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BROADCASTING.

The broadcasting of bell ringing has claimed a good deal of attention lately among ringers, and there have been two points that have excited most discussion. One is the action of the B.B.C. in superimposing announcements on the ringing prior to services and the other is on the character of the ringing itself. On the first question the B.B.C. seem to have taken a definite stand, and, unless other influences can be brought to bear, it would seem that the ringing on these occasions will have to suffer temporary eclipse while the announcer goes through the items of the service. To ringers, of course, this fading down is annoying, but it is not a matter in which the public are likely to concern themselves. They get the effect of the bells, and the 'atmosphere' associated with a church service is not, with them, we imagine, broken when the bells become for a short time, merely a background. They have not the same appreciation of the technicalities as ringers have, and until the B.B.C. look at the ringing that is done as a part of the service itself, instead of a prelude; until, in fact, they are prepared to accept it, as they do a hymn sung by the choir, broadcast service ringing is likely to continue to suffer from the voice of the announcer.

The other question is one which, in our opinion, affects ringers even more intimately. The quality of the ringing should always be the ringers' first consideration, and those who are responsible for broadcasting should take every possible step to see that nothing but the best striking is produced on such occasions. The prestige of the art is much more at stake when the sound of the bells goes out over the ether. Bad striking is to be deprecated at any time, but usually when it is heard by the public the public, as a whole, are not particularly careful in their listening and may or may not notice specially that the ringing is poor. But when the bells are broadcast, there is definitely concentrated listening in the homes of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of people, and bad ringing under such circumstances is bound to create a much worse impression than bad ringing heard in the street. We would appeal, therefore, to all bands of ringers entrusted with broadcast ringing to use every effort to secure striking as perfect as possible, and to attempt nothing which they cannot do well. We realise that where broadcast ringing is to be done it is difficult to ask the indifferent ringer or ringers belonging to the band to stand aside, for fear of giving offence, but the importance of a broadcast is such that, although some may disagree with us, we think that even this step should be taken, if necessary, to secure the best perform-

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ance. Many a man is left out of a peal because he is not considered good enough; a broadcast is infinitely more important. It is better not to broadcast the bells at all, than to do it badly—but the trouble sometimes is that there are ringers who do not know that they are bad strikers.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 3,360 changes of London (No. 3), 480 Bristol, 560 Superlative (No. 2), and 640 changes of Cambridge, with 84 changes of method.

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FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Treble	*TONY PRICE 6
FRANK E. DAREY 2	*GEORGE W. STEERE 7
DANIEL COOPER 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	ROYDON DAVIES... .. 9
EDWARD G. TALBOT 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK E. DAREY. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of 'Spliced' Royal.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE POPNELL ... Treble	JOHN W. JONES 6
JAMES BENNETT 2	REGINALD ADDIS 7
ALFRED W. HEATH 3	THOMAS J. SETTER 8
GEORGE LARGE 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
ERNEST STITCH 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.
Arranged for Mr. James Bennett, of London.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONKHOUSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

H. FREDERICK MYERS ... Treble	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... 5
THOMAS G. MYERS 2	RAYMOND OVERY... .. 6
WILLIAM G. HISCOIT... .. 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS 7
G. HARRY MYERS 4	GEORGE MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.

Rung in honour of His Majesty King Edward VIII.'s Accession to the Throne. First peal as conductor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST STITCH ... Treble	*JOHN PHILLIPS 5
*JOHN W. JONES 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
*CHARLES H. PERRY 3	†D. REES JAMES 7
†ERNEST COOMBS 4	†EDWARD T. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

* First peal of Erin Triples. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the Accession of H.M. King Edward VIII.

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NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ARTBUR DURLING Treble	RICHARD A. CONSTANT ... 5
†MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON ... 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal of Major with an 'inside' bell and first attempt.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	PERCIVAL W. GRICE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. G. W. Clayfield, the esteemed vice-captain of the local band, to Miss J. Statham, which took place at this church earlier in the afternoon.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

GEORGE LADD Treble	SYDNEY E. ANDREWS ... 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
*HARVEY E. BURRELL 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL 7
HAROLD BARSLEY 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	*HARRY R. ROPER 5
*MISS SYLVIA R. BOWYER... 2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
* First peal of Bob Major and first attempt.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	*WILLIAM H. PERRY 5
MISS DORIS E. BLENCOWE... 2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 6
MISS VERA ROBINSON... .. 3	EDGAR HUMFREY 7
REGINALD W. REX 4	HARRY W. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

* First attempt for a peal. A birthday compliment to ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSCRIPTION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*HARVEY H. WINNEY... .. Treble	H. ERNEST COX 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON... .. 2	JOHN J. WEBB 6
VICTOR C. PRICE 3	ALFRED T. POULTON 7
GEORGE L. CORNWALL ... 4	WILLIAM T. WATKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. T. POSTON.

* First peal on eight bells away from the tenor.

HOLLAND, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE Treble	GEORGE JENNINGS 5
URBAN WILDNEY 2	WILLIAM NEVARD 6
MAURICE LING 3	HORACE WRIGHT 7
ALAN ANDREWS 4	EDWARD DAVEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. DAVEY.

First peal in the method on the bells and rung on the 80th birthday of Mr. William J. Nevard and the 50th anniversary of his first peal in the method.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN O. WELLER... .. 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
*FRANK B. JEAL 4	ALFRED J. BULL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Surprise.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

HARRY BAKER Treble	JAMES G. POWELL 5
*CHARLES H. SONE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
*TOM SAUNDERS 3	THOMAS E. SONE 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY. Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

* 100th peal together. First peal as conductor on eight. A birthday peal for Peggy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Powell.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 10, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*CYRIL DOBNEY Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
ERNEST T. KING 2	MRS. R. RICHARDSON... 6
†RALPH G. LEY 3	JOHN W. CARTER 7
FRANK RICHARDSON 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON... .. Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell.

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ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Treble	HARRY HOSKINS ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	†JOHN S. MORTON ... 6
HARRY HOVERD ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBERT E. ADDSLEY
* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Bristol. First peal in the method as conductor.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 12, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.
FREDERICK J. HODGKIN ... Treble	TOM SANDERS ... 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
MRS. H. BAKER ... 3	GEORGE KENWARD ... 7
HARRY BAKER ... 4	WILLIAM WENBAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

HEDON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1936, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.	Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... Treble	GEORGE DOWLING ... 5
DERRICK M. SHARP ... 2	JOHN H. HOWELL ... 6
JOHN CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	*ARTHUR E. WEST ... 7
Cecil CORRICK ... 4	†LESLIE BARROW ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
*MALCOLM R. TAYLOR ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... 6
RENE REDPATH ... 3	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	MOLLIE REDPATH ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt for a peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1936, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

JAMES GEORGE (1249) St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of		
	Birmingham	Treble
GEORGE R. PYE (1708) Essex County Association	...	2
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL (1055) Oxford Diocesan Guild	...	3
JOHN H. CHEESMAN (1006) Kent County Association	...	4
FRANK BENNETT (1350) Sussex County Association	...	5
JAMES E. DAVIS (1091) Surrey Association	...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS (1397) Winchester and Portsmouth		
	Diocesan Guild	7
ALFRED H. PULLING (1122) Guildford Diocesan Guild	...	Tenor
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.		

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1935, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, five callings.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
*J. USSELL ... Treble	W. COLL ... 4
W. RIMELL ... 2	†C. COLL ... 5
F. WHITE ... 3	*R. SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. RIMELL.

