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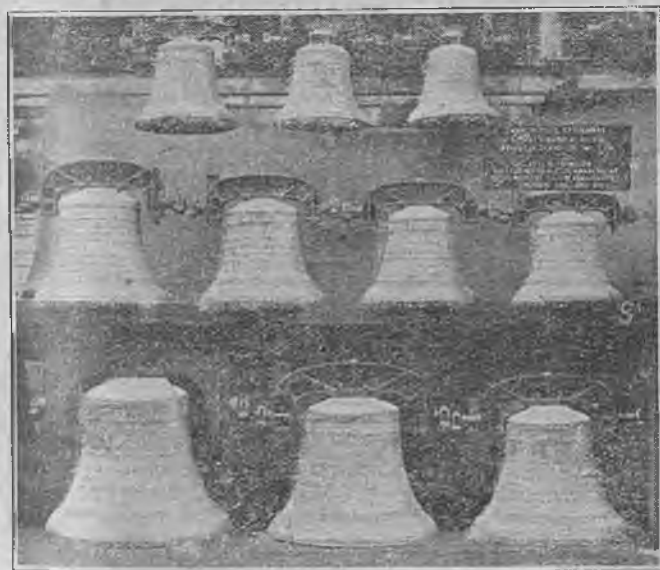
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There never was a period when ringers had as great an opportunity as they have to-day of studying the art in all its phases. The work which has been done by eminent men for more than two centuries is at their hand, and from time to time some new and valuable contribution comes from the press. Within little more than twelve months there have been issued three books which in their own particular spheres are not only of interest, but of real instructional value. First there was 'Method Splicing,' the theory and practice of which, explained respectively by Mr. J. W. Parker and Mr. J. P. Fidler, were brought for the first time within the comprehension of the general body of ringers.

Recently came that interesting and representative collection of Plain Major Methods, which has been issued under the auspices of the Central Council. This is a book which, like 'Method Splicing,' is intended not merely as an addition to ringing literature, but as a practical step towards enlarging the scope of ringers' practice. In the past the plain Major methods which have found favour have been almost as limited as the number of methods rung on seven or nine bells. Plain Bob and Double Norwich have provided, and still continue to provide, the bulk of the peals in plain hunt Major methods, but they need do so no longer. Hitherto the stumbling-block has been the absence of any easily acquired collection of methods—that difficulty has been disposed of. There are, we are quite aware, those who like to argue that the old methods are good enough for them, and that new ones are unnecessary and are unlikely to be practised. That same argument was used when the Collection of Minor Methods first came on the scene. But to-day the methods in that Collection are freely rung, and, later on, a new generation will turn to the Major Collection for methods that will give them variety in their ringing. Ringers of plain Major (and that class of course includes those who have passed on to the Surprise stage) should study the methods in this book, and, if they do so, we are quite sure they will find them so interesting that they will desire to ring them. Some of the methods offer opportunities which even the ablest ringers need not despise, but those whose capabilities limit them at present merely to Bob Major will find in this book not only an incentive to higher things, but actual stepping-stones by which they may, in easy stages, reach a much higher standard in the methods they practise.

The third book is one which is published this week. It is called 'Surprise Methods,' and really completes the work which Jasper W. Snowden contemplated before he

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was so suddenly cut off over forty years ago. Begun by Jasper Snowdon, continued by his brother, the late Mr. William Snowdon, the work has been completed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and, while admittedly limited in its scope—being confined almost entirely to the plan of the original author—the student will find in it a great deal to interest and help him. A dozen Surprise Minor methods are dealt with, and Bristol and Ipswich Major, in addition to the three which in Snowdon's time were the only ones practised, viz., London, Cambridge and Superlative. This book takes its place in the Snowdon series, and will be appreciated by ringers for the ability with which the subject has been treated, as well as for the link which it adds to complete the chain of work which Jasper Snowdon laboured so assiduously, though, alas, incompletely, to do for the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIDOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

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| HARRY R. PASMORE Treble | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7 |
| ROBERT W. GREEN 2 | WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 8 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE 3 | ERNEST BRETT 9 |
| CHARLES J. CHOOT 4 | JAMES BULLOCK 10 |
| THOMAS LANGDON 5 | THOMAS GROOMERIDGE ... 11 |
| JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6 | JAMES RUMLEY Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE

PAINSWICK.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES;

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| *LESLIE BARRY Treble | CHARLES GARDINER 7 |
| JESSE GILLET 2 | *FRANK A. WAITE 8 |
| WILLIAM IRELAND 3 | GEORGE CONDUCK, SEN. ... 9 |
| THOMAS BALDWIN 4 | Ex/SERG. J. WILLIAMS ... 10 |
| ALBERT BOND 5 | JOHN BALLINGER 11 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT 6 | *P. SERGT. G. HASTINGS ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Cinques. Rung to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the peal of 13,001 on February 14th, 1920.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| JAMES W. DRIVER Treble | *DOUGLAS M. STEVENS ... 6 |
| WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2 | R. CONGREVE PRIDGON ... 7 |
| ARTHUR CUTMORE 3 | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8 |
| E. MADRICE ATKINS 4 | ARTHUR HARDING 9 |
| ROBERT THOMPSON 5 | HENRY A. FOLKARD Tenor |

Arranged by R. CONGREVE PRIDGON and C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by R. CONGREVE PRIDGON.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Hollier.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

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| JESSE GILLET Treble | CHARLES GARDINER 6 |
| THOMAS BALDWIN 2 | JOHN AUSTIN 7 |
| ALBERT BOND 3 | EX/SERG. J. WILLIAMS 8 |
| ALBERT WRIGHT 4 | JOHN BALLINGER 9 |
| WALTER TRUMAN 5 | LESLIE BARRY Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. A. Hanks, who is in Canada, and who rang the tenor to the 13,001. It was also a birthday peal for the ringers of the 9th. Rung through meeting short for Cinques on account of illness.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 5, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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| *FRED BARNETT Treble | ALLAN DICK 5 |
| FRED MEEK 2 | JAMES W. NEESAM 6 |
| *WILFRED BELL 3 | CHARLES GANWELL 7 |
| JOHN STOTT 4 | *JAMES CORNELL Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES W. NEESAM.

First peal.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

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| GILBERT GUEST Treble | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 5 |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2 | WILLIAM GREEN 6 |
| CHARLES W. COOPER 3 | ELIJAH PAGETT 7 |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4 | JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Quarterly peal for the Guild. After the peal, the ringers were kindly entertained at the Vicarage by the Rev. and Mrs. F. J. Ohererton, whose hospitality was very much appreciated.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble | ARTHUR SYMONDS 5 |
| WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 2 | FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... 6 |
| FREDERICK L. LEES 3 | FRANK A. TURNER 7 |
| LAURENCE POULSON 4 | FREDERICK A. POULSON ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by all except A. Symonds, and first on a working bell by him. Rung at the second attempt. It was a birthday compliment to F. A. Turner. The first peal in the method in West Suffolk by a local band.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| *JOSEPH F. SIMPSON ... Treble | ALBERT L. DUNN 5 |
| ROBERT MATHEWS 2 | WILLIAM GIBBS 6 |
| *HAROLD AMPHLETT 3 | ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 7 |
| *WILLIAM SMITH 4 | *ALFRED REYNOLDS Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR E. WHATMORE.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. W. Fiddian, one-time Vicar's warden, and a great friend to the local ringers.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| JOHN LEE Treble | ALBERT DISEWENS 5 |
| GEORGE MARRINER 2 | JOHN L. WATKINS 6 |
| H. BERNARD WELLS 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| DANIEL COOPER 4 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

