of busybodies, steals a march upon us and leaves us manacled, gagged and helpless.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. Treble	*CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 7
*PHYLLIS E. TILLET... .. 2	JOHN F. TILLET ... .. 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... .. 9
HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 4	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... .. 10
HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 6	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

\* First peal of Superlative Maximus. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of esteem to the late David Collins, of Worlingworth.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEADMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON... .. Treble	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. 6
HORACE FOX... .. 2	RONALD H. DOVS ... .. 7
ARTHUR WALKER... .. 3	THOMAS HOLDER ... .. 8
HARRY C. WALTERS ... .. 4	CHARLES BROWN ... .. 9
FRED NEWTON ... .. 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

BEIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

JAMES H. JUDD ... .. Treble	HUGH R. THORPE ... .. 6
BERNARD H. WELLS... .. 2	RICHARD V. FULLER... .. 7
*JOHN A. WELLER ... .. 3	*AMBROSE T. SHELTON ... .. 8
ARTHUR G. WILLET ... .. 4	WALTER CLAYDON ... .. 9
LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 5	HENRY A. HOAD... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS.

Conducted by RICHARD V. FULLER.

\* First peal of Caters. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the curate, the Rev. G. C. Bartle, and for the conductor's 21st birthday.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—For evening service, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Otway 1, G. Marriner 2, A. H. Winch 3, A. H. Smith 4, W. Newbury 5, C. Smart 6, G. Young 7, A. Harman (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise by a local band.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
(ST. WOOLOS' GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

*CYRIL G. HOOPER ... .. Treble	F. ATTIWELL ... .. 6
J. BULLEN ... .. 2	W. PHILLIPS ... .. 7
F. CRABB ... .. 3	F. ROWSELL ... .. 8
F. GREEDY ... .. 4	C. GREEDY ... .. 9
T. BUTLER ... .. 5	A. THOMAS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. NELMS.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

\* First peal of Caters at first attempt. This peal was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Lyne, very esteemed members of the Church of St. Woolos; also in honour of Mr. F. Attiwell, for 54 years a service ringer at this church.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, February 13, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

EDGAR W. LUFF ... .. Treble	JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5
GEORGE WENT ... .. 2	ARTHUR HAWKINS ... .. 6
GEORGE KNIGHT ... .. 3	ALFRED W. HEATH ... .. 7
DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 4	ARTHUR L. LUCAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. William Morgan Davies, B.A., who was inducted to the living of Usk prior to the peal.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

THURSTANS' FODR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY J. SANGER ... .. Treble	† THOMAS J. SETTER ... .. 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 2	† JOHN LUKINS ... .. 6
JOHN E. METCALFE ... .. 3	§ JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7
* KENNETH FORD ... .. 4	§ WILLIAM SHERBORNE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman 'inside.' ‡ First peal. § First peal on eight.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, February 20, 1935, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

* LESLIE STEPHENS ... .. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 2	JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 6
JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 3	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... .. 7
JOHN GRUNDY ... .. 4	COLIN HARRISON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by C. HARRISON.

\* First peal of Double Norwich.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

(TAUNTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 5
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... .. 2	WILLIAM G. GIGG ... .. 6
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 3	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 7
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 4	S. PERCY MERSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Bristol by all except the treble ringer. First peal in the method as conductor, and first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Lloyd.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.

**THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten-and-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER ... .. Treble	FRANCIS EVANS ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7
JOHN J. WEBB ... .. 4	ARTHUR C. NASON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

JAMES ROSE ... .. Treble	CHARLES SHERMING ... .. 5
JAMES DURRANT ... .. 2	KEITH W. WHITTELL ... .. 6
WILLIAM KINSEY ... .. 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 7
CLAUDE WOODARD ... .. 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES ROSE.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

**THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes, □

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE P. ELPHICK ... .. Treble	GEORGE WIGGENS ... .. 5
EDWARD H. LINDUP ... .. 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... .. 6
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. WEBB ... .. 4	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by S. E. ARMSTRONG.

RADCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK ... .. 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. 3	WILFRED HALLIWELL ... .. 7
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

PENTRE RHONDDA, SOUTH WALES.

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 27 cwt.

* ERNEST STITCH ... .. Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT ... .. 5
* WILLIAM J. CROSS ... .. 2	HERBERT DAVIES ... .. 6
GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 3	WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7
WILFRED PALMER ... .. 4	FREDERICK LASBURY ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSDOWN.

Conducted by F. LASBURY.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in any method as conductor and first attempt. A birthday peal for ringer of the 2nd and for the daughter of the ringer of the 6th.

ASHOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

(PEAK DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

§ REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

* EDWIN HOPKINSON ... .. Treble	* HENRY HOPKINSON ... .. 5
GEORGE H. PAULSON ... .. 2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... .. 6
VICTOR E. TAYLOR ... .. 3	THOMAS DENT ... .. 7
BERNARD ALLSOP ... .. 4	* ALFRED H. BOWLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

\* First peal of Grandsire. Ringers of 2, 4 and 5 are from Darley Dale, 3 from Matlock, rest belong to Ashover. It is believed to be the first peal at Ashover in which any local ringers have taken part.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
EDWARD W. BIFFEN...	...Treble	A. WILLIAM MYERS ...	5
AUBREY L. BENNETT ...	2	CHRISTOPHER R. WALEER ...	6
THOMAS G. MYERS ...	3	HERBERT J. HOLE ...	7
*HENRY G. LEWIS ...	4	ARTHUR H. GOAD... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells, which have lately been recast and augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ARTHUR RAINEBIRD ...	...Treble	BERTRAM C. HINES ...	5
LESLIE C. THRIPT ...	2	ALBERT PRYKE ...	6
HARRY TURNER ...	3	ERNEST FURBANK ...	7
ROBERT HEAZEL ...	4	†ARLAND PAYNE ...	Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 25, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

WALTER F. TYLER ...	...Treble	WILLIAM G. GRACE ...	5
JOHN FOSKETT ...	2	PERCY J. SPICE ...	6
JAMES BENNETT ...	3	JACK DARTERS ...	7
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ...	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th, also to Mr. William Spice, sen., of Tunstall, father of the ringer of the 6th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1935, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART,

Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE, Master ...	...Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH, Hon. General Secretary ...	2
CHARLES W. DENVER, Hon. Secretary, Farnham District ...	3	ARTHUR H. SMITH, Hon. Secretary, Leatherhead District ...	4
GEORGE L. GROVER, Hon. Secretary, Guildford District ...	5	C. ERNEST SMITH, Ringing Master, Guildford District ...	6
ALFRED H. PULLING, Central Council Representative ...	7	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE, Member of Executive Committee ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung after meeting too late to start for Cambridge Surprise Major.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 27, 1935, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE ...	...Treble	GEORGE LUCAS ...	5
HENRY STATHAM ...	2	ALFRED J. TURNER ...	6
HERBERT RANN ...	3	GEORGE ADES ...	7
JOHN FEIST ...	4	FRANK BENNETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ADES.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. It is upwards of 40 years since the conductor has called a peal. The tenor man 'completes the circle' of this tower.

**BANKERS' PEAL.**

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

FRANCIS S. WILSON, Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Wincanton ...	...Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR, National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Newbury... ..	2
ALAN R. PINK, Westminster Bank, Ltd., Eton ...	3	STAFFORD H. GREEN, Australasia Mercantile Bank, Ltd. ...	4
HARRY W. BADGER, Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Thame ...	5	FREDERICK N. SMEATON, Midland Bank, Ltd., Tunbridge Wells ...	6
EDWARD R. COLES, Lloyds Bank, Ltd., High Wycombe ...	7	FREDERICK WHITE, Westminster Bank, Ltd., Cranbrook ...	Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Messrs. F. N. Smeaton and H. W. Badger were elected members of the Ancient Society of College Youths prior to the ringing of the peal, which was a birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Lloyds Bank, Wincanton, who was 60 not out! a few days before.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 27, 1935, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

*MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER, Treble ...	5	*HANBURY F. CARTER... ..	5
GEORGE MAYERS ...	2	WALTER C. MEDLER... ..	6
NOLAN GOLDEN ...	3	†CLIFFORD BIRD ...	7
ERIC DURRANT ...	4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First attempt for a peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 28, 1935, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

*GEORGE HARVEY ...	...Treble	HENRY HARRISON ...	5
FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN... ..	6
JOHN HOBBS ...	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ...	7
FREDERICK BROWN ...	4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal and first attempt. The ringer of the 2nd has now had the pleasure of ringing a peal on every bell in this tower. This peal is No. 2,457 of the society's performances.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

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

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ARTHUR R. MILES ...	...Treble	†ARTHUR J. HART ...	5
*GEORGE WIGGINS ...	2	CHARLES BRASIER ...	6
†FRANK H. HICKS ...	3	ERNEST J. LADD... ..	7
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ...	4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 2, 1935, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND ...	...Treble	WILLIAM SPICE ...	5
JOSEPH H. WICKS ...	2	WILLIAM J. BEER ...	6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER ...	3	JAMES E. BAILEY... ..	7
EDWARD J. BEER ...	4	GEORGE KENWARD ...	Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEO. J. BUTCHER.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and as a 74th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.