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

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle, London, Beverley, Primrose, York, Cambridge and Durham.	Tenor 19½ cwt.
HORACE M. DAY ... Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER ... 4
CHARLES W. WOODS ... 2	HARRY GIBBARD ... 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. T. Williams), who was inducted the same afternoon.

MONKS RISBOROUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 720's of Plain Bob and two of Double Court.
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ARTHUR POULTON ... Treble	REGINALD BLARY ... 4
MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

This was Mr. A. Poulton's first attempt for a peal for 12 years.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

On Friday, February 7, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*W. SHORTER ... Treble	C. G. FRYKE ... 4
R. CHAMBERS ... 2	F. DAY ... 5
F. HUNT ... 3	H. HOLLOCKS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. DAY.

* First peal on six bells. Rung as a tribute to Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, who recently celebrated his 78th birthday, and who has given every help and encouragement to the band.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WALTER CHAPMAN ... Treble	SIDNEY H. MANCER ... 4
WALTER MANSFIELD ... 2	FRANK HAYES ... 5
HARRY HOWARD ... 3	VICTOR G. LEE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MANSFIELD.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Mansfield. The ringer of the 4th bells from Chishill.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT C. FORDHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM WOODS ... 4
FRANK L. FISHER ... 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Woods.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROY C. HURST Treble	†LOUIS J. LOCKYER 4
†CECIL H. SMART 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
WILLIAM G. YOUNG 3	ARTHUR G. ROSE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BROADWINDSOR, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six extents each of Stedman and St. Simon's, and ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 28 callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4
*HUBERT SMITH 2	ARTHUR G. CHUBB 5
*GEORGE H. WHITEMORE 3	†FRANK PRICE Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal of Doubles in five methods. First peal on the bells.

GREAT NESS, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS Treble	WILLIAM H. J. LOYD 4
*EDWARD T. EMBREY 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER 5
REGINALD R. POLE 3	*THOMAS WATKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. A. FARMER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL Treble	HARRY JOHNSON 4
LOUIS NEAL 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
JOHN R. KEMP 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal 'inside' in seven methods by Miss Neal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CORFE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire with 24 callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

WALTER WILLIAMS Treble	JACK ROY 3
ARTHUR H. REED 2	*WILLIAM G. GIGG 4

HARRY CHURCHILL Tenor

Conducted by H. CHURCHILL.

* 50th peal. First peal in three methods by all. First peal on the bells.

EYTHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. THOMAS ELLENDER Treble	CHARLES TURNER 3
FREDERICK A. RYE 2	EDWARD J. WALKER 4

LIONEL H. LEACH Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by all.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Durham, Wells, York, London, Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich.

*WILLIAM CARNWELL Treble	ARTHUR W. HALL 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	JAMES WALLEY 5
*HENRY CARNWELL 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods and also first in seven Surprise methods on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. W. Williams, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Carnwell, who kindly entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

BARNBY-IN-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

R. THOMAS VESSEY Treble	JAMES W. RAITHEY 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	FRANK W. VERNON 5
RICHARD HARVEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

First peal by all the band. First peal on the bells by a local band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
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On Sunday, February 2, 1936, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

EDITH K. FLETCHER 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3-4	*ISAAC ATTWATER 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method on handbells. Umpire: J. Parker.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

EDITH K. FLETCHER 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 7-8
*ISAAC ATTWATER 9-10	

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Bob Royal on handbells. Rung on the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher's wedding. Umpire: J. Parker.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 9, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT 45, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

*WILFRED WILLIAMS 1-2	EDITH K. FLETCHER 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	†ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7-8
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells. Umpire: J. Parker.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 14, 1936, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 28, FIELD ROAD,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON. CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 3,392 London, 832 Cambridge and 864 Superlative, with 106 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. Umpire: John E. Rootes.

THE DEATH OF KING GEORGE V. MEMORIAL PEALS.

The following peals were rung for the passing of His Majesty King George V., with the bells fully muffled.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

WALTER H. DOBBIE Treble	GEORGE KENWARD 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM J. WOOD 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

Also rung in memory of the Rev. Perkins, a retired clergyman, who lived in the parish, and who passed away the previous Saturday. This composition, a four-part, containing the 6th the extent at home, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's and only six times each in 5th's, is now rung for the first time.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.

THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT EILBECK Treble	JAMES E. BROWN 5
JOHN H. ROTHERY 2	GEORGE W. TEMBEY 6
ALFRED EILBECK 3	WILLIAM NORMAN 7
WILLIAM H. COOK 4	†ALAN DORHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. NORMAN.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Quickest peal on the bells

The following peals were rung with the bells half-muffled:—

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PETER WOOD Treble	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 5
ALBERT FEIST 2	*WALTER WICKS 6
THOMAS ADAMS 3	RAYMOND WOOD, SEN. 7
*CECIL H. WOOD 4	ERNEST HOWELL Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by R. WOOD, JUN.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

SIBLE HEDDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1936, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS E. C. BARCHAM ... Treble	†REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 5
*GEORGE A. TRENDALL ... 2	BERT COCK 6
BERNARD W. PETTITT ... 3	THOMAS BIRD 7
ALAN M. GERRY 4	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

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

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ALFRED BURLEY Treble	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 6
GEORGE EASTMAN 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WALTER H. DOBBIE 4	GEORGE KENWOOD Tenor

Conducted by S. B. DOBBIE.

* First peal.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

REGINALD C. THIRFT ... Treble	GEORGE GREEN 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	HAROLD E. PENNACK 6
HENRY T. WILSON 3	PERCY GREEN 7
WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	FRED CHALK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

This composition contains the 6th 12 times 'wrong' and 24 times 'right.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

BIGBY, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

RONALD BOWNES Treble	MARTIN WALKER 4
FREDERICK HOLDSTOCK ... 2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE DOBBS Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Mr. G. E. Feirn has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BORBAGE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten methods in seven extents, viz.: (1) Kent Treble Bob; (2) Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (3) Charlwood and Wragby Delight; (4) Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (5) Sandal Treble Bob; (6) Sandal and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... Treble	*GEORGE ASHMORE 4
*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 2	WILFRED STEVENSON 5
†KENNETH LEWIS 3	†JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

* First peal in ten methods. † 25th peal together.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and twelve six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	ROBERT J. GARDINER ... 4
*WILLIAM A. NEWHAM ... 2	†ERNEST G. GARRARD ... 5
HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 3	*JAMES R. NAPTHINE ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

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DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**NORTH-WEST DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.**

A meeting of the North-West Branch was held at Pyworthy. The Rev. Ravenhill, of Sutcombe, the chairman of the branch, and Mr. J. W. Sangwin, the hon. secretary, were supported by a muster of about 40 ringers from Bridgerule, Exeter, Bramford Speke, Holsworthy, Plymouth, Petersmarland and the home tower. The president of the Devon Guild, the Rev. E. V. Cox, also attended.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Herbert, who gave an interesting and helpful address. The Rev. Ravenhill read the lesson.

Tea was served by the church helpers in the Vicarage Hall, after which the annual business meeting was carried through. Mr. Sangwin read his report, and Mr. W. Shears submitted the balance sheet, which showed an increased balance in hand.

The Rev. Ravenhill was re-elected chairman, Mr. J. W. Sangwin secretary, Mr. W. Shears treasurer, and Messrs. F. Sangwin, A. J. Motters and the Rev. W. H. Smale as representatives to the General Committee.

The Vicar of Pyworthy was elected as an honorary member of the branch. It was decided to hold the summer meeting at North Lew (where, according to local tradition, the Devil died with the cold), and the next annual meeting at Torrington.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Pyworthy, the organist and choir and all the ladies who had helped in the provision of tea and the comfort of those present.