First attempt for a peal as conductor. H. B. Wells' 25th peal.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| JOSEPH E. SYKES Treble | GEORGE F. SWANN 5 |
| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2 | *FRED PRICE 6 |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS 3 | SAMUEL GROVE 7 |
| CHARLES WEBB 4 | HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First Surprise peal. Rung, after meeting short for Stedman Caters, with the bells half-muffled to the memory of John Carter.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble | WILLIAM LEWIS 5 |
| CHARLES G. BOWKETT ... 2 | WILLIAM RANFORD 6 |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT 3 | SIDNEY T. HOLT 7 |
| *CYRIL TANSELL 4 | CHARLES CANN Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

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

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 15, 1927, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of the HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

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| *C. ERNEST SMITH ... Treble | WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5 |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6 |
| †HENRY HUTTON 3 | GEORGE W. STERRER ... 7 |
| *JOHN A. COLE 4 | ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

* First peal in the method. + 100th peal.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt

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| ARTHUR CROSS Treble | ERNEST J. GOATER 5 |
| WILLIAM WELLING 2 | GORDON WALMSLEY 6 |
| WILLIAM C. PARKER 3 | JOHN PHILIPS 7 |
| ALFRED HISCOCK 4 | FREDERICK E. SMITH Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Rung to celebrate the 86th birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., donor of the above church and bells.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church on Wednesday, February 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: H. Thomas 1, E. Shepherd 2, E. W. Biffin 3, J. Hosgood 4, A. Monkley 5, W. H. Howe 6, W. E. Fletcher (conductor) 7, A. H. Goad 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, February 16th, 720 Bob Minor: *E. T. Exeter 1, *C. J. Steele 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, A. E. Laker 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. * First 720.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 15, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble | HAROLD W. CLARK 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | *EDWARD D. SMITH 6 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 3 | *WILLIAM THEOBALD 7 |
| WILLIAM MILLER 4 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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| ALFRED J. TURNER Treble | ALBERT HOBDEN 5 |
| HAROLD HOBDEN 2 | GEORGE PIPER 6 |
| PHILIP S. THOMPSON 3 | ROBERT J. DAWE 7 |
| WILLIAM PELLING 4 | KEITH HART Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

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| JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble | FRANK BENNETT 5 |
| *GEORGE H. SHUKER 2 | ROBERT J. DAWE 6 |
| EDWARD C. MERRETT 3 | JOHN DEARLOVE 7 |
| ARTHUR T. VERRELLS 4 | KEITH HART Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method, also first peal of Surprise on the bells.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

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| *WILLIAM R. G. SEAGER Treble | SAM TAYLOR 5 |
| GEORGE KENWARD 2 | WILLIAM J. WALKER 6 |
| †P.O. A. R. OCKWELL, R.N. 3 | ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7 |
| W. E. PITMAN, MUS. BAC. 4 | GEORGE GILBERT Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob away from the treble.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| FRANK BERRY Treble | SAMUEL HOLT 5 |
| WILLIAM BERRY 2 | *ARTHUR RIDYARD 6 |
| JAMES JACOBS 3 | C. OLLIER 7 |
| JOHN SMITH 4 | *TOM JONES Tenor |

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by WM. BERRY.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the birthday of the conductor.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD 5 |
| JAMES HEMMING 2 | ERNEST GIBBS 6 |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT 3 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 7 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4 | CHARLES CANN Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by CHARLES CANN.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

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| FRANK CORKE Treble | HARRY WINGROVE 5 |
| WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY 6 |
| WILLIAM WELLING 3 | *GEORGE MARTIN 7 |
| MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 4 | CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

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

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| HAROLD PEARCE Treble | ALBERT PICKLES 5 |
| *WILLIE HAMER 2 | JOE GREENWOOD 6 |
| FRED HUTTON 3 | VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7 |
| THOMAS SENIOR 4 | WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES SEVERN. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. Rung with deeply muffled bells as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Turner, mother-in-law of the present Vicar.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Four Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY (The Minster of the Moors),

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7104 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble | COLIN HARRISON 5 |
| GEORGE LEWIS 2 | JOHN R. BREARLEY 6 |
| JOHN THORPE 3 | OLIVER CANWOOD 7 |
| JOHN HOLMAN 4 | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, is in 20 courses, and contains the 60 course-ends, and is the greatest length obtained on this plan.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THE STANS'. Tenor 18 cwt.

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| *THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble | *GEORGE STAFF 5 |
| ERNEST CUTFORTH 2 | WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6 |
| FRANK FIELDEN 3 | JOHN POTTER 7 |
| *FRED HODGSON 4 | *WILLIAM HORAN Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Hodgson, and also as a compliment to Mr. Wm. H. Shuker on the anniversary of his wedding.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART

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| FREDERICK G. GODDARD Treble | CHARLES J. TRICKER 5 |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2 | WILLIAM ESSERV 6 |
| *WILLIAM F. ELLINGHAM 3 | HARRY MANCE 7 |
| SIDNEY STILWELL 4 | JOSEPH MILNER Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY MANCE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the churchwarden, Mr. A. E. Rogers, Mr. F. G. Goddard and Mr. J. Kent. Mr. S. Stilwell rang his last peal 22 years ago at Billingshurst, Sussex.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.
ALBERT E. BRACEY Treble | HANBURY F. CARTER ... 4
CYRIL POOLEY 2 | ERNEST V. BLAKE ... 5
ERNEST KIMM 3 | NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 12, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.
TOM TEBBUTT Treble | GEORGE PARKER ... 3
HARRY CLARKE 2 | HARRY ENGLAND ... 4
JAMES MARR Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

This was the first peal on the bells.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 13, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, each called differently. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRANK PODWELL Treble | *ALFRED J. KING ... 4
*CHUM MATE 2 | *PERCY KIRBY ... 5
*JOHN HOPE 3 | ERNEST TELLING ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

* First peal. All are local service ringers, except the conductor, who hails from Fairford. This peal was especially rung to commemorate the completion of the Rev. R. P. Brownrigg's 25 years' true and devoted ministry in this parish.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, February 13, 1927, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK PRICE Treble | CHRIS BOWERS ... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2 | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
DAVID HORNE 3 | GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 15, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2 | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3 | CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 16, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.
JOHN SPENCER Treble | GEORGE LEE ... 4
WILLIAM C. BUNN 2 | ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3 | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. BUNN.

First peal as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by the Guild.

HAWKSHED, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNES AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 17, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.
CHARLES E. WEBB Treble | THOMAS BRADLEY ... 4
FURNES WOODEND 2 | HAROLD HARDY ... 5
FREDERICK COWARD 3 | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. WEBB.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, Rev. F. D. Stones, M.A., who was inducted that day.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.
FRANK E. HAYNES Treble | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2 | EDWARD H. FINCH ... 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3 | ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

SANDY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, with different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM FOX Treble | TOM BARTRAM ... 4
ARTHUR R. SOWDEN 2 | ARTHUR J. GINN ... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Mr. G. J. Ball kindly stood out to allow Mr. A. J. Ginn to ring. He was proposed a member in the tower.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 19, 1927, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Court and Double Court. Tenor 13 cwt.

*WALTER WILSON Treble | *HAROLD MARCON ... 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2 | COITBERT T. H. BRADLEY ... 5
HORACE M. DAY 3 | JOSEPH O. LANDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. William Rastall, the Rector's warden, and also to the late Mr. Ben Smith, sidesman, both of the above church, who died on the 10th and 12th inst. respectively.

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FUNERAL OF THE REV. C. E. MATTHEWS.