**SIX BELL PEALS.**

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

*On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Seven differently called extents.

EDWARD BROWN ... ..	Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... ..	4
WILLIAM DUFFY ... ..	2	CHARLES PERKINS ... ..	5
CHARLES BLACK ... ..	3	FRANK TAYLOR ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

The band wish to associate the name of Mr. H. Gibbard with this peal, he being unable to take part through illness.

OHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Consisting of two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

*GEORGE GILLITT ... ..	Treble	ERNEST WARELING ... ..	4
WILLIAM YOUNG ... ..	2	WILLIAM SERKINGS ... ..	5
STANLEY SHIPP ... ..	3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a thanksgiving for the completion, by a gift day on the previous Friday, of the organ fund, £1,250. A new organ is being installed.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, all differently called.  
Tenor 14 cwt.

*JACK LI-HMAN ... ..	Treble	JOHN H. ELLIOTT ... ..	4
*RAYMOND O. IVER ... ..	2	EDWARD HALL ... ..	5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... ..	3	†THOMAS W. DODD ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. DODD.

\* First peal. † First peal in more than one method away from the treble. First peal in more than one method by all the band except the conductor. All are members of the local band and all learned to pull a rope in the above tower. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. P. M. Brutton, one time churchwarden and later a sidesman.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 16, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.  
Tenor 9 cwt.

H. ERNEST COX ... ..	Treble	JOHN J. WEBB ... ..	4
CHARLES L. SADIEN ... ..	2	ALFRED T. POULTON ... ..	5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... ..	3	WILLIAM POSTON ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Seven different extents.

*REGINALD HOUGHTON ... ..	Treble	CHARLES BALL ... ..	4
TOM BARTRAM ... ..	2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... ..	5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... ..	3	HORRBT FOLBIGG ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON

\* First peal. Rung to celebrate 30 years' ministry of the Rev. Canon Williamson at Tempsford.

MORECAMBE, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LANCASTER BRANCH.)

*On Tuesday, February 19, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Being 720 each of Merton, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

PETER ROGERSON ... ..	Treble	ERNEST SWAIN ... ..	4
*GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ... ..	2	*EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..	5
ALAN W. CASSON ... ..	3	HERBERT S. PALMER ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

\* 25th peal together. First peal in seven Minor methods on the bells, by all the band and for the branch. Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of the Rector of Morecambe (Canon Scott) and as a compliment to Mrs. Scott.

WETHERSFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, February 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

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

BERT COCK ... ..	Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN ... ..	4
BERNARD W. PETTIT ... ..	2	ERNEST TOWNSEND ... ..	5
BASIL REDGWELL ... ..	3	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH C. JENNINGS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Borthwick to Miss Addison, of Wethersfield Place, which took place at St. Clement Danes the previous day.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being four 720's Oxford and three 720's Kent, each differently arranged.  
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*JOSEPH TAYLOR ... ..	Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON ... ..	4
ALFRED BALLARD ... ..	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ... ..	5
†FRANK MEASURES ... ..	3	ERNEST MORRIS ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First of Treble Bob. † First Minor peal. First peal in these variations on the bells. The band represented six different towers.

BILLESDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Being 360 each of New Bob, Place Bob, Union, St. Simon's, Original, Canterbury Pleasure, New Year's Eve, April Day and 720 each of Plain Bob, St. Dunstan's and Grandairs.  
Tenor 11½ cwt.

E. K. GEARY ... ..	Treble	H. PAYNE ... ..	4
H. FAULKNER ... ..	2	A. N. GEARY ... ..	5
J. G. GEARY ... ..	3	*R. BODDYE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. G. GEARY.

\* First peal. First peal in eleven methods by all the band. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

HARRY WINGROVE ... ..	Treble	WILFRED EDWARDE ... ..	4
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... ..	2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... ..	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... ..	3	TONY PRICE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James.

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

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale and Wearmouth; (2) Hexham and Berwick; (3) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (4) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne; (5) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley; (6) Chester and Munden; (7) London and Wells.

HARRY GIBBARD ... ..	Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... ..	4
HORACE M. DAY ... ..	2	ROGER W. DANIELS ... ..	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... ..	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ...	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First peal in 23 methods by all the band, for the Guild and in the county. In this peal there were 115 changes of method.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

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

Being two extents of Kingston, two of London Scholars' Pleasure, one of Sandal and two of Oxford. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

JOHN H. BRIERLEY ... ..	Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	4
FRED MARSDEN ... ..	2	JAMES A. MILNER ... ..	5
KENNETH LEWIS ... ..	3	ARTHUR WHITING ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

\* First peal of Minor. The ringers of 3rd and tenor are members of the local band. This is the first peal in which any of the local band have taken part. Rung in honour of the completion of 50 years' ringing at the above church by Mr. John Wood, leader of the local band, and a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild since its inception.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 21, 1935, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... ..	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... ..	5-6
FREDERICK PAGE ... ..	3-4	HAROLD JACKSON ... ..	7-8
ALFRED BARNES ... ..	9-10		

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

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1935, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
In St. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... ..	1-2	PERCY L. HARRISON ... ..	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... ..	3-4	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS ...	7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... ..	9-10		

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 1, 1935, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At 28, FIELD ROAD.

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

HENRY HODGETTS ... ..	1-2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... ..	5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ...	3-4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ...	7-8

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE  
Umpire—John E. Rootes.

The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

OVER, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church for morning service, Sunday, January 27th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Whybrow 1, W. Seekings 2, B. Wayman 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, M. Ginn 5, G. Robinson 6. Rung on back six. Time prevented a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major for evensong, but about 1,168 changes were rung. Arranged for Mr. W. Seekings, of Chatteris, this being his first of Double Norwich Major.

ST. ALBANS ABBEY BELLS.

OLD RING GO BACK TO THE FOUNDRY.

The work of augmenting the ring of eight at St. Albans Abbey into a peal of twelve is now in full swing, and on Monday and Tuesday, February 25th and 26th, the old bells were lowered into the church below. Many people gathered in the church on Tuesday to see the tenor brought down, after hanging in the tower with the 3rd, 4th and 7th since 1699. The history of casting and recasting may be summarised thus with the names of the founders:—

Treble.—Phelps, 1730. Briant, 1792. Mears, 1845, 1901.

2nd.—Phelps, 1730. Mears, 1845, 1901.

3rd.—Wightman, 1699.

4th.—Wightman, 1699.

5th.—Wightman, 1699. Phelps, 1731.

6th.—Wightman, 1699. Lester and Pack, 1758.

7th.—Wightman, 1699.

Tenor.—Wightman, 1699.

It will be noticed that the present ring all came from the same foundry, which has been in existence from 1570, and now belongs to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are successors to Wightman and other founders.

Immediately upon reaching the floor below the bell was weighed, and turned the scale at 24 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. The bell weighed considerably more before the cannons were removed some years ago, when it was quarter-turned and rehung. It is still an excellent bell, its note having dropped barely a semi-tone from the original note of E flat, when it was cast in 1699.

On Thursday, February 28th, the bells were taken to the White-chapel Foundry to be cleaned and tuned and the fifth recast (having been found to be cracked), after an absence of 236 years for some of them. Upon the fifth has been found an incised design of 'Father Time,' with hour glass and sickle, a fact which has never been chronicled before. It is believed this design is rare, and perhaps maybe the only occurrence of the same upon a bell. Perhaps my readers may substantiate this, or otherwise; it would be interesting.