DEATH OF MR. G. F. PICKLES.**AN OLD HORBURY RINGER.**

The death took place on Tuesday, February 13th, of Mr. George Frederick Pickles, at the age of 72 years. He was a change ringer at St. Peter's Church, Horbury, for 46 years, and an old member of the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1891. There are now only two members left of that old team at Horbury, namely, Mr. Robert Thicket and Mr. Herbert Rowley. Mr. Pickles, in addition to his interest in ringing, was also a prominent supporter of the church throughout his life, and at one time acted as sidesman.

The interment took place on Saturday, February 15th, at Horbury Cemetery. A large number of ringing friends attended, and touches were rung on the muffled bells throughout the afternoon, and at the graveside a touch of Grandsire was rung on handbells. On Sunday the local ringers rang with bells half-muffled to 720 Kent and 600 Oxford Treble Bob as a token of respect and esteem.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT'S 'SURPRISE' MEETING.**

A good deal is heard about Surprise in ringing in these days, but a great surprise was in store at Leatherhead on Saturday week, when 50 ringers representing 19 towers assembled there, in spite of the thick fog, for the annual meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. The Ringing Master had a busy afternoon, trying to suit everybody's tastes and capabilities. The Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. P. V. Bruckin, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, and several choirboys assisted in the singing.

Tea was served, as usual, in the Institute, and was presided over by the Rev. P. V. Bruckin, who was voted to the chair for the business meeting which followed. The balance sheet and committee's report were read and adopted. The balance showed a decrease of £1 10s., but part of that had been replaced by stock, several badges being still for sale.

The report was not altogether satisfactory, as a few ringing subscriptions had not been paid and two honorary members had been lost, the Rev. A. E. Robins having moved from Dorking and Mr. W. T. Waller having died. Attendances at the meetings had increased slightly, but still only about half the members had attended a meeting. Four peals had been rung in the district, one of Grandsire Triples and three of Double Norwich. These included two 'first peals' and one 'first in the method.' These ringers were all members of the Banstead band. Other gratifying features were the restorations at Ewell and Dorking, and the interest shown in ringing by the new Vicar of Ewell at the reopening of the bells.

Two new members were elected, and after a ballot for two members for the Guild Executive Committee, all the retiring district officers were re-elected, and all the retiring general officers renominated, with the addition of Messrs. A. Harman and G. Marriner to the names of those nominated for the election of Central Council representatives.

The committee's recommendations as to places for meetings during the year were accepted without comment.

Mr. A. Harman's scheme for combined practices, that two adjoining towers work together and visit each other on alternate weeks, was next discussed and finally agreed to.

Miss H. F. Mills thanked the district for the welcome given to the Ladies' Guild.—The secretary replied that visitors were always welcome to the district meetings.

After the usual votes of thanks to all who had helped to make a good meeting, the men went back to the tower, the ladies rejoining them after their short business meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of six bells of Bitton Church, near Bristol, is to be rehung in new framework and two trebles added to complete the peal. The work will be carried out by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

A visitor to this country from Tasmania, Mr. Malcolm R. Taylor, a member of the band at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, has scored a peal at Crayford, where he has had the opportunity of learning change ringing with that enthusiastic company. Mr. Taylor is the first Tasmanian born ringer to score a peal, and the knowledge which he is gaining in the art in England should be invaluable when he returns home.

There was another interesting thing about the peal at Crayford. The tenor was rung by Miss Mollie Redpath, who thus completed the 'circle' in this tower. Few other ladies have, up to the present, rung a peal on all the bells in any one tower. The peal was originally arranged as a purely local one, and the band extend their thanks to Mr. H. E. Audsley in filling up, at a moment's notice, the gap caused by the temporary indisposition of Mr. Edwin Barnett.

The composition of the peal of Spliced London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major rung on handbells at Oxhey on Feb. 14th was the same as that published in 'The Ringing World' on Nov. 15th for the Spliced London and Cambridge, except that Superlative was rung for Cambridge in courses 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14 and 15 in each part.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, has called 50 compositions, by Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, when rung for the first time. They include four peals of Kent Treble Bob Royal, 36 of Kent Treble Bob Major, three of Oxford Treble Bob Major, six of Double Norwich Major and one of Grandsire Caters.

Among the notable performances recorded in our peal columns this week is a peal of seven different 720's of Bob Minor rung by the local ringers at Barnby-in-Willows, Notts. It was the first peal by all the band, who deserve congratulations upon their achievement.

Mr. James George, at 83, is the oldest member of the 'Thousand Pealers' band, and Mr. Alfred Pulling, at 57, is the youngest.

All the ringers are in the habit of climbing belfry steps, but one of them exhibited such an intense dislike of the escalator that he chose to walk up the steps rather than ride on the moving stairs at Waterloo Station after the peal.

The 'Apollo Magazine' for February contains a finely illustrated article on ringers' jugs, pitchers and gotchers. This is the second article and the two together embrace all the known examples of these curios. It has been written by J. R. Nichols, author of 'Bells Thro' the Ages,' and Ernest Morris, author of 'History and Art of Change Ringing' and the recently published volume 'Legends of the Bells.'

On Sunday evening a dedication at Rickmansworth will give Hertfordshire another ring of ten bells.

It has taken 37 years for false rows in a peal of London Surprise Major, composed by Mr. Frank Bennett, to come to light. The peal was published in 1899, but the repetition escaped the notice of the critics of those days, and now, after all this time, the error has been discovered by Mr. C. W. Roberts. In another column the composer withdraws the peal. It is bad luck for all concerned—but accidents of this kind will happen.

A number of letters received on the methods adopted in muffled ringing have been received and will appear in our next issue. Numerous other reports are also unavoidably held over.

SILVER JUBILEE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

With our issue of March 13th 'The Ringing World' will celebrate its silver jubilee. The number will be of special interest to readers.

BROKEN CLAPPERS.

At the usual practice at Yeovil last week three courses of Grandsire were attempted, but after the first course the bells were 'falling about' so badly that the conductor called 'rounds' and 'stand.'

As usual, the tenor man had a solo, and before he got his 'footing,' the clapper of the bell snapped off and collapsed. This is not a new thing at Yeovil. The same thing happened only a month ago, and last week's happening was the fourth time in all.

Can anyone, we are asked, recommend something for sticking them together?

KINGSTON TRADERS SUPPORT APPEAL.

A meeting of the Kingston-on-Thames Chamber of Commerce last week decided to support an appeal for £300 towards the cost of the restoration of the Parish Church bells, on condition that the Church authorities raised the other £300 that would be necessary. It was decided to urge the Mayor to issue the appeal, and the decision of the meeting has been communicated to the Vicar.

Several speakers, while expressing support of the proposal, took exception to the Vicar's attitude that the bells were of no interest to the church as a church.

MEN OF ONE THOUSAND PEALS.

'I looked far back into other years, and lo! in bright array,
I saw as in a dream the forms of ringers passed away.'

The dear little Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, in the City of London, is destined to make history, like the team of church bell-ringers who assembled there on Saturday, February 15th, 1936.

Previous gatherings of visiting clans have included the Sep-tuagenarians, the Bankers and the Masonic Brotherhood, and it would appear that St. Olave's Church was spared from the Great Fire of London in 1666 to secure for herself these 20th century records.

If you approach the church from the Old Jewry, there can be seen to-day a house built A.D. 1650, or again from the Tower of London you traverse Seething Lane, a thoroughfare which Fabian Stedman and Samuel Pepys frequently travelled—the former to ring, the latter to sing at St. Olave's.

uncertain, and, for better or for worse, 'Go, Cambridge,' sounded soon after three o'clock.