The funeral of Rev. C. E. Matthews, R.D., whose death was reported in last week's issue, took place at Milford-on-Sea, Hants, on Tuesday afternoon, February 15th. A large congregation attended, being representative of all classes. The Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers was represented by Messrs. G. Williams (Master), G. Pullinger (hon. secretary), G. Preston (Christchurch District secretary), J. Elkins, W. Andrews (Winchester Cathedral) and E. Elliott (Lynington).

There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes, including wreaths from the Winchester Diocesan Guild, Winchester Cathedral bellringers, and Milford-on-Sea bellringers.

After the service, 120 Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled was rung by the following: J. W. Elkins 1, G. Pullinger 2, G. Williams 3, W. Andrews 4, G. Preston 5; and rounds by the local ringers. During the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) with the bells half-muffled was rung at Christchurch Priory by Miss C. Sparshott 1, E. Hinton 2, A. Woolf 3, A. F. Martin Stewart 4, Mrs. E. Williams 5, G. Scragg 6, F. Sparshott 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, H. Gillard 10, followed by the whole pull and stand 63 times.

A quarter-peal was attempted the same evening at Winchester Cathedral, but came to grief. This was followed by the whole pull and stand 63 times.

In addition to the particulars given last week, it may be mentioned that Mr. Matthews took part in one peal, which was Grandsire Triples, at Shere, Surrey, on May 30th, 1896. He was also a member of the Winchester Diocesan Advisory Committee for the granting of faculties.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, February 5th, when ringers to the number of about 60 assembled from Edenbridge, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Leigh, Mayfield, East Grinstead and the local tower of St. Peter's Church. A special service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. H. L. Potter and the Rev. H. J. Peacock, whilst the Rev. A. Howell Smith gave the address, in the course of which he referred to the fact that it was during his vicariate there that the bells were installed. At first there were five only; later a sixth and a Westminster chiming clock were added; and in 1885 the eight-bell peal was completed. The reverend gentleman gave an appropriate address on the importance of the bellringers' part in the service of the Church. The organist was the well-known ringer, Mr. W. E. Pitman, organist and choirmaster of St. Gregory's Church, Canterbury. His work was much appreciated.

Adjourning to the Parish Room, which was gaily decorated, flowering plants lent by Mr. C. F. Collins adorning the tables, a party of about 70, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Clergy and churchwardens of the parish, sat down to an excellent tea.

At the business meeting which followed, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) reported that as the Cowdon and Hadlow bands had dropped out of membership, there were now 18 towers in union, with 155 practising members, as against 173 last year. The desirability of introducing new recruits was urged. The list of honorary members had been increased, thanks to the efforts of Mr. G. Edwards (Penshurst) and Mr. A. Relfe (Lamberhurst). The report dealt with the bell-hanging operations carried out at Horsmonden. Messrs. F. White and S. H. Green had taken part in a successful ringing tour in Devon and Cornwall. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £21 3s. Mr. Latter congratulated Mr. T. Groombridge (Chislehurst) on his appointment as Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths. They at St. Peter's were proud to know that Mr. Groombridge began his ringing career in their belfry.

Mr. Groombridge, in replying, referred to his pleasure in meeting again the Rev. A. Howell Smith, and spoke with appreciation of his early days at St. Peter's.

Mr. G. Edwards (Penshurst) presented the report of the District Committee meeting held at Maidstone.

Mr. W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells) was re-elected district hon. secretary, having held the office for more than 30 years.

Messrs. Edwards and Markwell were chosen representatives on the District Committee, and Mr. F. White becomes an hon. member and ex-officio. New members from Penshurst, Sevenoaks, and Lamberhurst were enrolled.

Meetings for the year were fixed as follows: Spring, Horsmonden; summer, Hawkhurst; autumn, Speldhurst; annual, Sevenoaks.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, curate and churchwardens; to Rev. A. Howell Smith; and to Miss A. M. Allen and her helpers, after which the ringers again repaired to the church, where ringing was continued until about nine o'clock.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, February 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, J. Wilde's) in 49 mins.: R. Donnison 1, F. Atkinson 2, S. Honour (conductor) 3, L. Townley 4, E. Towers 5, F. Martindale 6, Ivor Heap 7, William Salmon 8. The conductor (of Hatfield, Herts) wishes to thank the local band for the opportunity afforded him of calling and ringing this quarter-peal.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEEDED BELL RESTORATIONS IN DEVIZES BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Alexander), and tea was provided in the Church Institute, to which 25 sat down, including the Vicar, the organist, Miss N. Williams and Mr. F. Rich (Bath), Mr. J. T. Dyke and Mr. R. Beck (Chilcompton), and Mr. E. Coward (Mere).

A short business meeting followed, the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Hegginsbotham) presiding. He apologised for the absence of the secretary (Mr. F. Green) on account of illness in his family.

Arising out of the minutes, the Chairman said he had seen one of the churchwardens of All Cannings, who told him that they were still collecting funds for the restoration of their bells, and had about £150 in hand.

The Rev. W. A. Butler, Vicar of Seend, was elected an honorary member, and two life ringing members and several new resident members were also elected.

A discussion followed respecting letters which had appeared in the 'Wiltshire Times' respecting the bells at South Wraxall, and it was decided that the chairman should get into touch with the Vicar and churchwardens on behalf of the Guild and see if something could be done towards the restoration of these bells, which with All Cannings are the only 'unringable' peals at present in the branch.

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and also to the organist.

The Vicar, in returning his thanks, said how pleased he was to have the meeting at Westbury, and said he hoped they were nearing the end of their trouble with regard to the noise of the bells, and hoped at Westbury they would not be judged too harshly by visiting ringers for not allowing the use of the bells for peals, as they hoped to get over the difficulty shortly.

Ringers were present from Westbury, Bratton, Bath, North Bradley, Bradford-on-Avon, Chilcompton, Devizes, Rowde, Mere, Melksham and Trowbridge. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major, also touches of Oxford and Cambridge Minor, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

DEVON GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH AT BRIXHAM.

The eighth annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Brixham, where, recently, over £200 has been spent on rehanging the bells. Members were present from Exeter, Exmouth, Swindon, Buckfastleigh, Christow, Cockington, Collaton, Torquay, Paignton and St. Petrox (Dartmouth). A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. S. J. Morris), and Rev. W. E. Jenner gave a very inspiring address, which was very much appreciated. A splendid tea was provided in the schools by Mr. Mutter, to which 40 sat down.

At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. F. J. Laxton presided.

The Hon. Secretary read the report, which was adopted. It was gratifying to note that good progress had been made at Brixham and Collaton in the art of change ringing, and both bands had gained the certificates of the Guild.

Mr. F. J. Laxton was unanimously re-elected chairman.

Mr. H. J. Hole (Paignton) was also re-elected hon. secretary, and in thanking the members for their confidence he also thanked those who had helped and visited the respective towns giving instruction. He said 56 visits had been made, and the result was very gratifying, and he congratulated both the Brixham and Collaton bands on the progress they had made.

The place and date of the next meeting were discussed, and ultimately Bovey Tracey was chosen.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Rev. W. E. Jenner, and Mr. Cook, organist, for the splendid service they had given them.

The Vicar said it was a great pleasure to welcome the ringers, and he thanked the members who had taken such a keen interest in their ringers, who, he said, twelve months ago were quite raw material, but with their help they had been moulded into proficiency sufficient to gain their certificates, and they were very grateful. The Chairman welcomed the visitors, including Mr. Shepherd (Exeter) and the young band of ringers from St. Petrox, Dartmouth, who, he hoped, would join the Guild and become change ringers.

Mr. Shepherd said he was delighted to see such a splendid attendance, and especially so many young men. His advice to them was first of all to become sound churchmen, and then as ringers they would become more interested in the work. If they wanted to make progress in change ringing, they must study the method at home and not expect the instructors to tell them everything in the belfry. Change ringing was good for the brain and muscle.