The augmentation is in the hands of a reputable firm, and we have every confidence that Mr. Hughes will see that we have a peal worthy of the noble pile they are to occupy, as well as a fitting memorial of the jubilee of the Hertford County Association.

The association is raising money for one bell to commemorate its jubilee and to the memory of the late Mr. E. P. Debenham. So once again, in due time, a peal of twelve will send forth their music in St. Albans.

But the rehanging costs money, and the money is wanted quickly, so that when the bells are rung for the Silver Jubilee of our beloved King and Queen, we want every penny in hand to pay for the work done. Many, I believe, intend to send something, but keep putting it off. To those who have sent, again I would say 'Thank you,' and to all who are yet to send, especially those in our own county area, let me say, 'Do it at once.' I shall be happy to see a heavy post bag next week. The bells will sound sweeter to your ears if you have given something towards making them sweet.

G. W. CARTMEL, Hon. Secretary.

Duffield, Russell Avenue, St. Albans.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

AN ANNIVERSARY GATHERING.

The anniversary gathering of the Oxford University Society began with lunch in the Queen's College on March 2nd, when a party of 16 sat down under the chairmanship of the president of the society, the Rt. Rev. Dr. E. D. Shaw. Some others were prevented from attending by duty or sickness, but among those present were the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master). As guests there were Mr. A. N. P. Woodard (Jesus, Camb.) to represent the University Guild, Mr. Alderman C. H. Brown (president) to represent the Oxford Society, and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Wokingham, an old member of the Cambridge University Guild. A letter was read from the Editor of 'The Ringing World' greatly regretting that the train service made it impossible for him to take Oxford on his way to Birmingham, and greetings were sent by one of the oldest members, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Balliol), of Birmingham, Recorder of Lincoln, who was kept in Birmingham by the Henry Johnson dinner. Before lunch a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mr. H. Miles (St. Catherine's), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. J. P. Pelloe (Queen's), and the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Kobles).

After the loyal toast by the president, Mr. Pelloe proposed 'The Cambridge University Guild,' referring to their many peals in the tower, and especially to their prowess in handbell ringing.—Mr. Woodard replied, speaking modestly of their achievements, and complimenting his Oxford brethren on their larger numbers.

The Master, Mr. C. R. Willis (St. John's), next proposed 'The Oxford Society (City),' expressing much gratitude to it for the great help it gave to the University Society by welcoming its members to their towers, several having gained much proficiency by this means.

Mr. Alderman Brown replied with an amusing speech which called forth much laughter.

After lunch a move was made to St. Thomas' Church, where both Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung.

### A NEW TAYLOR CHIME. INTERESTING INSCRIPTIONS.

The culmination of an effort spread over many years was seen at Stannington, Northumberland, on Sunday, February 24th, when the Bishop of Newcastle dedicated a chime of eight bells. The bells have some interesting inscriptions:—

The tenor, weighing over 30 cwt., is dedicated to the memory of the late Vicar, the Rev. A. G. Dodderidge, M.A., R.N.V.R., who worked assiduously to complete the work. The bell is inscribed with the full name of the deceased Vicar on one side and on the reverse simply 'Doddie,' a familiar name by which he was known.

The second bell, given by the parishioners of Stannington, is inscribed, 'Whenever the sweet bell rings o'er hill and dale must Jesus Christ be praised.' A third bell is in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Leech, who, says in the inscription, 'in adversity were to friends like a providence.'

The fourth is interesting and forges another link in the association between Stannington Church and Jesmond Parish Church. It is dedicated to the Jesmond choir and has been purchased from the proceeds of the many services they gave at Stannington. The fifth is in memory of 14-year-old Hunter Stead Ellis, of Gosforth, and was given by his parents.

The sixth bell is in memory of James Winter Parish, 'who loved the peace of this place,' and the seventh and eighth bells purchased from the carillon fund bear the inscriptions, 'Ring out the false, ring in the true' and 'I ring true; do you?'

The church was crowded when the procession of clergy and others entered, preceded by the wardens with wands, Mr. Carnegie, people's warden, Mrs. Lyons, Vicar's warden, and Mr. R. Wood, deputising for Lord Ridley.

The Bishop was accompanied by Canon Knyvett, his chaplain; Canon Davies, Morpeth; and the Vicar, the Rev. Charles Hudson, late of Spittal and Scotswood.

Jesmond Parish Church choir, under Dr. Hutchinson, and the Stannington choir, under Mr. Watson, the organist, sang special music for the day.

After the Bishop had pronounced the beautiful words of the dedication, the new bells were chimed as the clergy and choir returned from the belfry in procession down the aisle.

The bells have been made by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who were represented at the opening by Mr. J. P. Fidler. Many members of the congregation went specially to Mr. Fidler to express their appreciation of the beautiful tonal quality of the bells and to say how glad they were that such a fine chime had been installed.

### A BROKEN ROPE—BUT TWO 'FIRSTS.'

An attempt was made at Gulval, Cornwall, on Saturday, March 2nd, for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Parker's Twelve-Part), but, unfortunately, just after the fifth part end had come up, in 1 hour and 20 minutes, the fourth rope broke. This was unfortunate at a tower where the bells are looked after so well. The band was: A. S. Roberts 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin (longest length as conductor) 2, Miss E. Symons 3, W. Wood 4, C. E. Lanxon 5, P. J. Hitchens 6, J. Wood 7, E. Sanders 8. However, the rope was soon mended, and by reshuffling a little, a quarter-peal was rung which enabled E. Sanders to ring the treble to his longest length on eight away from the tenor, and C. E. Lanxon to conduct his first quarter-peal on eight.

### FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

At Market Harborough, Leicestershire, for morning service, on March 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss M. I. Barrow (first quarter and first attempt) 1, R. March 2, L. Rudd 3, F. Wallington 4, W. Wallington 5, A. Manning 6, W. Hector (conductor) 7, W. Kilsby 8. All are Sunday service ringers.

At Ramsbury, Wilts, on Sunday, March 3rd, at the Church of the Holy Cross, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, 10 different extents): Miss N. J. Elliott (Aldbourn) 1, A. Taylor (Marlborough) (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, T. J. Palmer (Aldbourn) 3, N. W. Hawkins (Aldbourn) 4, T. A. Palmer (Aldbourn) 5, W. J. Jennings (Marlborough) (first quarter-peal) 6.

At Oakley, Hants, on February 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): W. J. Marlow (first quarter-peal) 1, M. C. Lee (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, F. J. Marlow 3, F. Titcombe 4, W. Hunt (conductor) 5, G. Coster 6.

At St. Mary's, Mildenhall, on February 24th, for evensong, 1,280 Bob Major: R. Simpson 1, P. Fordham 2, V. Shorter 3, D. Wright 4, R. Lathbury (conductor) 5, W. Stannard 6, J. Quinney 7, J. Ward 8. First quarter-peal by treble and fourth ringers.

At St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, Oldham, on Sunday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman: \*H. Platt 1, H. A. Mellor 2, \*I. Gartside 3, \*F. Mellor 4, \*J. W. Truelove 5, I. Kay 6, C. E. Platt (conductor) 7, \*F. Platt 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman by an entirely local band at this church.

At Christ Church, Dore, Derbyshire, on Sunday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1,288 changes): W. Biggin 1, W. Bingham 2, G. M. Thorpe 3, H. Warburton 4, A. Wilson 5, J. W. Sykes 6, C. Bates 7, A. P. Knights (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Only a generation ago the man who had rung a hundred peals had done something he could 'talk about,' even if it had taken him nearly a lifetime. There are plenty of men in these days who knock off a century about every two years. Thus has the practice of peal ringing grown.

Last Saturday, Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, now approaching the 'old war horse' stage, scored his 1,300th peal! It has taken him 46 years to do it, but an average of 30 peals a year for nearly half a century is not bad going. It needs an unflagging enthusiasm to keep it up for that length of time.

When four-figure totals are mentioned, anything less is largely overshadowed, but when a man has accumulated 500 he reaches a notable landmark in his ringing career. Congratulations, therefore, to the popular hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. J. T. Dyke, upon ringing his 500th peal last Saturday.

And what of Mr. George Ades, of Brighton. Last week he called a peal of Grandsire Triples. His first peal as conductor for over 40 years! It doesn't seem so long since those enjoyable days at Waldron, does it, George? And yet, alas, it is.

Another peal of London on handbells! The clever Hertfordshire band have repeated their performance.