As to the actual ringing, it was real good, a little on the slow side due to the muffled clappers used 'in memoriam' for H.M. the late King George V. There was scarcely a hitch throughout, excepting about the second hour, when the bells in 5-6 failed to clear each other for a couple of blows. It was only natural that the band should be anxious to ring a perfect peal, but no human machine has yet done so, and it is doubtful if the same team could achieve a better. The formal record will be found in another column.

Thanks to the Rector, Prebendary Wellard, the ringers were made welcome to the bells, and to the steeplekeeper (Mr. H. Willson), who received them with right goodwill. The little Olive branches who met at the church the day after St. Valentine's appreciated the kindness granted them.

Near Mark Lane Station tea was enjoyed at a Lyons Cafe by the team and their friends just as the place was closing at 7 p.m., and was short of rations. The staff cut short the animated conversation.



[Photo by London News Agency.]

THE BAND WHO RANG THE PEAL AT ST. OLAVE'S, HART STREET, LONDON,
Photographed from an exceptional angle. Left to right: W. H. Fussell, A. H. Pulling, J. H. Cheesman, J. E. Davis, F. Bennett, G. R. Pye, J. George, G. Williams.

The preservation of this building is mostly due to its position at the junction of two roadways—Hart Street and Seething Lane, with the burial ground on the other sides. Its old ring of six bells, tenor dated 1662, were cast a mile east of Aldgate at the old Whitechapel Bellfoundry, a couple of good trebles to complete the octave having been added in recent years.

A peculiarly dense fog prevailed all over London on the day that the 'thousand pealers' met, and main line trains were delayed, but the team duly arrived safely in time for the photographer to take a flashlight before attempting the peal; and to receive encouraging words from a few friends—Mr. C. T. Coles, the Kilby brothers, Messrs. R. Saunders, W. R. Madgwick, E. Brett, J. H. Riding, E. F. Pike and others among them.

Assembled in the belfry, several questions arose as to which society should the attempt be credited, each man having at one time or another joined most of those in England. Who would like to conduct? and who would ring the tenor? At last pressmen, photographers, friends and the steeplekeeper retired and left the team to their fate, ever

Expressions of regret were heard at the absence of Mr. Keith Hart, the only other living ringer who has rung one thousand peals. Memories of the Rev. F. E. Robinson, the first man to ring 1,000, were recalled, and the early loss of the late William Pye, in 1935, after compiling the highest total ever rung, was deplored.

One could add much to the history of the respective members who took part in this peal, and I fully realise that all of them were born years too soon, because their total combined age amounts to 565 years, or an average of over 70 years per man. Again their total peals number 9,978, or nearly 1,250 per member. Mr. Williams has now conducted 998 peals, and should make it 1,000 by the time he rings 1,400. Mr. James George, our 'nipper,' cannot exist without some climax to his performance, in this case he celebrates his 'first' peal, rung at St. George's, Camberwell, February 16th, 1889, and is the only survivor of the team of 47 years ago. We said 'Goodnight' to each other in semi-darkness, muffled forms disappearing in dense fog in various directions like the ghosts of departed Annrble and Holt.

W. H. F.

PEAL RINGING AT RHYL.

STEPS TAKEN TO AVOID ANNOYANCE TO PUBLIC.

The annual meeting of St. Thomas' Society, Rhyl, was held on February 11th, the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Roberts) presiding. A discussion with regard to peal ringing took place, and the president said he had received complaints from one or two people living in the vicinity of the church to the effect that peal ringing caused an annoyance. However, steps have been taken to remedy this by boarding up the louvres of the belfry to direct the sound upwards.

Another item of interest was the retirement of the secretary, Mr. B. R. Collis, after 27 years in this office. He was congratulated upon his long service by the Vicar and his fellow-ringers.

The new secretary is J. Dean, Broxton, Brighton Road, Rhyl.

A FALSE PEAL OF LONDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My attention has been called by Mr. C. W. Roberts to a 5,056 London Surprise Major in two equal parts with an In and 5th course in each part, which I published in 'The Bell News' of August 19th, 1899, and in the Sussex Report of 1901. Unfortunately, I find there is a repetition in 3-4 in the 6th lead of the 10th course with the 3rd lead of the 23rd, and again in the 11th and 22nd courses. The peal was rung at St. Peter's, Brighton, on January 14th, 1901, conducted by G. Williams, and again at Lindfield, November 20th, 1935, conducted by O. Sippetts. I sincerely apologise to all those who took part in these two peals for such an error on my part.

F. BENNETT.

RINGERS' PLACE IN THE CHURCH.

We have received many letters on the issues raised last week by 'Sincere Wellwisher.' The following is a selection from them.

A COUNTRY VICAR'S EXPERIENCES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I, as a ringing Vicar and lover of bells, write some thoughts which came to me as the result of reading the last two numbers of 'The Ringing World'?

I have not seen a full account of what the Vicar of Kingston-on-Thames said, and so do not care to give an opinion on it. The letter of 'Sincere Wellwisher' contains some truth, but is it the whole truth? Of course it is the business of the Church to save souls and of all her members to do all that lies in their power to help in this work. But it is also the work of the Church to offer worship. I regard the service as a great offering of worship, in which music has an important place, and the ringing as making up part of the whole contributed also by the organist, choir and congregation, each doing its own part in the producing of one act of worship. An old Yorkshire ringer once said to me, 'It is not decent to offer to God anything but the best. You must not ring Grandsire if you can ring Stedman. The people don't know, but it is for God.'

My experience of ringers does not agree with the writer of the letter. From the days when I was privileged to ring with great Yorkshire ringers like William Snowden and Charles Hattersley to the present time, I have met a good many. Ringing twice on Sunday with my own men and at the association meetings, I have come to believe that the ringers are usually earnest churchmen. I can only speak from my own experience, but I have always had from ringers unflinching help both in the belfry and in other work for the church.

No doubt there are clergy who do not realise that bell music is worship, and ringers, often 'unattached,' who ring a bell, dedicated to God, for their own amusement. In both cases it is regrettable, but no good is done by abuse. Let the people who care work on quietly to make things better. Certainly I value the men who ring with me and worship with me, and when I get too old to ring with them I hope those I have taught will carry on their work for God.

A COUNTRY VICAR.

RINGING IS A PART OF THE SERVICE.

Sir,—'Sincere Wellwisher's' letter in your issue of February 21st contains some very plain speaking and much matter for thought. It is well that any reply should be equally plain.

'Sincere Wellwisher' does not seem to grasp the fact that in all church work there are activities that do not directly save souls. Some of these activities are administrative, as, for instance, the work of parochial church councils, and some are contributory or supplementary. Among the latter are organ, choir and bellringers.

It is obvious that organists are not chosen primarily for their piety. They are chosen because they are experts very much in love with their art and ready to devote their talents to the service of God. Choristers, too, are usually enthusiastic amateurs, with a love of music, anxious to give what service they can to their Maker. No church would say 'The church has no interest in organ or choir.'

Bellringers certainly ring for the love of their art, as organists play and choristers sing for the love of their art. Nevertheless, it should not be overlooked that ringers are conscious of their responsibilities, anxious to present the best in their ringing, and perhaps even more unvarying in their attendance for duty twice on Sunday than many so-called churchgoers.

Is the service to God a sham because it arises in the first place from a love of the art itself? It cannot be, until the art fails to contribute to the glory of God. Love of art produced J. S. Bach, and a divinely inspired determination produced the 'St. Matthew Passion.' Love of the art has provided for us great physicians, and divine inspiration has led them to confer great benefits on mankind.