Rev. L. W. Browne thanked Mr. Shepherd for his advice, and he thought if the clergy attended their meetings more and visited the ringers more it would do a lot of good in encouraging the ringers to become more interested in the church.

This concluded the meeting, and a move was made to the belfry, and further ringing was enjoyed.

ANSTON COMPANY'S RECORD.

Through the long illness of one of the members who has been off work for 18 months, the records of the Anston band for 1926 did not come up to the previous years. Nevertheless, they rang 89 720's, 16 being in methods rung for the first time, as follows: Richborough, Potheringhay, Warleworth Surprise, Nelson Surprise, Melandra, Bucknall, Wilmslow, Castleton, Beeston, Pervil, Conisborough, Chepstow, Rothesme, Skipton, Knutsford, Belvoir. The other methods rung included: Cambridge, York, Norwich, Lord Roberts, Buller, Durham, Primrose, Westminster, Beverley, Carlisle, Chester, London, Canterbury, Wells, Hull, Annable's London, Bourne, Lancashire, Lightfoot, Concastra, Kitchener, Pontefract, Wath, Palm Sunday, Easter Delight, College Exercise, London Treble Bob, Burton, Burnaby, Killamsh, Wragby, Neasden, College Bob 4th, Willesden, Trinity, Old Oxford Modernised, St. Albans, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Tulip, Southwark, College Pleasure, Evening Star, Queen Victoria, York Minster, New London, Minfield, Royston, City Delight, Nelson, Primrose Old, Morning Star, Duke of Clarence, Chadkirk, Duke of Leeds, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Grove Delight, Elstow Abbey, Tanner's Pleasure and Woodbine. The 89 720's were rung in 86 methods.

The Anston company have now accomplished the task of ringing a 720 of every true Treble Bob method in the C.C. collection.

The ringers taking part in 1926 were: E. F. Stenton (53), G. Turner (86), F. Stenton (74), C. Fowler (89), W. Platts (53), H. Stenton (64), H. Turner (69), S. Smith (3). Visitors: H. Haigh (18), J. E. Cawser (1), W. Russon (1), J. Brothwell (3). The conductors were: H. Stenton (74), C. Fowler (9), G. Turner (5), H. Haigh (1).

BUSY YEAR AT HAMPSHIRE TOWER.

During the year 1926, 115 complete 720's were rung by the Wickham band, Hants. G. E. Chappell rang 115, conducted 49, H. J. Smith 112, Rev. E. H. Duke 83, H. W. Merrett 82, H. Beckett 78, conducted 65, W. Hemming 48, N. Welch 47, W. F. Churcher 56, G. E. Carpenter 45, Reg. Page 4. Of these 720's, 56 were rung for Sunday services. The following visitors also took part: W. Linter 3, W. Allen 3, and A. Willard 2 (Swanmore), Miss E. R. Parker 1 (Enfield), Mr. G. W. Fletcher 1 (Southgate), E. Whiteman 7, R. Linter 1 (Bishop's Waltham), J. Turner 1 (Hambledon), and C. Barton conducted 1 (Titchfield). The 720's consisted of Oxford Single 36, Bob Minor 30, College Single 26, Kent Treble Bob 18, Grandsire 3, Canterbury Pleasure 2. Four 720's were rung at Swanmore, three at Owslebury, and three at Hambledon.

THE FIRST PEAL AT APPLEBY MAGNA.

Saturday week was, to the local residents of Appleby Magna, Leicestershire, a 'red-letter' day, as, although this church has possessed a peal of six bells since 1774, no complete peal had been rung on them, although several attempts had been made. This was accomplished as the outcome of a special request by Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, whose ambition it is to ring peals at all possible churches in his native shire. It was only through the energies of the Burton District local hon. secretary, M.C.A., who made several preliminary visits, and hunted up a band for the task, that this peal was made possible, and although only 'G.D.' it was thought best not to be more ambitious and so spoil the chances of success.

In the belfry is an interesting set of 'Ringers' Rules' as follows:

'You gentlemen that ringers are,
Please read these rules and take great care,
No bell o'er turns, for, if you do,
Sixpence you pay before you go.
If you brawl, swear, ill words express,
Your forfeit then shall be no less:
Who offends by tongue or fingers,
Must forfeit pay to the ringers;
Then meet in love, and part in peace;
It will your comfort much increase.'

At the conclusion of the peal, an excellent tea was provided by the Rector, at which the churchwardens and local ringers were also present. The Rector gave the band his hearty congratulations on accomplishing the peal, which was the first on their bells, although others had attempted and failed. He gave the Burton Branch of the M.C.A. an invitation to come and hold a meeting there, and thus stimulate the interest of the local band.—Mr. Riley (churchwarden) seconded his remarks, and expressed his pleasure at hearing the peal, and congratulated the band on the good striking. Mr. E. Morris replied on behalf of the peal ringers, assuring those responsible for the good reception of their keen appreciation. He especially was proud to have got this peal, it being the 86th tower in Leicestershire where he had scored a 5,000; and, further, he hoped the local company would all join the M.C.A. when a meeting was held there, and so make a step to progress in the art.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

At Woodchurch, Cheshire, on Thursday, February 10th, 720 St. Clement's Minor was rung by: B. Hodgkiss 1, J. Johnson 2, H. Martin 3, G. Phillips (conductor) 4, T. Hodgkiss 5, H. Phillips 6, as a farewell touch to the treble and fifth ringers, who sailed for Australia on February 12th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

One hundred and fifty years ago to-morrow a peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester, and on the same day an exactly similar length of Bob Major was rung at Shrewsbury. Strange that in those far-off days there should have been such a coincidence.

February 26th, 1777, was indeed a memorable day, for, according to a contemporary record, there was also rung at Abingdon 'a peal of 5,040 Bob Royal on ten handbells by five persons, it being the first peal on handbells in ye kingdom, and is thought to exceed a course of Treble Bob Twelve in rung by ye College Youths in London.'

Henry Johnson was born on February 28th, 1809, and Edwin Horrex on February 28th, 1838.

At Painswick, on March 1st, 1734, 8,064 Grandsire Caters was rung, and on the first anniversary of that performance 10,080 in the same method, in 6 hrs. 27 mins.

The first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major having been rung on December 17th, 1888, by the Warnham, Sussex, band, on March 1st, in the following year, they scored a 13,440 in 7 hrs. 45 mins.

Will members of the Middlesex County Association and others please note that the address of Mr. C. T. Coles will be 21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4, after March 1st?

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Great Stanmore, Middlesex, on January 29th, should have been credited to 'the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.'

'SURPRISE METHODS.'

A NEW PUBLICATION IN THE 'JASPER SNOWDON' SERIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I call the attention of your readers to the new publication, now ready, entitled 'Surprise Methods,' 2s. 10d. post free, on receipt of remittance, from this address. This book, which includes the History of Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major by my late brother-in-law, Jasper W. Snowden, and a series of papers on the Surprise Methods by my late husband, Wm. Snowden, has been written by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A., F.R.A.S. The Exercise with, indeed, thank him for his great trouble in compiling the book, and here I would like to add a personal note of sincere gratitude that through him a long-felt desire has obtained fulfilment.—Yours, etc.,

LAURA SNOWDON.

Carlisle, Lancs.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting will be held in London on Whit Tuesday, June 7th next, of which particulars will appear later. Will secretaries of the affiliated Guilds and associations please note that their subscriptions became due on January 1st last; and please supply the names and addresses of all representatives.

Those who have already paid are: Peterborough (January 7th), Ely, Ladies, and Surrey.