Ringers from England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, to say nothing of Australia, were present at the Henry Johnson dinner at Birmingham on Saturday, which shows how widely representative the company was. This dinner is not just an evening affair—it's a week-end. And that is why so many ringers from afar return to it year after year.

Of the twelve peals of Maximus rung in 1934, six, and all of them in Surprise methods, were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich.

Miss Phyllis Tillet's performance last week in ringing an inside bell to Superlative Surprise Maximus was a specially meritorious performance. She is only 16, but she rang both her bell and the method splendidly.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION'S REFERENDUM.

### BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD'S VIEWS.

The referendum which is being taken on the suggested change in the title of the Essex Association closes next Friday, and all voting cards must be in the hands of the hon. secretary by that date.

The views of the Bishop of Chelmsford on the subject were expressed in 'The Bishop's Letter' in a recent issue of the 'Chelmsford Diocesan Chronicle,' and were fully in favour of the adoption of a diocesan title. His lordship wrote:—

'I understand that the Essex Association of Change Ringers is taking a referendum of its members on the advisability of changing the title of the association. Members are asked to vote whether they would prefer to retain the old title or to alter the title to the "Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers." I hope, as president of the society, I shall not be regarded as using the dignity of my office improperly in expressing an opinion on this matter. If so, I hope I may be forgiven. I have no doubt that, had the society been formed at a time when Essex was coterminous with the diocese in which it was situated, the society would have been called by the name of the diocese, but in 1879 the County of Essex was part of the Diocese of St. Albans, which included the County of Hertfordshire, and, therefore, the county title was preferred. But now that the county and diocese are the same in area, and, seeing that this society is a church society, I think it is obvious that the best title is "The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers."'

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

### PROTEST AGAINST REFUSAL OF CATHEDRAL BELLS.

A highly successful meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Stowmarket on Saturday, February 23rd, when about 24 members attended and good instructional work was done, several members ringing their first courses in various methods. It was encouraging to find young ringers present who were anxious to take advantage of the opportunity for instruction and practice. Tea was held at a local cafe, and at the meeting which followed the Vicar of Stowmarket (the Rev. F. Tucker Harvey) took the chair and extended a hearty welcome to the Guild.

The secretary (the Rev. H. Drake) reported that the Guild had again been refused permission for the use of the bells at the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, on the occasion of the annual meeting.

Strong protests were raised by the members, and the secretary was instructed to take further action.

Other subjects were discussed, and the Ringing Master (Mr. Charles J. Sedgley) gave a brief report on the peals rung by the Guild in 1934.

The meeting concluded with the election of several new honorary and performing members.

The church was again the rendezvous after the meeting, and ringing continued until 8 p.m. The methods rung included Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and Stedman. Members from the following towers were present: Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Clement's and St. Matthew's), Woodbridge, Thornham, Stowmarket, Waldingfield, Finborough and Sudbury.



## THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

### BIRMINGHAM'S GREAT GATHERING.

#### Presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker.

A happy recognition of the invaluable services rendered to ringing generally and to St. Martin's Guild in particular by Mr. Albert Walker was made at Birmingham on Saturday, when presentations were made to him and Mrs. Walker at the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. Mr. Walker has recently retired from the Ringing Mastership of the Guild, an office which he held for 18 years and unofficially filled for a period before that. During that time he helped materially to lift the Guild to a foremost place among ringing societies, and throughout this long period received the active help and encouragement of his wife.

The dinner was, as usual, the occasion of a large 'gathering of the clans' from far and near, and it was noteworthy that all the four kingdoms of the British Isles were represented, while the presence of some of the tourists who recently visited Australia added a link with that distant part of the Empire. There was the usual ringing at the famous church in the Bull Ring and at other Birmingham churches in the afternoon, and a company of 150 gathered at the Imperial Hotel in the evening. Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, presided. He was accompanied by Mrs. Guy Rogers and supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of the

T. Russam (a vice-president of the Guild), E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), W. H. Fussell, F. E. Dawe, S. J. Hector, W. Saunders and others.

#### CAREFUL WATCH ON LEGISLATION NEEDED.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed 'Church and the State.' It was extremely important, he said, that Church and State should work well together. When they saw in so many parts of the world the many disruptive forces that threatened good government and order and, more still, the liberties of the individual citizen, they could see the importance of having in this country strong forces to resist any intrusion upon their traditions of good order, mingled with liberty. Even in our own country they found sinister influences at work attempting to undermine the religious faith of the people, hostility to the established usages of the Church, to her theology and her forms of worship, and trying to subvert the most fundamental and elementary principles of morality which had been built up in this country through centuries of Christian influence upon Christian foundations. That made it all the more imperative that Church and State should co-operate in the work of keeping this country a Christian country and a stronghold of liberty and order (applause). To those who had been watching the course of events it was impressive to remark how the Church had been making her influence felt in the counsels of the State. The Church



MR. ALBERT WALKER



MRS. WALKER

Guild), Mr. Frank E. Haynes (Ringing Master), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. E. P. Duffield (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), the Revs. H. McGowan (Vicar of Aston), Canon S. Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), etc. Among those also present were Vice-Presidents J. George and J. H. Shepherd, Messrs. W. G. Robinson and C. F. Carson (churchwardens of Birmingham), the Rev. C. H. Williams (Bishop Ryder's) and Mrs. Williams, the Rev. S. Riley (Vicar of Shirley), the Rev. C. O. R. Wormald (Vicar of Solihull), Mr. W. R. Henton (Solihull), Col. J. W. Danielsen, D.S.O. (churchwarden of Edgbaston), Mr. Joseph Johnson (son of the late Henry Johnson), Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Manchester), Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, Bristol United Guilds), Mr. Gabriel Lindoff (hon. secretary, Irish Association), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pervin (Coventry), Mr. H. W. Green (who travelled both out and home with the Australian tourists), Mrs. Wilkins and Messrs. W. Knight, P. C. Williams and W. Thomas (Bristol), Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Palmer, Messrs. J. Holman and H. Thorp (Sheffield), J. Pagett and A. H. Ward (Derby), L. Woodcock and Atkinson (York Minster Society), J. Marshall (Edinburgh), W. A. Wooler (Wortley), H. Mason (Hagley), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), T. J. Elton, W. Griffin and Miss Griffin (Walsall), R. Pickering and G. Baker (Wolverhampton), J. Thomas (London), and ringers and friends from many places in and around Birmingham.

Among those who sent apologies were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham, Col. F. G. Danielsen, D.S.O. (Edgbaston), Messrs. F. B. Yates (Kings Norton),

had taken part prominently in official and unofficial ways in endeavouring to cope with the difficult problems of unemployment and the proper housing of the population, and just recently they learned that the Archbishop of York had been appointed to the important post of adviser to the B.B.C., while the Archbishop of Canterbury had long been taking part in the preparation of the Government of India Bill which had just come before the House of Commons. In this way it had been observed that the Church, especially through her Archbishops, had been exerting considerable influence in the counsels of the State. There were, however, two points on which there was some danger of Church and State coming into conflict. One was the matter of education. For centuries the Church was the only agent of education in this country before the State began to wake up and take a hand in it. Now there was a tendency for the State to take the whole hand and not leave the Church any room at all. They wanted to be very careful to ensure that so far as they could the maintenance of all the Church Schools should remain in a state of efficiency and that they should maintain their training colleges to ensure Christian teaching in Christian schools (applause). Another matter was in the use of bells. There was great danger at this time of a very insidious character. There was an anti-noise campaign abroad in the land and there was no knowing when church bells might be brought within its sphere. Legislation in these days sometimes took the insidious form of conferring powers upon a Minister to make such orders as he thought fit, and, therefore, ringers and those who had the control of bells must keep a very careful watch on any legislation, whether it was of a local or national character.

The Chairman, who responded to the toast, said that in these times what they really needed was a certain amount of tradition, but they certainly must move with the times. Unfortunately, he thought some States moved a little too violently with the times, and they got dictatorships which did not know their business properly. On the other hand, the Church was a little too much rooted in tradition. He

recognised that the Church had much to learn. It needed to manifest its unity in a way that it had not done yet and to witness for Christ far more powerfully than it did at the moment. It should be prepared to take a more independent line when necessary to safeguard the moral conscience of the nation, and if the time should come that to safeguard the moral conscience of the nation brought them into conflict with the State, they must be prepared to let their establishment go in order that they might be perfectly free. Thank God that had not been necessary in this country yet, and, please God, it never would be.