If 'Sincere Wellwisher' will broaden his outlook, he may come to perceive ringers as important office bearers in the church. The time when bells were rung to call people to service is past. The ringing is a part of the service, and the bellringers have the privilege of sounding forth the mighty prelude to the service, proud and glad to do so on one of the noblest musical instruments God has given.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

MISREPRESENTED.

Sir,—After reading the letter in 'The Ringing World' of last week's issue, headed 'Ringers' Place in the Church,' I think we, as a body of ringers, have been grossly misrepresented by 'Sincere Wellwisher.' He has certainly not minced matters, and has given us a full share of the deepest dye. He asserts that the bells play little or no part in the life of the Church. Whether this be so or not, at the present time our bells and belfries have never had more attention, nor have restorations been more extensively carried out, which goes to prove that the average clergy and laymen have as deep a love as ever for the sound of English church bells. Judging from other remarks made by 'Sincere Wellwisher,' he is not a ringer, nor has he much conception of what a regular Sunday service ringer is willing to sacrifice, week by week, both in time and distance, for the good of his church.

We are accused of being narrow-minded, selfish and nonentities in the general welfare of the Church. I would point out that in many cases a ringer is found to take more interest in general church work than the rest of his fellow-workers. If he is not already aware, it may interest 'Sincere Wellwisher' to know that in our ranks we have clergy, lay readers, churchwardens, church councillors, choir members, sidesmen, servers, etc., so I fail to see that the ringing fraternity does not take an active part in church work as a whole.

True, there are black sheep in every flock, and we are no exception, and if we do not attend service as often as is desired, to my mind this question must be left to each individual to regulate, and the ringer stands on his own merit, just as any other laymen or churchworker.

C. T. H. BRADLEY.

Hon. Secretary, Lincoln Diocesan Guild, South Lines.

AN ILLUSTRATION FROM OVER.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid all will not agree with 'Sincere Wellwisher.' By the sound of London's bells 'Whittington' turned back, so the story goes, to become Lord Mayor of London. Who knows, at the present time, a soul, perhaps on a journey to hell, is turned back by the sound of bells. On page 127 of your issue No. 1,300 you give an account of a ringers' guild service at Sutton. Perhaps it will delight 'Wellwisher' to know that at that service it was noticed several were singing without aid of hymn books. Where did they learn it? In church, of course! One Christmas morning not far distant we ringers at Over rang at 6.15 a.m. Fourteen were present and twelve stayed and took part in the celebration. Our bells are rung in peal for morning and evening services throughout the winter and often in summer, and most of the ringers stay for morning and all for evening services. Four ringers are sidesmen, three on Parochial Church Council and three in the choir. These are all members of Over Society of Ringers.

One Sunday evening, not long since, 29 past and present ringers were counted at evensong, and this in a small parish of about 850 population. If church bells bring back one soul to repentance, they are not rung in vain. There is more joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine that need no repentance.

F. WARRINGTON, Vice-Capt., Over Society of Ringers.

ACCUSATIONS UNJUST AND UNTRUE.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent 'Wellwisher,' by his attack on 'The Ringing World,' proves that he is not conversant with his subject, but as you have dealt so effectively with him I need say no more on this point.

To 'Wellwisher' I would say his accusations against ringers are both unjust and untrue: ringers as a body are neither selfish nor narrow, but, on the contrary, I find the great majority with whom I come into contact really broadminded people.

'Wellwisher' says that probably 70 per cent. of ringers rarely if ever attend service. I say that 80 per cent. are regular churchgoers, and, furthermore, a great majority of these are regular communicants. The reason for this is not far to seek. Ringers to-day are recruited from among churchpeople. In our own band, for instance, we have a churchwarden, a sidesman, a Sunday School teacher, two choristers and an organ blower, whilst three of these and still one other are members of the Church Council, and I know that our band is typical of many another band to-day. 'Wellwisher' says that the interest of the church in its bells is declining. Once again he is wrong. If he read 'The Ringing World' he should know that during the last few years more bell restorations have been undertaken than ever before, and he will also find that ringers are doing their bit, financially and otherwise, to help in the work of the Church at home and overseas.

FRANK W. LACK.

Great Staughton, Hunts.

THE PHARISEE AND THE RINGER—A PARABLE.

Two men went up into the temple to pray—the one a Pharisee and the other a Ringer. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself: 'God, I thank Thee that I am not as other men are; extortioners, unjust . . . or even as this ringer, selfish, narrow-minded, never looking on Thy Kingdom from cross or altar; caring for nothing but his hobby; annoying greatly we righteous Pharisees with hours of peals; and, above all, reading a journal whose editor acknowledges Thee not. O God, turn these perverse ringers (particularly the 70 per cent. who rarely, if ever, attend the worship to which their ringing is supposed to call others) into the full stream of Christian service. May Thy Church seek and save them, perfecting them, as I am perfect and scorn all sinners.'

The Ringer, standing afar off . . . prayed—'God be merciful to me, a sinner, and help me to improve my art to Thy honour and glory.'

The Ringer returns to his beloved bells—the Pharisee takes pen and paper and writes behind the obscurity of a non-de-plume.

Verily a parable for certain who trust in themselves that they are righteous, and despise others.

CHARLES DENYER.

Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE PROPOSED NEW RULES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the account, in your issue of February 14th, of the meeting of the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association, particular reference is made to that part of the district representatives' report of last November's Central Committee meeting which concerns the proposed revision of the association rules.

The following is a summary of the present position:—

It was felt at the annual committee meeting, held in November, 1934, that the present rules, having been in existence since the association was formed, were now of little value and needed revising.

A sub-committee, formed to consider the matter, met on October 5th, 1935, and proposed several alterations and new rules.

The district representatives received the proposals on October 26th. The last Lewisham District meeting, before the Central Committee meeting on November 23rd, had been held on October 12th, and, as it was impossible for them to be guided by the wishes of the district, the representatives had to act as they thought fit. Part of the sub-committee's proposed Rule 8 was as follows:—

'A Ringing Master may also be elected, whose duty will be to take charge of the ringing when meetings are held, provided that no responsible member of the tower is present.'

(The italics are mine.)

For this clause in italics Mr. W. J. Jeffries was responsible. When it was discussed by the sub-committee of five on October 5th, three opposed it, but by a misunderstanding the secretary included it in the proposals. Unaware of Mr. Jeffries' connection with this clause, I, in writing to him on October 27th, said: 'I received the draft of the proposed rules last evening, and was pleased to see the Ringing Master mentioned, but concerning the clause, 'provided that no responsible member of the tower is present,' I shall consult my colleague (Mr. W. Smith) with a view to opposing it, as to give power with one hand and take it away with the other is absurd.'

This I did at Maidstone on November 23rd, on the ground that a man either held an office, or he did not; there could be no 'ifs,' 'buts' and 'provided,' and that if such a clause were to remain, it would make the office a farce, and the holder an object of ridicule. The other members apparently thought the same, for, of the 28 present, 26 voted against the motion.

This I reported to the Lewisham District, at Crayford, on February 1st. Thereupon Mr. Jeffries, who seems to be representing a perpetually disgruntled section of the district, read what might be termed more accurately a 'considerable' than 'considered' statement (see 'Ringing World' of Feb. 14th), which charged the representatives with being 'Mussolinis,' and acting without any authority from their district.

As has been said, the sub-committee met on October 5th, but their recommendations were not known until October 26th. Neither representative was a member of the sub-committee, so that if Mr. Jeffries was so anxious that they should act in accordance with the district's wishes, why did not he, at the district meeting at Bromley on October 12th, inform both the members and the representatives of the proposed alterations, instead of abusing the representatives for not seeking the members' views on matters which neither knew anything about?