E. A. YOUNG.

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AN ANCIENT BELL.

The Rev. W. Pearson, of Henley, Ipswich, writes under date February 18th: 'In Rev. W. Lukis' book on Church Bells, facing p. 120, is the drawing of a very similar, if not the identical bell, that you give a print of in to-day's "R.W.," said to be the first bell Manningford Abbots, Wilts.'

DEATH OF MR. BERNARD WITCHELL.

AN ABLE CONDUCTOR.

By the death, at the age of 64, of Mr. Bernard W. Witchell, Birmingham and district loses one of its most able ringers. Mr. Witchell passed away on Wednesday of last week from pneumonia, after only a very short illness, the disease supervening on a chill. A little while ago, Mr. Witchell underwent a serious operation in Birmingham General Hospital, and made a good recovery, but doubtless he had not fully recovered his strength and so fell a ready victim of the virulent disease.

Mr. Witchell had been a ringer for over 40 years, and he learned the art in Birmingham in a very exacting school. He was exceedingly competent as a conductor of Stedman, in which method, in Triples, Caters and Cinques, he had called many peals. He took part in the first peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells, out of London: he conducted the first short course peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung, and also called Thurstans' one-part peal of Triples on handbells the first time this was done out of London. Altogether he had rung about 300 peals. In his later years he was attached to the band at the R.C. Abbey Church at Erdington, and it was here that he was laid to rest on Saturday, when a number of ringers attended to pay a last tribute of respect.

Mr. Witchell leaves a widow, one son (who is abroad), and three daughters, to whom much sympathy is extended.

Mrs. Witchell and daughters wish to thank the members of the St. Martin's Guild, the Warwickshire Guild, and other friends for their kind sympathy in their sad bereavement, and for their floral tributes.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

ANOTHER BIG GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.
CONFERENCE OF VISITORS.

There was again a large and representative gathering of ringers from many parts of the country at Birmingham, on Saturday, for the proceedings in connection with the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. In the absence of the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. A. Paddon Smith), who is at present on business in India, the arrangements were made by Mr. Albert Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master of the Guild, who is to be congratulated upon the success which attended the function. Ringers were brought together from places as far apart as Newcastle and Plymouth, Shropshire and Essex, and the spirit, characteristic of these meetings—cordiality, good humour and happiness—was revealed in a marked degree. The bells of a number of churches were open for ringing during the day, the centre of gravity being, of course, St. Martin's. It was in the baptistry of the famous old Parish Church, after ringing had ceased, that an informal conference was held. It attracted a considerable number of ringers, the subject for discussion being, 'How can we keep beginners interested in the art?' Alderman J. S. Pritchett presided over the conference, and had two points to present. It was difficult in these days to get beginners for ringing, he said, and perhaps it was a more difficult task to keep them than to catch them. He urged, first of all, that they should give young ringers all the encouragement they possibly could. He had been a ringer for some 58 years, and he remembered many times in his young days going into a belfry when no one had spoken a word to him. He thought that would be impossible nowadays, but they ought always to be ready to give encouragement and advice to their young ringers. The clergy ought also to assist in encouraging them. When young fellows became ringers and frequented the belfry, the Vicar ought to take a kindly interest in them, and let them know that he hoped they would continue to render service to the Church in the capacity of ringers.

Mr. G. Braven, who has got a dozen boys of school-leaving age in his band at Bristol, also urged that the clergy and churchwardens should take as much interest in the belfry as in the chancel, and show the same respect for the ringers as they do for the choir. Some members of his own young band, having visited the well-kept belfry of St. Stephen's, felt that the belfry of St. Luke's was not fit for visitors. They therefore cleaned down the walls and distempred them one Saturday, and on Sunday morning before breakfast two of them scrubbed the belfry floor.

Mr. E. Alex Young said he was afraid some of the older ringers sometimes lost touch with the spirit of youth. They must show young ringers the utmost patience and give them praise whenever they could as well as finding fault when needed. Young men often came to them with more or less enthusiasm, and then drifted away, but although this had been recognised more and more in the last few years, the Exercise had always been up against that difficulty. In the old days they used to say they got only one ringer for every six taught, and he believed it was the same to-day. They would be better off if they recognised the difficulties and made up their minds to tackle them.

Mr. W. A. Cave said his way of encouraging young ringers would be by following the example of the great music societies and teaching them the theory of change ringing right from the start. A blackboard and chalk should be found in all belfries where there are learners, and the instructor should explain how changes are produced, and encourage his pupils to write out on paper, for his inspection at the next practice, as much of it as they had mastered. In this way the instructor would learn something of the possibilities of his pupils and perhaps save himself a lot of time and trouble in teaching those who showed no signs of grasping the theory.

VARIETY, PATIENCE AND TACT NEEDED.

Mr. J. P. Fidler advocated the introduction of more variety. Young ringers should be encouraged to go from one method to another and not stagnate in one groove. Unfortunately, in many cases the ringer in charge of the tower would not bother to do this, especially if he himself had had a trouble to learn. Youngsters to-day wanted change and variety; give them something fresh to work on, and their interest would be maintained. There were many good books of instruction on the market, but very few seemed to buy them; yet these books provided them with the surest steps to progress.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said the position was a very complex one. First of all he thought they must try to create a kind of public opinion in church life in order to alter the outlook of church people on the status of the ringer. Despite all that had been done, church people did not look upon the ringer as he should be looked upon. The ringing press was read by a strictly limited circle, and he thought they ought 'o try to bring in church papers like 'The Guardian' and 'The Church Family Newspaper' to help them, and to create an atmosphere from which the people in church life would realise that ringing was a desirable thing to take up. With regard to the teaching of theory, suggested by Mr. Cave, he thought it was open to question whether one ringer in twenty was able to give that instruction. He thought their best course was to stir up interest among a wider circle than they at present commanded. They wanted a continuity of policy, and they must never be weary of well doing. Their propaganda should be kept up from year to year in order to get an atmosphere in church life favourable to the young ringer.

Mr. J. E. Groves thought the solution of the difficulty lay entirely with the man in charge. In many places they would find the best ringer put in charge of the tower, but it did not follow that he was capable of teaching young ringers. What was required to retain young ringers was patience and tact as well as ability to help them.

Mr. James George emphasised the remarks of Mr. Groves. There were a great many ringers who were not even taught to handle a rope properly, let alone change ringing. They must have competent people in charge if they wanted to get good results.

Mr. C. H. Jennings thought they might do more by trying to interest the students of theological colleges in ringing. Then, when they went out to the churches, they would look upon it as part of their duty to encourage the lads in the parish to learn to ring.

In winding up the conference, the Chairman said the interchange of ideas on a subject such as that was useful and interesting, and he hoped would be very helpful.

THE DINNER.

The dinner was served at the Imperial Hotel, and the company, including a number of ladies, numbered 171. Canon T. Guy Rogers, Rector of Birmingham, presided, and was supported by Mrs. Rogers, Alderman J. S. and Mrs. Pritchett, Rev. C. D. R. Wormald, Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Rev. F. J. Cheverton (Rowley Regis), Messrs. T. Kendall (churchwarden of St. Martin's), W. E. Moore, J. W. Tilley, R. J. Heaton, F. Yates, E. A. Young (hon. secretary, Central Council), C. E. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Mrs. A. Paddon Smith, Mr. Donald Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, Mr. Harry Mason. Other representative ringers present were: Messrs. J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), E. W. Marsh (Devon Guild), W. H. Barber (Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cave, Mr. W. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. May, Mr. C. H. Jennings, and a party of over 20 from Bristol, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smallwood and Mr. A. Ward (Derby), Mr. J. Waghorn (West Ham), Mr. H. Langdon (College Youths, London), Mr. and Mrs. A. Coppock (Nottingham), Mr. W. Walmsley (Macclesfield), Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), Mr. T. R. Dennis (Cambridge), Mr. W. Saunders (Coalbrookdale), Mr. T. King (Bath), Mr. W. Burgar, Mr. S. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), Mr. Jos. Johnson (son of the famous old Birmingham ringer) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Tom Russam, and ringers from a large number of towers within a wide radius of Birmingham. After the dinner, the toast of 'The King' was honoured, and a quarter of an hour was spent in which many old friends were able to exchange greetings.