The Rector mentioned that the next day was the tenth anniversary of his arrival in Birmingham, and reminded his hearers that he celebrated his arrival by breaking a bell rope when he had to chime the bell. He had intended to ring it ten or twenty times to indicate, according to tradition, the number of years he was likely to stay, but it seemed as if the populace wanted him gone quickly (laughter). He had, however, refused to take the hint, and he hoped in a small way he had established sufficient grounds to be allowed to remain a little longer (applause). He had the best of relationships with his ringers. He was a welcome visitor to the tower, and he knew a good deal about the ringers' difficulties and their joys and happiness, as well as about their domestic affairs, as he was always called upon to marry the bellringers' daughters when the occasions arrived (laughter and applause). He would like to say, he added, how much he valued the long service of the outgoing Ringing Master and how he welcomed his successor. He hoped that their happy relations would long continue (applause).

#### HENRY JOHNSON.

In proposing the toast of the evening, 'The Memory of Henry Johnson,' Mr. Harry Mason took his hearers back to the first gathering of the kind which he attended, the dinner in 1889, which was held in celebration of Henry Johnson's 80th birthday. That function, he said, lingered in his memory. It was the most interesting and important occasion that had occurred in his early ringing life. He had the honour—and it was no small honour—of being introduced to Henry Johnson, and his sponsor was Mr. Sam Reeves, father of their present hon. secretary. Mr. Arthur Heywood (afterwards Sir Arthur) inaugurated the gathering and took the chair, and a marvellous gathering it was. The speeches were full of life and interest in the subject whose memory they were honouring that night. Henry Johnson, as they had many times heard, was a very agreeable man in personality and charm, and the quotation on their programme, relating to the toast, was so very true that they could understand why, after all these years, St. Martin's Guild continued to honour his memory:—

'We that had loved him so, followed him, honoured him,  
Made him our pattern to live and die.'

In the world of composition he knew of no one who ranked higher than Henry Johnson. He was not only a good ringer but a good churchman, a man of good repute and was held in high respect, not only among ringers in Birmingham, but throughout the country. Henry Johnson was present at the celebration of his 80th birthday, but before the next anniversary came round he had passed away. There was a tremendous gathering of ringers at his funeral, and the memorial which was erected over his grave in Aston Churchyard was a fitting tribute to one who was honoured so much. Carved upon the memorial were these words: 'This stone was erected by the ringers of England in grateful memory of Henry Johnson, to whose ability and perseverance the art of change ringing is widely indebted. Born at Lichfield 28th February, 1809; died at Aston 7th January, 1890. Whosoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' He hoped he had said enough that the younger generation might know how much Henry Johnson was revered and respected by all who knew him. They did well to remember him and to keep that anniversary, for they knew what he meant to the ringing of his day. He had set them a great example.

The toast was drunk in silence, the company remaining standing for a minute.

Afterwards nine of those present who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh made their presence known at the request of the chairman, and it was ascertained that Messrs. Mason, John Jagger, Tom Miller and Joseph Johnson were present at the 80th birthday celebration to which the proposer of the toast had alluded.

A 'silent' bob course of Stedman Cinques was then rung by members of St. Martin's Guild: D. Matkin, A. Walker, A. E. Norman, G. F. Swan, F. Haynes and M. J. Morris.

The Chairman next announced the receipt of a cablegram of good wishes from their old friend and former secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith, who was away in South Africa on business.

Alderman Pritchett submitted 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild,' remarking that he was proposing it for the first time as an octogenarian (applause). Following his usual custom, he referred first to those they missed from their company and who had been removed by death. First and foremost was their late tower-keeper, Mr. Frank Banks, who passed away at the advanced age of 86 at a time in a place and in a manner which, had he been given the choice himself, he would undoubtedly have chosen. He rendered long and faithful service to the Guild and they honoured his memory. Then they had also sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Geoffrey Martineau, of Solihull, who took a profound interest in every im-

portant aspect of the Guild's activities, who never tired of instructing young ringers and was a regular attendant at every meeting in connection with the Guild. They learned to honour and respect him as they would do his memory. Continuing, Alderman Pritchett said they were pleased to see among them that evening most of their old friends, and they would specially like to honour on that occasion a son of Henry Johnson—Mr. Joseph Johnson, who was himself now a very aged man (hear, hear). They also had with them, added the speaker, Mr. James George, who had now rung 1,232 peals and was still continuing to ring them despite his more than four score years (applause).

During the year 1934, said the Master, the progress of the Guild had been in every way satisfactory; in other words, its prosperity had continued. The peals had numbered 16, and comprised Triples, Major, Caters, Royal and Cinques. They were rung by 53 ringers in ten towers with nine conductors. He especially called their attention to the nine conductors, as it showed the amount of ringing ability at present included in the membership of the Diocesan Guild. It was satisfactory to have nine gentlemen capable of conducting a peal amongst their members. His only regret was that no lady was included among the conductors. He did not remember that a lady had ever conducted a peal for the Guild, but this was a progressive age and no doubt this omission would soon be rectified.

#### THE NEW RINGING MASTER.

As they all knew, Mr. Albert Walker had recently resigned the office of Ringing Master, and he invited them to welcome his successor, Mr. Frank Haynes (applause). Mr. Haynes, in addition to being a ringer of great distinction, was a man celebrated in other walks of life. He was a graduate of Cambridge, classical master in a school at West Bromwich, and one whom they were glad to have amongst them as leader. He would, following on the lines of an illustrious predecessor, no doubt add to the continued prosperity of the Guild. St. Martin's Guild had had in its ranks many distinguished ringers, and one of the most distinguished was he whose memory they were commemorating that night. Mr. Haynes would no doubt be inspired by the example he set and would try to emulate those who had followed Mr. Johnson as a leader in their bellringing. He had no doubt that Mr. Haynes would have a distinguished career and that he would have the full support of every member of the Guild, and that under him the prosperity of the Guild would not only continue, but would be greatly enhanced (applause). Continuing, Alderman Pritchett said he was glad to learn that the recasting and rehanging of Aston bells was shortly to be accomplished (applause). Many of them first learned to ring seriously at Aston and had pleasant recollections of ringing in that tower. It would be open again very shortly for the benefit of the members of the Guild, and he hoped it would remain so for many years in the future (applause). Alderman Pritchett coupled with the toast the name of the efficient and enthusiastic hon. secretary, Mr. Thomas Reeves.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and Mr. Reeves, in replying, first thanked those who had contributed to the evening's programme, especially Mr. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Hughes and those old friends of the Guild, St. Martin's Quartette. Proceeding, Mr. Reeves mentioned that he had that evening received on behalf of the Guild from Mr. James George a framed flashlight picture taken in St. Martin's belfry of the ringers who rang out the old year. They would be very pleased to hang this picture in St. Martin's belfry, and they thanked Mr. George very much for his gift. Adverting to Alderman Pritchett's statement that no lady had yet conducted a peal in St. Martin's tower, Mr. Reeves said while it was true that no local lady had done so, there was one lady who had called a peal there—Miss Edith Parker, as she then was, now Mrs. Fletcher. She called a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's some years ago. Continuing, Mr. Reeves said he thought they need have no fear for the continued prosperity of St. Martin's Guild. During Mr. Walker's mastership the Guild had progressed from strength to strength, and he left office with the abilities of the members very greatly advanced compared with what they were when he became Master. At that time there were very few bob callers. Last year they had nine members who conducted peals. Their new Ringing Master came among them as a young man full of enthusiasm, and he was sure they would all do their best to support Mr. Haynes in every way possible (applause). Under his guidance he felt sure the Guild would continue to prosper (applause).

#### MR. AND MRS. WALKER HONOURED.

A presentation was then made to the retiring Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker. It consisted of a handsome hall clock in oak case, on which was mounted a brass plate bearing the inscription: 'Presented to Mr. Albert Walker by St. Martin's Guild of Church Bell Ringers for the Diocese of Birmingham in recognition of his services as Ringing Master for 15 years. March 2nd, 1935.'

The clock has a deep hour gong and is equipped with three sets of chimes, Westminster, Whittington and Winchester, variable at will.

Alderman Pritchett made the presentation to Mr. Walker and also handed to him a gold wrist watch, suitably engraved, for Mrs. Walker in recognition of the services she had rendered herself directly, and indirectly through Mr. Walker, to St. Martin's Guild.