Rule 4(a) in the sub-committee's recommendations is:—

'They may join singly or in bands, and in the latter case the subscription may be paid in one sum by any parish or ringers' fund, but no ringer shall be admitted as an unattached member in the county where there is a band in his parish or near neighbourhood which he may join.'

Both Mr. Smith and I considered that this should end at the words 'ringers' fund,' as the rest could not be enforced; and again the majority of members supported our contention.

To this also Mr. Jeffries took exception. But why? There are in the Lewisham District eight unattached members, of whom seven are regular Sunday service ringers. For personal reasons, however, they do not wish officially to join any band. Surely such members' wishes should be respected. They should not be made to feel that the association does not want them.

Lastly it was decided by a majority of the members present at Crayford, at the instigation of Mr. Jeffries, to hold a meeting of the Lewisham District Committee in order to discuss the proposed new rules, and presumably to order the representatives how to vote. But if such a meeting takes place, it can have no effect—and certainly the representatives will not be bound by its decisions—as the rules are for all members, and will be discussed, not at a committee meeting, but at the annual meeting of the association, when each member will have the opportunity of voicing his own opinions.

I write this in the hope that it will interest others outside the Lewisham District, and I sincerely hope that they, in the five other districts, will not have such obsequy to overcome.

E. BARNETT.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ANOTHER STEP IN CHANGE RINGING.

It was explained last week that the Grandsire method, which we were endeavouring to show you how to ring, would produce, in itself, only 30 changes when applied to five bells. There are, however, 120 possible changes on five bells, and, therefore, to ring them all it is necessary to have 'bobs' and 'singles.' These are variations in the work, which take one bell out of the hunt (the one which is not the treble) and puts another in its place. The bell that comes out of the hunt joins the other two in the cycle of work—that is, the dodging and place-making.

Here let us interrupt a moment to point out something which appeared in the article last week, and which, as it stood, was apparently rubbish. It was merely a transposition of two lines, the third and fourth in the fourth paragraph. The material part of it should have read as follows: 'In the plain course the treble and 2nd are the bells doing the plain hunting, and the treble never leaves it, whatever happens. The working bells in the plain course are, therefore, 3, 4 and 5. . .'

But to resume. From this it is obvious that the first bell to come out of the hunt when a bob or single has to be made must be the 2nd, which is in the hunt when you begin, and some other bell has to take its place. It has already been explained that the Grandsire method is formed from the plain hunting course by the insertion of a 3rd's place immediately after the treble leads. A bob is effected by an additional 3rd's place immediately in front of the 3rd's place common to every lead. This causes the bell that had been in the hunt to have two dodges (or a double dodge, as it is called) in 5-4 (down), which is after turning the treble from behind and lying a whole pull. The effect of this is to stop the bell, which would otherwise come to dodge in 5-4 (down), before it lies its whole pull behind, and cause it to dodge twice in 4-5 (up) with the bell that is coming out of the hunt.

The additional 3rd's place is made by the bell that passed the treble in 2-3 going up. Instead of hunting on up to 4-5 for a dodge, it stays a whole pull in 3rd's and then hunts down again and leads after the treble. It is then in the hunt, and follows the treble from front to back and back to front until another bob or single is called.

A bob makes no difference to two of the bells—the treble and the bell that the treble takes from lead; the one, that is, that makes the ordinary 3rd's place.

If the bob is called by the conductor at the right time you should have no difficulty in knowing what to do.

If you have got to make 3rd's and go into the hunt, the treble will be the next bell you strike over. If you have to double dodge behind, you will actually be in the dodging place, that is in 4th's on the way up, or in 5th's on the way down.

But as another check, do not forget that you should be counting your places, and you will know what to do by the position in which you pass the treble. We can formulate a little table for the purpose, as we did for the plain course, thus:—

Pass treble in 4-5 going up, dodge twice in 5-4 (down) out of the hunt.
Pass treble in 3-4 going up, dodge twice in 4-5 (up).
Pass treble in 2-3 going up, make 3rd's and lead again, in the hunt.
Pass treble in 1-2 going up, make 3rd's and lead again.

Perhaps it ought to be explained that a double dodge, that is dodging twice, means taking a step back, going forward one place, and stepping back a second time before going on with the hunting.

One other thing needs explanation before you attempt to ring 120 on a working bell, and that is, how to make a 'single.' The actual work differs in two particulars from a bob. The treble is still unaffected, and the bells double dodge behind exactly as at a bob, but the bell that made 3rd's place, after passing the treble in 2-3 going up, makes the other 3rd's place as well; that is, it stops two whole pulls in 3rd's place before going back to lead again. It is not then in the hunt.

The effect of this double 3rd's place is that the bell which ordinarily would have made 3rd's cannot reach that position, and it has to have a whole pull in 2nd's place over the treble, and lead after the treble, which puts it into the hunt. The figures which follow show the difference between a plain, a bob and a single lead.

Plain	Bob	Single
43521	43521	43521
45312	45312	45312
54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423
15243	15432	15432
12534	14523	15423
21543	41532	51432
25134	45123	54123
52314	54213	45213

THREE CONDUCTORS.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in which the conducting was shared by three of the ringers, was rung for evening service at St. Giles', Camberwell, on February 23rd: Miss B. Mills 1, Miss M. Ashbrook 2, T. H. Taffender 3, R. Mowforth 4, E. J. King 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, T. W. Taffender 7, A. Harris 8. The conducting was shared in turns by ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

A BUSY DAY AT LEICESTER.

The annual meeting of the National Guild of Police Ringers was held at Leicester on Saturday, February 8th, the following forces being represented: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Birmingham City, Leicester City, Liverpool City, Cardiff City, Reigate Borough, Bolton Borough, Grantham Borough, Lancashire County, Leicestershire County and Nottingham County.

The visitors began to arrive in the city about 11 a.m., and visited St. Peter's Church, Belgrave, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. The ringing here concluded about 12.30 p.m., and a move was then made to the George Hotel, Haymarket, for luncheon. The company, which numbered over 50, were honoured at the luncheon by the presence of Mr. O. J. B. Cole, Chief Constable of Leicester, and the Rev. K. F. Parsons, Vicar of St. Margaret's, Leicester.

After an excellent repast, the Guild president, Supt. F. R. Williams, Manchester City, extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the Guild to these two guests. In replying, the Chief Constable said he knew nothing about bellringing, but intended visiting St. Margaret's Church during the afternoon, whilst ringing was in progress, to see how it was done. The Rev. K. F. Parsons also replied, and congratulated the Guild on the progress made since its formation.

St. Margaret's Church was then visited, and the peal tablet in the belfry, to record the first peal of Stedman Cinques by a band of police officers, was dedicated by the Vicar and unveiled by the Guild president.

Ringling then followed on the twelve bells at St. Margaret's, after which a move was made to St. John the Divine's Church. Here touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung and also a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal. A return was then made to the George Hotel for tea, after which the business meeting was held.

NEXT MEETING TO BE AT LIVERPOOL.

A hearty invitation to hold the next annual meeting at Liverpool was extended by P.C. Birkett on behalf of the Liverpool members, and it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting there.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, Supt. F. R. Williams (Manchester City); vice-president, Chief Inspector W. Bottrill (Metropolitan); hon. secretary and treasurer, Inspector H. J. Poole (Leicester City); auditor, Sergt. H. G. Jenny (Leicester City); committee, Sergt. P. C. Crook (Bolton Borough), Sergt. H. G. Jenney (Leicester City), P.C. N. Bagworth (Metropolitan), ex-Sergt. W. Dowding (Birmingham City), ex-Sergt. A. Lawrence (Herts County), ex-P.C. Page (Manchester City), ex-P.C. Claydon (Reigate Borough) and P.C. Brown (Manchester City).