Mr. R. J. Heaton then proposed 'The Church,' to which the Chairman replied in a speech in which he made reference to the revision of the Prayer Book.

Mr. W. Walmsley, as one who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh, was entrusted with the toast of 'The memory of Henry Johnson,' and in a lengthy speech detailed the career and spoke of the characteristics of this great ringer. He presented to St. Martin's Guild two autograph letters of Henry Johnson, which he had been asked to convey to them.

Alderman Pritchett, who, as usual, submitted 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild,' and reviewed the year's work, prefaced his remarks by a touching reference to the late Mr. John Carter and a tribute to the late Mr. Bernard Witchell.—The response to the toast was made by Mr. Albert Walker, who took the opportunity of pointing out to the Rector and churchwardens that the time had arrived when St. Martin's bells would have to be 'soled and heeled.'

The other toasts were 'The Visitors,' proposed by Mr. J. E. Smallwood, and replied to by the Rector of Edgbaston and Mr. P. J. Johnson; 'The Ringing World,' submitted by Mr. W. A. Cave and responded to by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; and 'The Chairman,' felicitously proposed by Alderman Pritchett and acknowledged by Canon Guy Rogers. A report of the speeches will appear next week.

The musical programme was exceedingly enjoyable. St. Martin's Quartette again very kindly gave their services and provided the whole of the vocal items. Their singing was delightful, and every one of their contributions received cordial acknowledgment. They sang 'Music all Powerful,' 'Linden Lea,' 'Two Snails,' and 'The long day closes.' Splendidly played selections on handbells were given by the St. Thomas' handbell party from Bristol, and a course of Sibelius Cinques was rung by F. Perrins (Coventry), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), W. H. Barber (Newcastle), J. F. Smallwood (Derby), H. Langdon (London), W. A. Cave (Bristol). Undoubtedly, however, the greatest attraction in the musical programme was the handbell solos of Mrs. A. A. Hughes. The keenest interest was taken in her performance by the large company, who appreciated to the full not only her skilful handling of the two and a half octaves of bells but the artistic rendering of the various pieces. First she played 'Solveig's Song' (Grieg) and 'Beautiful Garden of Roses' (Schmid), and as an encore played Elgar's rousing song, 'Land of Hope and Glory,' and the whole company taking up the refrain. It was, as one speaker subsequently remarked, a never-to-be-forgotten performance.

Many of the visitors stayed over Sunday, when they enjoyed ringing at St. Martin's and other churches, and a party of them had the unexpected pleasure of being shown the wonders of the Birmingham Central Fire Station.

THE LATE MR. JOHN CARTER. REMINISCENCES OF AN OLD FRIEND.

It was with deep regret that I learned of the death of my old friend John Carter, and, after reading the short history of his ringing career, the writer thought a few words about his earlier ringing activities in Birmingham, by one who was intimately acquainted with him at the time, would not be out of place.

It was about 1874 the writer first met Jack, as we called him. He used to come occasionally on Saturday nights to Bishop Ryder's Church, a well-known meeting-place at that time. One would meet there all the noted ringers of that day. After tower bell practice, they would adjourn to a place nearly opposite, kept by a ringer's mother named Smith, where a room was at their disposal, which the writer has seen filled. Among them were some of the ringing giants of the day. The handbells were soon in use, and Jack got some good practice. In fact, not long after, I saw him and J. Bannister ringing courses of Triples 'four in hand.' From about this time onward he also used to attend St. Martin's on Tuesday nights for practice on twelve. In those days the bells began to go anything but well, especially the 11th, so they paid the expenses of a well-known Black Country ringer, W. Hallsworth, to come and tackle it. But as time went on, the writer and Jack with one or two more got further interested in handbell ringing, and we sometimes used to go over to West Bromwich to attempt a peal at a certain place where they sold the refreshments by the pound. As time went on, we used to try first at one place and then another, but without luck. Eventually, however, Jack Carter came to live in Birmingham, so we were together often. Previous to his coming, I remember meeting him one day in Birmingham. He greeted me with, 'Hello, Tum'—he always called me 'Tum.'

'Hello, Jack; what are you doing here?'

'Just after a job,' he replied. 'Can you direct me to Webley's gun factory?'

'Certainly,' said I; and I believe that that day he was successful in his application and remained with the firm of Webley and Scott until he retired. Jack then came to live in Birmingham, and I remember what a typical ringer's wife his first wife was. Always a welcome for ringers. We settled down to hard practice then, and I remember at one house Jack lived in in Hockley district he used to put a light in the window to guide us across some waste land. Eventually luck came our way, and our perseverance was rewarded. We scored our first peal at Jack's house in Heaton Street, Hockley, in the early part of 1882, and then we went all one way, ringing peal after peal.

We had formed a new society in Birmingham previous to this (Birmingham Amalgamated Society), there being no opportunity of young and enthusiastic ringers getting a chance at St. Martin's. The majority there were old and stubborn, and thought they were going to live for ever and did not want any young blood. But time proved otherwise.

About this time, too, some of us, including John Carter, thought we would have one big district association: the first round here. So we formed a deputation, including Jack, and approached the St. Martin's to father the project, but they would have nothing to do with it or us. Despite this rebuff, however, we launched it, and much to the surprise of all it numbered more than 150 members. Alas! both those societies are gone. In those days, there was a little friendly rivalry between Carter and Johnson in the composition line, but Johnson was always helpful to the younger man. One night we rang a peal at Jack's house, Grand sire Caters with certain qualities. The next Tuesday night, at St. Martin's, Jack showed the peal to Johnson. 'Yes, John,' said the old man, 'very good, but if you were to do so and so it would be true.'

Soon after came the crisis with one or two of us and Jack. We were all in the Holt Society, Aston, and when that society and St. Martin's became united it meant the partial break-up of Jack's handbell band, for St. Martin's were after the first peal of Stedman Cinques, and having again become members of St. Martin's by this merging we were bound to be loyal. I was sorry, for this was Jack's great ambition, but still he had a good following of ringers, but the handbell side was practically done. We were always good friends even after we left him, and had some happy times, and he never said anything about us going. You see, we were sort of helpless.

With regard to the ringing machine, I think I can claim to be one of the first to know what he contemplated doing. I lived by Jack 45 years ago, and I have lived by him until his removal to London. I carried a portion of the first attempt in one of my pockets for years, but it went somehow.

I think I will conclude this little account of Jack's early ringing life with an anecdote of him and his machine. When he lived near me, sometimes on a Sunday afternoon when I was resting there would come a ring at the bell. My wife would answer it, and there was Jack. 'Is Tum in?' he would ask. 'Yes, but he is asleep,' was the reply. 'Well, wake him up, and tell him I have got it set now,' for, perhaps, three leads of Treble Twelve or something. So up I had to get and go and listen, which of course meant no more sleep. That, I suppose, was an experience that was my own. But never mind. He was a decent soul, was Jack, and he will be greatly missed by his old friend the writer.