The gifts were suitably acknowledged by Mr. Walker.

The speeches made in connection with the presentations and in the subsequent toasts will be given in our next issue.

## IN THE BANK.

## BANKERS 'RING THE CHANGES.'

A band of bankers rang a peal on Saturday in the heart of the City of London, in Hart Street in fact. It was quite appropriate that the peal should be rung in the world's financial centre, and, while in these days of dealing in millions a few shillings, more or less, count for little, unless the conductor had produced sufficient bobs to enable the financiers to 'ring the changes' to good purpose, their peal stock would unquestionably have slumped. There was, however, a capital issue, and this peal is safely banked. Congratulations, therefore, to these 'men of money' (other people's money they will probably tell you) upon their success.

They believe it to be the first peal rung by ringers all being members of the banking profession. It is one of the oldest professions, having descended, we believe, from the money changers of the Temple (but in this we are probably all wrong), and it was, therefore, again appropriate that it should have been rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths, the oldest ringing society, whose ancestry goes back indirectly to the days of the bell and the pomegranate. (In this we are sure we are wrong.)

However, the bankers had a very enjoyable time together. They were welcomed to London by Mr. O. A. Hammond, of the City office of Lloyds Bank, who is himself a ringer, and who photographed the band before the peal. After its completion, the ringers fittingly celebrated the occasion by a dinner at the Strand Palace Hotel. Five different banks were represented in the peal, and it is hoped to make it an annual event.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## A VISIT TO LOMBARD STREET.

A successful bye-meeting of both districts of the London County Association was held on Saturday, March 2nd, at the Church of All Hallows, Lombard Street. About 40 members and friends attended, and the ten bells, with tenor a ton, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. The proceedings opened at 3 o'clock, and, between then and tea (and 'jaw') time, various touches were rung from rounds up to Cambridge Royal. Tea was taken in St. Dionis' Hall nearby, Messrs. Cuthbertson and Dodds being responsible for the arrangements. After the disposal of the said meal, handbells were brought into requisition, and Grandsire Caters, Kent and Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples were not only attempted but well rung. Mr. and Mrs. Barker, assisted (or otherwise) by a 'die-hard,' rang delightful tunes, although the 'back uns' were good and hefty.

A vote of thanks was carried with acclamation to the Rev. Canon Tatlow for the use of the bells and the hall, and to Messrs. Cuthbertson and Dodds and their lady and gentlemen helpers for their splendid tea arrangements. The 'energetics' hereabouts returned to the tower, and the bells were again turning to various 'tunes,' Cambridge Royal and London being rung amongst other things till about 8.45, when everybody said 'Goodnight,' and most 'went the same way home.'

## CASUALNESS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—With reference to your leader of last week, it would be very interesting to know how many people (who consider that they count in ringing circles) read this article and immediately passed on. *Tux!!!* Oh no, it is not for them, they are important peal ringers, and, as such, should be put on a rope when they condescend to arrive at their tower on Sunday evening (they don't often turn up for morning ringing) just before service is due to start, even if it means sitting down a regular attendant who is not quite so far advanced as the important latecomer.

You ask for a cure for this 'bad boy' of the family. The cure is in the hands of the band to which he professes to belong. When he does arrive, if he is just the one we want for Double Norwich or whatever it may be, carry on with the Grandsire or rounds and let him sit and watch; don't pander to him, and if he is offended, *TEACH ANOTHER* and let him go, for he is no good to anyone. He is of the type that will loaf at home on a Sunday morning and listen to the bells of his eight-bell tower ringing Doubles for service, and then on Sunday evening will arrive in all of his glory to relate what a fine peal of Timbuctoo (no, I didn't say Surprise) they rang the previous day at so and so.

I can hear murmurings of 'But we can't get any youngsters to take it up.' I can answer that there are more learners to be had than there are competent ringers willing to teach. It is truly funny how some very important people can always get away when there is a peal to be had at the time of once a week, and yet if you ask these same individuals to give a tower near their own back door a helping hand, say once a month for half an hour, they are always too busy. Many a tower has been lost to different guilds and associations purely because of this, 'We want your bells for a peal, but none of us ever have time to come and help you on your practice night.' We can't get learners in an old cry. Let this be revised. We can't keep learners, yet nearly every church has a choir.

GEORGE GILBERT.

## RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

## MORE BANDS SHOULD 'HAVE A CUT AT IT.'

Sir,—Your recent article on 'Rising and Falling' in peal will, it is to be hoped, receive the attention that it certainly deserves. In this immediate vicinity, as soon as a beginner can handle fairly well in rounds, he is at once put on to learn to 'Rise and Fall,' first in correct manner, as to taking up rope, etc., by himself, and then 'in peal.' By that means all the ringers attached to the tower can 'Rise and Fall' in peal at least as well, or as badly, as they can do any other ringing. I have many times visited towers and taken part in the ringing for service where they were most particular that the striking should be good, as it was for service, and then, just at the end and when the congregation were assembling, they would haul the bells down in some indiscriminate, noisy manner, one or two at a time, and entirely spoil the effect of all the previous studied 'good striking,' and I have thought what an awful pity it was.

I have formed the opinion that in very many towers the chief reason why 'Rising and Falling' in peal is not more generally practised—on practice nights, I mean—is because the ringers constituting the band, instead of all turning up to time, assemble in ones and twos, and consequently there is a lot of time wasted waiting for the stragglers, and the early arrivals proceed to 'get them up.' I am sorry to say that I have found such conditions existing in very many instances. Obviously, under such conditions there is no opportunity for practising 'Rising in peal.' However, in a good few such cases I have noticed that the company could and did 'Fall' the bells in peal, a different question, however, to 'Rising' in peal. We at Cranleigh ring our bells up and down in peal on every occasion that we meet (twice on Sundays), and as all our band are able to do so (not, of course, by any means perfectly) we do not ever proceed to 'get them up' unless there are enough ringers in the tower to go on with the ringing.

I, however, do not quite agree when you say that 'if it were insisted upon there would be fewer bad and indifferent strikers among change ringers.' I am not going to say that a bad striker cannot be improved, but a good striker is 'born, not made,' and it is often a ringer's misfortune, rather than his fault, that he is an indifferent striker. I also want to take exception to your alleged West Country ringer's reproach 'that change ringers cannot "Rise and Fall" bells in peal.' That statement, in my opinion, wants qualifying, and I say that there are most certainly a lot of change ringers who can, and do, 'Rise and Fall' in peal, some, of course, much better than others, but in exactly the same ratio as their other striking varies. If each recruit, as soon as he reaches fair competence in rounds is then put on to 'Rising and Falling,' the band will thus keep a 'Rise and Fall' company, but it certainly is a difficult and almost impossible job for a whole six, and more particularly an eight-bell company to tackle at first, altogether. I hope, however, more bands will decide to have a 'cut' at it.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

## NORWICH ASSOCIATION AT AYLSHAM.

## ENCOURAGING BACKING OF BRANCH SECRETARY.

On the occasion of the North Norfolk Branch's annual meeting on Saturday, February 2nd, over forty members turned up from Buxton, Garvestone, Hethersett, Norwich, North Elmham, Northrepps, Reepham, Wiveton, Wroxham, Worstead, Wymondham (North Norfolk Branch), Diss, Garboldisham, Saxlingham (South Norfolk Branch) and Great Yarmouth (East Norfolk Branch). A variety of methods were rung on the ten bells, and the peal at Marsham was also available during the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting which followed the tea in the Church Room, the following elections took place: Chairman, the Rev. H. W. Benson; hon. secretary, Mr. N. Golden; committee, Messrs. G. Bailey, W. Clover, W. B. Duncan, W. C. Duffield and G. Mayers; representatives on the Association Committee, Messrs. G. Bailey and W. C. Duffield.

Three new members were elected, while the Vicar of Aylsham (the Rev. A. P. McNeile) was welcomed as an honorary member.

The branch decided to visit East Dereham on May 25th next. The hon. secretary was directed to write to the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) expressing the sympathy of the members at his indisposition and their hope that he would soon be restored to health.

The usual votes of thanks concluded the business of the meeting. It is a matter of great encouragement to the hon. secretary that he received such a good backing at this and the South Norfolk Branch meeting, of which he is also secretary, and he hopes the members will continue to give their wholehearted support.