Congratulations were extended to Inspector Poole on his recent promotion, and were duly acknowledged by him.

A very welcome visitor was Mr. J. W. Jones, the secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouthshire Association.

In the evening a social was held at the Police Headquarters Clubroom, and a splendid entertainment was provided by the following: Det. Sergts. Billson and Pym, P.C.s Mowl, Whightman, Briars and Sampson. Mr. Harry Smith rendered some songs, and the Friends Adult School Handbell Ringers gave selections on the handbells. A touch of Stedman Caters and a course of Stedman Cinques were also rung on the handbells.

The close came all too soon with everyone well satisfied. This was, indeed, another very fine meeting and day's enjoyment to be added to the annals of the Guild.

CARDIFF'S OLDEST BELLRINGER.

DEATH OF MR. J. CLUTTERBUCK.

Cardiff's oldest bellringer, Mr. John Clutterbuck, died on Saturday, February 15th, at the age of 88 at the home of his son, Mr. George Clutterbuck, Kyle Avenue, Whitechurch, Cardiff. He had been a ringer at St. John's, Cardiff, and at Llandaff Cathedral, and for several years was leader at the latter tower. He was one of the first members of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, founded in 1893, and was Master in 1904. He rang 35 peals, which included Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major, Bob Minor and Kent Minor. He conducted one peal of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Clutterbuck had not been able to take any active part in ringing for several years, but retained his interest in the art right up to the last.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, February 18th, the Diocesan Association being represented by the Master (Mr. G. Wines), the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones), Mr. A. W. Heath (St. John's, Cardiff), Mr. H. Grabbie (Pentre), Mr. A. Weaver (Penarth) and Mr. E. Coles (Whitechurch). He is laid to rest in Cardiff Cemetery close to his old workmate and ringing colleague, the late Mr. W. Coombes. In the past these two old friends had rung several peals together. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but lost owing to a shift course towards the end, on the bells of Llandaff Cathedral, which were half-muffled as a last tribute of respect. Floral tributes were sent by the ringers of both St. John's, Cardiff, and Llandaff Cathedral.

The late Mr. Clutterbuck was a native of Tidenham, Gloucestershire, and, by a coincidence, the writer was born in the same house 70 years ago.

J. W. J.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

The annual meeting of the North and East District was held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, February 8th, and was attended by upwards of 60 members. The beautiful peal of ten bells, one of the finest in the country, and always a credit to the founders, was rung to many methods between three and five o'clock, when the usual short service was held. In the absence of the Vicar, through illness, the sermon was preached by the Rev. H. Edwards.

Tea was served at the Cherry Tree Hotel, after which the business meeting took place. The chair was taken by Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), who was supported by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president, South and West District), Mr. W. H. Hollier (association treasurer), Mr. W. H. Oram (district treasurer), Mr. A. W. Coles (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant hon. secretary), etc.

A resolution expressing sympathy with His Majesty the King in the loss of his illustrious father, and wishing him a successful reign, was carried. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, and with the Ely Diocesan Guild, in their serious loss, was also carried.

The formal business of the meeting was then proceeded with. The balance sheet, submitted by the treasurer, which showed a loss on the year's working of £10 9s. 2d., was carried. It was noted, however, that a sum of £15 had been voted to the William Pye Memorial Fund, so that the year actually showed a considerable credit balance. The assets showed £29 9s. 7d. in the hands of the treasurer and stock to the face value of £73 13s. 8d.

Twelve new members were elected, and two elections made prior to peals were confirmed.

The election of officers then took place. The District Master, Mr. A. W. Coles, felt it was desirable that he should make way for another ringer on his election to the position of Ringing Master of the association. Mr. Thomas J. Lock, of Willesden, was, therefore, elected to the District Mastership, amidst loud applause. Mr. Lock, in returning thanks, said he would do his best for the members and hoped always to have their support. The other officers were re-elected as follows: Hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Oram; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. G. R. Goodship; Central Committee, Messrs. R. E. Geare, H. Kilby and G. B. Lucas; auditor, Mr. G. W. Fletcher; trustees, Messrs. W. H. Oram, C. T. Coles and W. Pickworth.

A vote of thanks to the retiring Master was proposed by the chairman.—Mr. A. W. Coles, in reply, said he hoped to be able to carry on at those towers where he had been giving help, and would do anything he could to help the association.

The hon. secretary was requested to send the good wishes of the meeting to Mr. R. K. Knight, of Leytonstone, who had recently reached his 91st birthday. It was mentioned that Mr. Knight had been a member of the Royal Cumberlands since 1866, surely a record!

THE PYE MEMORIAL.

The present position of the William Pye Memorial Fund was explained by the hon. secretary, who said that the fund now amounted to about £156, and that the money was still coming in slowly. Estimates were being invited from the leading bellfounders, so that the committee hoped to be in a position to place the order very shortly. It was sincerely hoped that the bells would be ready to have the opening when the Council met in London at Whitsun, so that this truly national memorial would have a truly national opening.

St. Mary's, Finchley, was chosen for the next district meeting on March 14th, and St. Augustine's, Kilburn, for the next annual meeting.

The Chairman, after welcoming the several members of the South and West District who were present, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow) for the use of the bells; to the preacher (the Rev. H. Edwards); to Mr. J. E. Miller and the local ringers, and to the organist, to which Mr. Edwards very suitably replied.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman for the able way he had conducted the meeting.

Handbell ringing followed, Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Double Norwich Major being rung; whilst many visited the tower, where anything from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung. The new Master, Mr. T. J. Lock, was anxious to see that everybody had an opportunity to ring, and made quite a good impression in this his first effort at looking after the ringing requirements of a big meeting.

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MUFFLED TOUCHES.

Among the many touches rung for the death or funeral of His Late Majesty King George were the following:—

On Tuesday, January 21st, at St. Mary's Church, Ilminster, before a memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, double muffled, with tenor open at backstroke: D. G. Taylor 1, G. Sibley 2, B. Sibley 3, A. J. Sibley 4, V. Crabb 5, A. Sibley 6, E. White 7, G. Novell 8.

At the Church of St. Lawrence, Bourton-on-the-Water, on Tuesday afternoon January 28th, the local ringers rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples half-muffled following the memorial service: R. Phillips 1, W. Wright 2, H. James 3, T. Banning 4, A. Stayte 5, C. Pratley 6, B. Phillips (conductor) 7, E. Gardener 8.

VANCOUVER BELLS JOIN IN MOURNING.

The bells at the Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver, were rung fully muffled on Tuesday, January 28th, for an hour before the memorial service held for the late King George V., and again for one hour immediately after the service. Several touches of Grandsire and some Stedman were rung, those taking part being Messrs. Arthur King, Pitman, George Roberts, W. Sampson, Tom Greenaway, Andy Lomas, H. Tapper, Bond, Bailey, Matthew Bennett, Fred Hird and A. C. Limpus. The bells were also rung open on Wednesday, January 22nd, for the Accession of King Edward VIII, when 504 Grandsire Triples and other touches were rung.

On January 28th, for the memorial service, the bells were rung with clappers half-muffled at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincolnshire: E. Fowler 1, F. Elliott 2, J. Barrick 3, H. E. Dannatt 4, A. W. Crowder 5, R. Pratt 6.