THOMAS RUSSAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday week. The day's proceedings were commenced by the audit, which was held in the Church House at 11 a.m., by Messrs. C. Harrison and R. Harrison, jun., who kindly officiated in place of the duly appointed auditors, Messrs. A. Craven and R. Harrison, sen., who were both prevented by illness from carrying out their duties. A meeting of the general committee was held in the Church House in the afternoon. Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. A. Walker, F. Cryer, H. N. Imeson, E. Barker, J. E. Blakiston and J. W. Addison.

It was decided that the president should give notice of motion, on behalf of the general committee, at the business meeting for an addition to Rule 2, and alteration of No. 1 of the 'Regulations for the Regulations of District Management.'

It was also decided to advise the business meeting to hold a joint meeting with the Lancashire Association if possible during the summer months.

Divine service was held in the Cathedral at 5 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. F. B. Shepherd, Vicar of Neepsend, who kindly took the place of the Archdeacon of Sheffield, who had been summoned to London.

Tea was served in the neighbouring Church House, and was followed by the business meeting. The president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupied the chair, and was supported by the principal officers of the association.

The Chairman, in introducing the report of the general committee, called attention to the great loss which the association had sustained during the past year by the deaths of three old and valued members, in the persons of Messrs. G. B. Bolland, of Tong, W. Lomas, of Sheffield, and W. Pearson, of Pontefract. Attention was also called to the fact that the last surviving link with the Snowdon family and the association had been broken by the recent passing away of Mr. Edward Snowdon. During the year, 58 new members had been elected, and 16 had died.

The balance sheet, which was carried on the motion of Mr. C. Harrison, seconded by Mr. R. Harrison, jun., showed a net gain for the year of £10 5s. 1d., and the total worth of the association was shown to be £262 1s. 4d.

The Chairman drew the attention of the meeting to the deaths of two old and valued members, Mr. John Carter, formerly of Birmingham, and Mr. S. Seed, of Sheffield, the members rising in their seats as a last tribute of respect.

The retiring president (Rev. C. C. Marshall) was re-elected without opposition, and he thanked the meeting for their renewed expression of confidence.

The President then gave notice of motion on behalf of the general committee of the following addition to Rule 2: 'If the ringers of a tower outside the county of York desire admission into the association as ordinary members, they shall give notice of such desire at a general meeting of the association, and the matter shall be decided by the vote of the members at the next general meeting. If it be decided to admit such members, they shall become ordinary annual subscribing members of the association, and shall be eligible for all offices, and possess full privileges of membership. Meetings of the association may also be held at such towers, which shall be called affiliated towers.' The President also gave notice of motion of the following alteration to Regulation 1 for the management of districts. After the words 'particular districts,' insert 'or shall be attached to towers affiliated to that district.'

The cordial thanks of the meeting were passed to the respective clergy, for their kindness in granting the use of the noble peal of twelve at the Cathedral, and the fine ring of eight at the neighbouring church of St. Marie, and also to the local company and ladies for arranging and waiting at the tea tables.

In a most interesting reply, Mr. S. F. Palmer called attention to the fact that the fine collection of ringing literature and manuscripts in the Cathedral tower were at the service of any who cared to peruse them, and that the Cathedral company would be only too pleased to do what they could to accommodate anyone living at a distance to have facilities for access to the collection.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the association at Huddersfield on Easter Monday, and also, if possible, to arrange a joint meeting at Halifax in the summer months with the Lancashire Association.

In announcing to the meeting the resignation of the vice-presidency by Mr. F. Willey, owing to failing health, the Chairman thanked Mr. Willey for his many services to the association, and expressed the hope that the days to come would bring renewed health and vigour to an old and honoured friend.

So concluded a most interesting and pleasant meeting, business being tempered by the patient efforts of the Sheffield band to steer visitors through the mysteries of ten and twelve bell ringing until train time called a halt.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, January 30th, for morning service, 720 Tanner's Pleasure in 28 mins.: S. Helliwell 1, F. Blacketh (first 720 inside) 2, J. Guy 3, F. Jackson (first 720) 4, E. Redshaw 5, J. S. Eastwood (conductor) 6.—Also 240 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor.

COLCHESTER GAINS A PEAL OF SIX.**NEW TREBLE AT ST. LEONARD-AT-THE-HYTHE.**

The new treble bell at St. Leonard's, Colchester, was dedicated at evensong on Thursday, February 17th, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester in the presence of a large congregation, including ringers from the neighbouring parishes, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, and other officers being present. His Lordship, in his address, spoke very highly of the work of the ringers in the diocese, expressing a wish that other branches of church workers would show the same devotion and enthusiasm in their work as did the ringers.

St. Leonard's formerly had a ring of six. The tenor, 18 cwt. was sold in 1820 when the tower was rebuilt. In the summer of last year a new frame for eight was erected, and the fifth of the old ring of six recast and the remaining four bells retuned into a ring of five. It is hoped the two additional trebles to complete the octave will soon be provided. This ring of six is a welcome addition to Colchester, for with its twenty churches, many of them very ancient, save for St. Peter's eight, St. Nicholas' six not hung for ringing, and All Saints' tower, recently certified not safe for ringing, there is no other church with more than two bells.

Immediately after service 720 Bob Minor was rung by: A. Bowell 1, H. T. Pye 2, W. Button 3, E. J. Butler 4, F. Bowell 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6, followed by 360 Cambridge Surprise: A. Fuller 1, G. Rashbrook 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. Chalk 4, W. Honeywood 5, W. Duffield 6.

After tea, kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. H. F. V. Carter, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by F. Bowell. A young band, under the instruction of Mr. W. Button, is making good progress. The whole of the work has been carried out successfully by Messrs. Bowell and Son, and the 'go' of the bells is excellent.

It is 112 years since six bells were rung at this church, which is a fine specimen of 14th century work.

NORTHAMPTON'S OLDEST RINGER DEAD.

On Friday, February 11th, the death took place of Mr. J. Freeman, of 14, Great Russell Street, Northampton. Mr. Freeman, who was 82 years of age, learnt to ring at Irthlingborough when a lad, and had been a ringer at St. Giles', Northampton, for a great number of years. He had only rung a few peals, one on the treble, the others with the tenor behind. He was ringing regularly up to about 18 months ago, when he met with an accident. He was knocked down by a motor-car, and he never thoroughly recovered from the effects.

He was borne to rest by some of his fellow ringers: Messrs. F. Wilford, W. Farey, W. Rogers and G. Flavell.

Numerous floral tributes were sent, including one from the Vicar, churchwardens, and his fellow ringers, and as a last tribute of respect a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung half-muffled on Tuesday evening by the following: W. Rogers (conductor) 1, F. Wilford 2, H. L. Key 3, J. Metherall 4, H. Blundell 5, W. Farey 6, F. Hopper 7, J. Dove (first quarter-peal) 8, G. Flavell 9, E. James 10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**LECTURE AT PRESTON BRANCH MEETING.**

A most successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Chorley, on Saturday, February 12th, no less than fifty ringers being present from fourteen branch towers, and visitors from the Bolton and Wigan branches.

The bells, which have recently been retuned and rebung with all the latest fittings and improvements, were kept going in various methods from rounds to Cambridge Surprise, from three o'clock to nine, with an interval for tea and the meeting. All who were present were of one opinion, that the work had been well done, and that the tone and 'go' of the bells were all that could be desired. The tenor is 18 cwt. in E.

Tea was served in St. Mary's Hall by members of the Women's Guild, after which Mr. E. R. Martin moved a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for so kindly catering, and for waiting on the party at tea. This was, of course, carried.

The business meeting followed, Mr. E. R. Martin presiding. He said he would like to ask those who had not sent word for tea if they would do so in the future, as it would help to make the catering arrangements more successful.