## A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT

At St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, Middlesex, on Thursday, February 28th, 720 Rob Minor was rung as a 65th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Harwin regular Sunday service ringer at the above church for over 20 years: R. Harman 1, W. Harwin 2, F. Smith 3, J. Payton 4, E. Bondfield (conductor) 5, R. Newman 6.

Maidenhead.



**RINGERS HELP BELL FUND.****EARLSHEATON TENOR REHUNG.**

On February 19th, the Earlsheaton Society held a social and dance in aid of the bell fund. The tenor bell had got into a very bad condition and was almost unringable. The churchwardens, on the ringers' advice, decided to have the bell rehung and put into bail bearings. The work, entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, is now finished and the bell is in excellent condition once more. The ringers' special effort towards defraying the cost proved highly successful, the result of the social and dance being upwards of £16, which cleared the cost of the restoration. During the evening four veterans—Messrs. George H. Hardy and Herbert Dransfield, present service ringers, and Messrs. Joseph Ruddlesden and Walter Idle, former service ringers—rang a course of Grandsire Major in each part of the programme: George H. Hardy, aged 74 years, 1-2; Walter Idle, 70 years, 3-4; Herbert Dransfield, 72 years, 5-6; Joseph Ruddlesden, 72 years, 7-8.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****WIGAN AND BOLTON BRANCHES' JOINT MEETING.**

A representative gathering of ringers attended the joint meeting of the Wigan and Bolton Branches at St. James', Poolstock, on Saturday, February 23rd. The beautiful peal was soon heard to advantage in Double Norwich, but the most called for method was Stedman Triples. A short service was held in church, the Rev. W. R. Searle addressing a congregation of ringers for the first time in his ministry. He gave a very eloquent homily.

Upwards of 50 members sat down to tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, wardens and ringers of St. James'.

After tea the Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Owen, M.A.) extended to the ringers a very hearty welcome, and said that he would always be pleased to welcome ringers to his church. This was received with acclamation. The president of the association (the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A.) was voted to the chair, and, in his opening remarks, reminded the ringers of the principal objects of the association. Good striking should be the hall mark of all change ringing, he said. Bad striking was an atrocious noise, and led to much discontent with the general public.

It was decided that, owing to lack of support, the yearly meeting of the Fylde, Preston, Blackburn and Wigan Branches be discontinued.

Coppell was proposed for the next meeting, the date and tower for the next peal being left over until this meeting.

When Canon Elsee had to leave to catch a train, Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, the ringing secretary, carried out the duties of chairman.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, to Mr. A. Parker for having everything in 'apple pie' order, and also to the ladies who looked after the 'inner man' at tea.

Further ringing was then indulged in, and the cementing of friendships and arranging of peals brought to a close a day of work well done.

**OVERSEAL RINGER'S WEDDING**

In the picturesque village of Lullington (Derbyshire), on Saturday, March 2nd, the wedding of Mr. W. H. Curson and Miss P. M. Foster was solemnised at the Church of All Saints, the Rev. L. C. Brentnall officiating.

The bridegroom has been a member of St. Matthew's tower, Overseal, for a number of years, and for the last three years has been the esteemed captain. He was also secretary of the Burton District of the Midland Counties Association during the last twelve months.

The vice-captain (Mr. G. W. Clayfield) acted as best man. Members of the Overseal band, assisted by A. E. Rowley (Higham-on-the-Hill), formed an archway with the handbells as the happy couple left the church, and during the reception, which was held at the bride's home, a course of Grandsire Triples and 120 Grandsire Doubles were rung on the handbells.

In the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was attempted at Overseal, but unfortunately came to grief after one hour and twenty-seven minutes' ringing. Afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to mark the event by R. H. Dove 1, E. F. Gobey 2, A. E. Rowley 3, W. Clayfield 4, R. W. Grice 5, J. H. Dean 6, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 7, Jack Bailey 8. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of many presents, which will include an oak biscuit barrel from his fellow-ringers. All members of the Burton District of the M.C.A. will join the Overseal ringers in offering Mr. and Mrs. Curson every good wish for the future.

**A DATE TOUCH AT OSSETT.**

The longest length yet rung on the new bells at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, Yorkshire, is a date touch of 1,935 Grandsire Caters for evening service on Sunday, February 10th, by the local band, in one hour and 21 minutes: Joe Ward 1, Fred Bennett 2, George Deus 3, Eddie Smith 4, Clifford Ekert 5, Tom Duffin 6, Joe Bennett 7, Mark Lockwood 8, George Bennett 9, W. Tattersall 10. Arranged and conducted by George Bennett. After the first ten changes the calling is culled from J. W. Moorhouse's 5,003. It was the longest length on ten bells by all except the conductor, and the longest complete length ever rung by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th bells.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Balcombe on Saturday, February 23rd. Although the weather was fine, only 16 members took the opportunity of visiting this six-bell tower, situated in one of the most beautiful parts of Sussex. This was to be regretted, as the Parochial Church Council had very kindly provided tea for about thirty in the Church Hall, and several ladies had devoted their Saturday afternoon to the catering arrangements.

During the afternoon ringing in various methods was indulged in, and the members attended service and heard a very appropriate address by the Rector (the Rev. D. L. Secretan).

At the meeting, over which the Rector presided, new members were elected as follows: G. Agnew, H. Bailey, J. Ellis, F. Godsmark, B. Gorringe, E. Green, R. Langridge, J. Mansbridge, G. Nash, A. Robinson, W. Robinson, E. Thistleton, P. Thistleton, of Slaughtam; P. Blaker, F. Burns, E. Gasson, G. Gasson, W. Parkes, of Bolney; J. Laker, L. Laker, of Crawley; J. Francis, Balcombe; H. Peist, Lower Beeding; A. Fullock, Lindfield.

Mr. R. Swift was re-elected as hon. divisional secretary, Messrs. G. Apps, W. Charman and O. Sippetts were re-elected to serve on the committee, and Messrs. W. Charman, O. Sippetts and W. Watts were elected as the Committee of Advice.

A collection for the Benevolent Fund amounted to 7s. 6d. A vote of thanks to the Rector, organist and the members of the Parochial Church Council concluded the meeting.

Ringing was resumed and the bells kept going in methods up to London Surprise Minor until 8 p.m. Towers represented were Balcombe, Crawley, Cuckfield, Bolney, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Warnham and Turners Hill.

**RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**

On Sunday, February 17th, at Chiddingstone, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by C. Cook 1, T. Skinner 2, H. Huntley 3, A. Wiles 4, A. Aylward 5, L. E. Everest (first quarter with a bob bell) 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, A. Longley 8, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Everest, the former being a regular service ringer for nearly 50 years. He only rang two peals of Grandsire Triples, the first being on his 50th birthday. He is father of the conductor and grandfather of the ringer of the 6th, and connects the name of Everest with the above church for 110 years. It is recorded in the tower that Mr. H. Everest, his great-uncle, conducted Holt's Ten-Part in 1824.

**A LINCOLNSHIRE PEAL.****DONATIONS WANTED FOR THE REHANGING.**

Some time ago the ring of six bells, tenor 134 cwt., of St. Helen's, Lea, Lincolnshire, were inspected by Messrs. Taylor and Co. and were found to be unsafe for further ringing. Efforts are being made by the Rector and ringers to raise the money required to restore them, but without outside help it will be almost impossible. May 1, through 'The Ringing World,' appeal to the Exercise to help us?

Please send your donations—and no amount will be too small—to Mr. L. Lunn, Lea Grange, Gainsborough, or to Canon Fookes, The Rectory, Lea, Gainsborough.

**THE DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM RUNDLE.****COLLAPSE DURING PRACTICE AT PLYMOUTH CHURCH.**

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the death of Mr. William J. Rundle, of Plymouth, occurred on Wednesday, February 20th, with tragic suddenness in Emmanuel belfry, Plymouth.

Mr. Rundle attended practice and was helping with the instruction of members of Petertary band, who had come in with the Rev. B. O. Pratt, when he suddenly collapsed and expired almost immediately. Mr. J. Woodley, the captain of Emmanuel tower, fetched a doctor, who could, however, only pronounce life extinct. The Vicar of Emmanuel also came to the tower and comforted Mrs. Rundle, who had been fetched.