On January 28th, at Seale, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: W. Thompson 1, J. W. Carter 2, H. Jeffreys 3, E. Gardner 4, C. Newman 5, C. W. Denyer (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled bells.

At St. Peter's Church, Horbury, with bells deeply muffled, on January 21st, 720 Oxford Bob: H. Pickles 1, E. Pickles 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, J. Milner 4, George Goldstraw 5, G. W. Pickles 6. On Sunday morning, January 26th, 720 Duke of York: H. Pickles 1, E. Pickles 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, G. W. Pickles 4, G. Goldstraw 5, R. Thicket 6. For evening service, 720 Violet and 380 New London Pleasure. On Monday, January 28th, with bells half-muffled, 756 Stedman: H. Pickles 1, G. W. Pickles 2, H. Rowley (conductor) 3, E. Pickles 4, G. Bennett (Ossett) 5, W. Tattersall (Ossett) 6, R. Thicket 7, G. Goldstraw 8.

On January 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples with bells half-muffled: E. Thatcher 1, F. Fisher 2, E. Fisher 3, F. Gosling 4, A. E. Standen (conductor) 5, G. Fisher 6, R. Fisher 7, P. Bush 8.

At the Pro-Cathedral of St. Woolos, Newport, Mon, before the memorial service, the bells were rung half-muffled and the tenor tolled 70 times. In the evening, after meeting one short for Caters, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: M. Greedy (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Crabb 2, J. Bullen 3, F. Atwell 4, C. Greedy (conductor) 5, F. Greedy 6, W. Phillips 7, A. Thomas 8.

HATFIELD COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, January 26th, at Hatfield, the Hatfield Guild of College Youths rang for morning service, with bells half-muffled, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: L. Lawrence 1, J. Kentish 2, A. Shepherd 3, R. E. Richardson 4, H. Nobbs 5, D. Richardson 6, A. R. Lawrence 7, L. Cull 8; and for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Young (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Cull 2, D. Ellingham 3, R. E. Richardson 4, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 5, A. Shepherd 6, A. Lawrence 7, L. Lawrence 8. On Tuesday, January 28th, 1,200 Stedman Triples: L. Lawrence 1, A. Shepherd 2, S. Cull 3, R. E. Richardson 4, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 5, Albert R. Lawrence 6, A. Lawrence 7, Dudley Richardson 8.

On Tuesday, January 28th, at Frensham, Surrey, 720 Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled: N. Overington 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss Doris Aslett 3, E. J. Heath 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

At St. Mary's Church, Broomfield, on January 28th, a quarter-peal, 1,296 changes, consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 216 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. E. Bowers 1, R. Parker 2, H. Bradley 3, R. Denney 4, E. Clark 5, H. Devenish (conductor) 6.

At Danbury, Essex, on January 21st, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, and on Sunday, January 26th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, both with the bells fully muffled. On Tuesday, January 28th, two 720's of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled. The ringers were W. Spokes, F. Galley, D. Roast, H. Joyce, W. Burgess, T. Abbott, G. Coppin and H. W. Shadrack.

NOTICES.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 48th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, February 29th, at 6 o'clock prompt when the chair will be taken by Canon T. Guy Rogers, B.D., M.C., Rector of Birmingham, Chaplain to the King. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Bishop Ryder's Church (8) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Aston bells will also be available from 3 to 5 o'clock. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. — Ernest Cooper, 33, Church Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Beverley Minster on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (10) available from 2 o'clock. Short service in Minster at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea. A farewell meeting to the Vicar (Rev. Canon Rigg, D.D.).—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Aylestone, bells (6), on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.; in Church Rooms. A good meeting is hoped for.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Annual meeting to be held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at St. Nicholas' House. Please send names or numbers for tea. — J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Grimsby District.—The following towers in the district have been arranged for combined practices: Waltham, Feb. 29th, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford T.B. Minor; Thornton Curtis, Mar. 21st, London Surprise and St. Clement's Minor; Barton-on-Humber, April 4th, Cambridge Major and Double Norwich. All 6 p.m. start. Please look up the methods. Then come and ring them. — J. Bray, Ringing Master, Burton-on-Stather; H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., Grimsby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45, followed by tea and meeting. Please attend in good numbers. Ringing to suit all.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The postponed meeting of this division will be held at Little Waltham on Feb. 29th.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury, Chelmsford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let's have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Rogers' Café, The Borough. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Royston, Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Roll up and keep up the average for 1936.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Bolton Branches. — Joint meeting. A meeting will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. — Peter Crook and William O. Farrimond, Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for March: Service ringing, St. Clement Danes', March 1st, 10 a.m.; St. Giles', Cripplegate, March 8th, 5.30 p.m.; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, March 22nd, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', March 2nd, 16th, 30th, 7.30 p.m. Combined practice St. Mary's, Lambeth, March 31st, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—The two new trebles to make a ring of ten, installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. W. B. Belcher, on Sunday evening next, March 1st. The bells will be available for ringing after the service until about 8.30 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 3rd and 31st, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, Southwark Cathedral on the 12th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 17th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's on the 26th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Mr Geo. Lewis, Ringing Master, will arrange touches from Minor to Royal. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Service by Vicar (Rev. H. C. Foster) 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441A, Sandygate Road, Sheffield. Take Fulwood car for Ranmoor at Leopold Street; fare 1½d. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield 3.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m., service at 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise Mr. D. J. Williams, 48, St. Paul's Terrace, Garden Village, Gorseinon. Numbers for tea by Mar. 4th. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Wednesday, Mar. 4th, and oblige.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford, Essex.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 118th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on Saturday, Mar. 7th. Bells available all day. Dinner at the Thatch Tavern at 4.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Meeting and tea to follow. Those requiring tea please send in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newcastle (10 bells) on Saturday, March 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please advise Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than March 4th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch. — A meeting will be held at West Haddon (5 bells) on Saturday, March 7th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, March 3rd. Business meeting afterwards. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. — Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, March 7th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Will intending visitors please let me know by Tuesday, March 3rd?—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Mar. 14th, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Please let me know by Friday, 13th, numbers for tea.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Police Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, March 14th. If you require tea please notify Mr. R. Whittington, Guildford Road, Cranleigh, before March 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dodderhill, Droitwich, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.15, followed by tea in the Parish Hall 5 o'clock (by kind invitation of the Vicar) and meeting. It is essential that all those intending to be present notify me not later than Tuesday, March 10th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) will be served in the School at 5 p.m., but please notify Mr. F. Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge, by Thursday, March 12th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., immediately after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., 235, Greenhill Road, Bramley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Maidstone and Tonbridge districts will be held at Linton on March 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Association service at 5, followed by tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Haire). Please be sure to send names for tea to Mr. C. H. Sone, The Bungalow, Linton, before Wednesday, March 11th. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Maidstone and Marden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Mar. 14th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please send me a card. All welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note the date.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXHEY. HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Mar. 14th.—Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30 and usual business meeting. Railway Station: Bushey. Coach service runs close to church.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting of the division, for elec-

tion of officers, etc., will be held at Barcombe on Saturday, March 14th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members attending this meeting. As the tea is by kind invitation of the Rev. H. Farrar, and will be held at the Rectory, it will be appreciated if *all* who intend to come let me know by the previous Wednesday.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 1b, Chester Terrace, Brighton 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Southwark on Saturday, Mar. 21st. Details later.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 21st, at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 6 p.m. Full details later.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual committee meeting will be held in the Chapter House, Christchurch, Oxford, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.15 p.m. Any notices of motion or applications for restoration grants should be in the general secretary's hands before March 7th.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

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