The deceased was laid to rest at the Old Cemetery, Plymouth, on Sunday morning, February 24th, after a service which was held at the house. His brother ringers acted as bearers, and representatives of St. Andrew's, St. Charles', Emmanuel, Plympton and Landulph towers attended. The Teignmouth ringers sent a letter of condolence. After the committal service, the Requiem's Oration was read and a course of Grandsire Triples rung on handbells over the grave by E. W. Marsh, T. G. Myers, G. H. Myers and A. W. Myers.

Mr. William Rundle joined the Devonshire Guild on June 1st, 1903, and was granted his certificate on the 10th November, 1905. He had rung 71 peals for the Guild, of which he conducted four. In March, 1933, Mr. Rundle retired from the dockyard at the age of 60. It was at the Dockyard Chapel that Mr. Rundle was first introduced to half-pull ringing by the late William Banister and John Stead.

Mr. Rundle was a man of high character and could be relied on at all times. It was chiefly through his efforts in organising the practices at Stoke that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor in Devon was rung. He will be sadly missed by the members of the South-West District Branch of the Guild, as he rarely, if ever, missed a branch meeting.



### GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. EXETER BRANCH AT THORVERTON.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Exeter Branch was held at Thorverton on Saturday, March 2nd, when between 60 and 70 members and visitors were present, the visitors including the secretaries of the Aylsbere Deanery and North-East Branches, and Capt. H. J. Cann, of Brookwood, Woking.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Shaw), who gave a very interesting address. After tea in the Schoolroom, the business meeting was presided over by the chairman (Mr. C. G. Glass), supported by the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox), Mr. W. J. Southwood (vice-president) and the Rev. J. H. Shaw.

Dunsford was proposed for the next meeting on Saturday, May 25th. Congratulations were accorded to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ridler on attaining their golden wedding earlier in the year. Mr. Ridler is the Ringing Master of the Thorverton band.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the service and his address, the organist, organ blower and the ladies who presided at the tea tables, also to Mr. Ridler and his able band of ringers for making all the arrangements for the meeting.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the music of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Six members also visited Brampford Speke, the home of the president, and rang 720 of Bob Minor, it being the first 720 for two of the party. The ringing at Thorverton was under the management of the able Ringing Master of the branch, Mr. W. Richardson.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### ASHFORD DISTRICT DISCUSSES COMBINED MEETINGS WITH ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The Ashford District held a quarterly meeting at Wye on Saturday, March 2nd. It was exceptionally well attended for a winter meeting, 45 being present from Aldington, Ashford, Brabourne, Canterbury, Egerton, Little Chart, Newington-next-Folkestone, Tenterden, Throwley, Willesborough and the local tower. Some good touches in the standard methods, with rounds for the beginners, were rung, and an excellent tea partaken of at the King's Head Hotel.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Metcalfe) presiding, seven new members were elected, viz., three from Willesborough, three from Wye and one from Brabourne.

A proposition to combine the quarterly meetings with a monthly meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild caused a good deal of discussion.

The secretary, explaining this proposition, said that the district did not want a definite ruling that the meetings should be combined, but one giving him authority to so arrange it when it was not convenient to hold two separate meetings. It would not always be convenient to have a combined meeting. For instance, the Guild had already been invited elsewhere for March. The two societies had held meetings together at various times in the past, but quite unofficially. So far as the Guild was concerned, it had now given its secretary the necessary authority.

Mr. Franklin said that by combination they got one good meeting, whereas two separate meetings might be poorly attended. There could surely be no harm in the Guild going through their business after that of the Kent Association had been dealt with, especially as the members of each body were one and the same.

However, as nobody had really much time to think about and discuss the matter, Mr. Pinn proposed and Mr. Pierce seconded that the matter be left until the annual district meeting in September, when there will probably be a more representative gathering.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting. After this some rang touches on the handbells, while others returned to the tower. A most enjoyable meeting closed at 9 p.m. Just previous to this some made an attempt to catch one of those buses that seem bent on leaving ringers behind. Those who did catch it let it go again. However, it wasn't the last one, and all eventually arrived home safely.

### SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

By the death of Mr. John Wilcock, a ringer at Mytholmroyd Parish Church and a member of the Yorkshire Association, who passed away on Sunday, February 10th, the church has lost one whose place will be difficult to fill.

Mr. Wilcock served the church in different offices, but was best known for the number of years he had served as a bellringer. In this capacity he had rendered faithful service, and had completed 60 years on the day of his death.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on March 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 28th, at 8 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—REFERENDUM OF TITLE.**—Members who have paid their subscription to December 31st last are entitled to vote. Any member not receiving voting card on or before March 8th should notify me immediately. Cards not received by me by March 15th will be ignored.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 9th. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Tea can be had at the numerous cafes close by. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey, Saturday, March 9th. Bells 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Eccleston, St. Helens, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, 5.45 p.m. For tea notify Mr. Wm. Leach, 53, Eldon Street, St. Helens.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Desford on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea, 1s., and meeting.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on March 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burnley Parish Church on Saturday, March 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. Please note the times.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. A. J. Abrams, Chatteris, Cambs. Special business: Owing to my probable departure a new secretary will be appointed at this meeting. A full attendance is requested.—F. Warrington, Branch Sec.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's R.C. Church, Lytham, on Saturday, March 9th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster, 58, East Topping Street, Blackpool, Lancs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Marlborough Branch.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at Burbage. Bells (5) from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Ringing friends welcome.—A. Taylor, Branch Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Charlwood on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m., at the Half Moon Inn. All ringers heartily welcome. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, March 13th.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tendring on March 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided by Vicar at 5.15. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—James R. Sparling, Station Road, Wivenhoe.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by March 13th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Meat tea will be provided at 1s. each for those who notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elm-side, 41, The Drove, Sleaford, by Thursday, March 14th. All welcome.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Hall.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Meeting at Beeston on Saturday, March 16th, at 5.30 p.m. New members welcomed. Subscriptions for 1935 due, please! —I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, March 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Tilsforth on Saturday, March 16th. The bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—March meeting on the 16th (Saturday) at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Proceedings commence at 3. Tea 5. Business 5.45. Ringing before and after evensong 7.30. Postcards re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting of the Guild will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Pendleton, on Saturday afternoon, March 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Egerton on March 16th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by invitation of the Church Council at the George Inn, 5 p.m. Please send a postcard on the Sunday previous if you wish to come. Every ringer welcome. Plenty of methods from Carter Doubles to London Surprise. Easy running bells, and every prospect of a large gathering. Notify A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, or P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Kent, Hon. Secs.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, March 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. No service.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting at Amport on Saturday, March 16th. Bells from 2.30. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow.—Rev. F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (All Saints') on Saturday, March 16th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. St. Saviour's 7 o'clock till 8 o'clock.—A. C. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, March 16th. Tower will be open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in the Schoolroom.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

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**ST MARKS, GLODWICK, OLDHAM.**—A ringers' service will be held in this Church on March 17th, commencing 3 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., Bolton. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify Mr. L. Smith, Rectory Gardens, Rolleston, by March 21st. All ringers cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Coronation Street, Oversea.

**ALBURY, NEAR GUILDFORD.**—At 3 p.m., on Saturday, March 23rd, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge will dedicate the ring of six bells restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leytonstone on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, March 20th, without fail? Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting in tower 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions welcomed. All ringers cordially invited—members and non-members, learners and veterans.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Bury.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Brighouse, on Saturday, March 23rd. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Further particulars on circulars.—Wm. Ambler, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The sixth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel (Market Parade) on Saturday, March 30th, at 6 p.m., Councillor Eggleton presiding. The following towers open for ringing: St. Mary de Lode (6), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Mary de Crypt (8) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Michael's (8) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. (Ladies invited.) Tickets, 3s., can be obtained, with remittance, not later than March 26th, from W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, Railway Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting at Guildford on Saturday, March 30th, Australian Movies on view, further particulars next week.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual general committee meeting. This meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 6th, at 3.15 p.m., in St. Laurence's Hall, Abbey Street. As business of importance will be discussed, a good attendance is earnestly desired.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 69, York Road, Reading.

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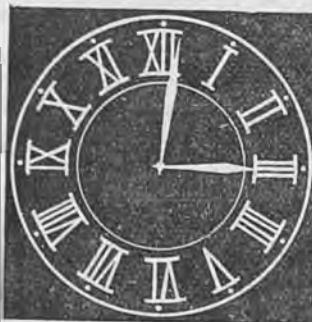
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