One new member was elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Crank for the use of the bells and to local men for having all in readiness.

It was also observed that this was the first meeting to be held at this church by the association, and that it would be a pleasure to come again.

Mr. Martin then continued his lecture, which was not completed at the last meeting at Penwortham, on the 'In and out of course' of changes. After going briefly over the ground covered at the last meeting, he went on to give examples of course ends by which a conductor could tell whether a touch or a peal was right or not, and also showing that there were an equal number of in-course and out-of-course changes in any extent in any number of bells.

A vote of thanks to the lecturer closed the meeting, after which further ringing took place, all who had been present during the day having had a pull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**INSURANCE OF RINGERS.**

A very successful meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Barking on Saturday, February 19th. The bells were available from 3 p.m., and full use was made of them till 4.30 p.m., when those present attended the association service conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. L. S. Hunter, who also gave an inspiring address. Tea and business meeting followed, at which one new honorary, two ringing, and two non-resident life members were elected, and Chigwell selected for the place for next meeting.

A discussion ensued on the question of 'Insurance of Ringers,' and it was ultimately resolved that the matter be referred to the general committee at the annual meeting at Chelmsford on Whit Monday for discussion.

Hearty votes of thanks were extended to the Vicar for the use of tower and bells and conducting the service, the organist for accompanying the hymns, etc., Mr. G. Faulkner for arranging the meeting, and the Barking band for defraying the extra cost of the tea, also Mr. C. Penn, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

During the afternoon and evening, over 50 members and friends attended from Barking, Romford, Hornchurch, Brentwood, Bentley, Wanstead, Woodford, Loughton, West Tilbury, Orsett, Southgate, Edmonton, Greenwich, and London, and touches in all standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise were rung, the bells being kept going to 9.30 p.m.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**BRIDGNORTH BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, February 12th, when the bells at both churches were utilised. A short service was held at St. Leonard's, conducted by the Rev. Clark Maxwell, Rector, and assisted by the Rev. J. S. Jobling, of St. Mary's. Tea was partaken of at the Castle Restaurant, and 40 members sat down, among those present being the Rev. Clark Maxwell, Rev. J. S. Jobling, Rev. J. M. Wale, Rev. C. E. Curwin, Rev. J. S. Roper, of Quatt, Rev. Jackson, of Broseley, Rev. A. E. Barrow, of Norfield, Mr. S. E. D. Turner, churchwarden, of St. Mary's.

The Rev. Clark Maxwell occupied the chair at the business meeting, and welcomed the new honorary and ringing members from Quatt and Worfield.

A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Rev. W. J. Warner, of Broseley, Mr. C. H. Deighton, late churchwarden of St. Leonard's, and Mr. W. J. Meyrick, late churchwarden of St. Mary's, all of whom were honorary members and keenly interested in ringing and ringers generally.

The Secretary presented the report and balance sheet, which were very satisfactory.

Mr. John Overton was re-elected Ringing Master, Mr. Harry Baker was elected hon. secretary in the place of Mr. Walter Hayward (resigned), Mr. G. Case was re-elected hon. auditor, Mr. S. E. D. Turner and Rev. Jackson, of Broseley, were elected hon. members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring secretary for his past services.

Mr. W. Saunders referred to the loss which the Exercise had sustained by the death of Mr. John Carter, of London, who was greatly interested in Bridgnorth and its ringers, having rung a peal at St. Leonard's and presented the belfry with a marble tablet recording the performance.

Quarterly meetings were arranged to take place at Quatt, Worfield, and Broseley, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

Ringings followed at both churches till about nine o'clock, all agreeing that the meeting had been a great success.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT.**

An afternoon and evening well spent with the five bells at Sutton Bonington marked the meeting of the Loughborough District. The bells, with a tenor being of about 20 cwt., were made good use of in various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles. An excellent tea was partaken of in the Temperance Hall, where about twelve members sat down. Smokes and chocolates were handed round afterwards by the generosity of Mr. Oliver Thompson, churchwarden, who was made an honorary member of the association.

The chair was taken by the Rev. Frost, who is blind, and who is taking charge of the parish in the absence of the Rev. F. W. Soames, who has been ill.

Three new ringing members were elected, viz., Percy J. Sutton and Arthur E. Cook, of Kegworth, and George R. Horspool, of Quorn.

This is believed to be the first time the M.C.A. has paid a visit to Sutton Bonington, and the secretary urged each one strongly to support 'The Ringing World,' whereby they might keep in touch with ringing in general.

The next meeting has been fixed for Quorn on March 19th.

The Vicar extended a welcome to the ringers, and hoped it would be one of very many occasions. The bells are an interesting ring. The treble was cast in 1849 by Taylor of Loughborough, 2nd in 1899 by Henry Oldfield of Nottingham, 3rd in 1602 and 4th in 1579 by the same founder, and 5th in 1849 by Taylor of Loughborough.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 20th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal (1,248 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, P. Spice 3, I. Emery 4, J. Bennett 5, W. J. Nudds 6, R. Sanders 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Bob Major in 45 mins.: H. Harris 1, J. E. Moreton 2, Miss M. V. Godderidge 3, J. Draycott 4, Miss D. E. Lewis 5, H. Wright 6, C. E. Rayson 7, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect for Canon R. Chadwick, M.A., a former Vicar of this parish for 26 years, who was interred the previous day. It was during Canon Chadwick's ministry that the present peal was augmented from three to eight in 1907.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, February 20th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Spencer 1, W. C. Rynn (conductor) 2, E. Bailey 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, J. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton 6. This is a one-part 720, with twelve hobs.—For evening service, 720 Double Court: E. Chatten 1, J. L. Naunton 2, W. C. Bunn 3, E. Bailey 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor with tenor covering: R. R. Lewis 1, W. Tandy 2, T. Impey 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, R. W. Burrows 5, H. Impey 6, R. Higham tenor. First 720 by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 6.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes) in 40 mins.: J. E. Scott 1, J. Gray 2, E. Gosden 3, G. Dix 4, J. Robertson 5, E. Hern (conductor) 6, J. George 7, A. Skeoch 8. Longest length by ringers of 2 and 5.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, February 20th, for evening service, 1,344 Bob Major in 50 mins.: *D. Ovington 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, *Miss Phoebe Upsher 3, J. E. Miller 4, J. E. Nash 5, J. Armstrong 6, N. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, W. Pickworth 8. *First quarter-peal of Bob Major.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, February 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: J. Overton 1, H. Baker 2, W. Hayward 3, G. Oliver (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, B. Head 5, W. Overton (conductor) 6, H. Overton 7, E. Foxall 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Overton, who was 75 on the 15th inst.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, February 20th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Caters in 45 mins.: C. H. Kippin 1, L. Bance 2, F. Jennings 3, J. Trappitt 4, G. Jennings 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, C. W. Roberts 7, F. E. Darby 8, D. Cooper (conductor) 9, J. Avery 10.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, by members of the local Guild, on Sunday, February 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: W. W. Stevens 1, F. J. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, I. J. Attwater (conductor) 4, J. Martin 5, S. Penfold 6, F. Smith 7, H. Hills 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

LUTTERWORTH.—On Sunday, February 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Taylor's six part, in 44 mins.: J. Timson 1, P. J. Rourke 2, A. E. Barlow 3, A. J. Ross 4, F. G. Herbert 5, E. W. Tipler (conductor) 6, W. Williams 7, F. Perry 8. First quarter-peal for treble and tenor ringers. Rung to mark the occasion of Mr. Ross being elected a church officer.

BERMINGHAM.—On Sunday, January 30th, for evening service at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: G. E. Large 1, J. Neale 2, J. George 3, A. Walker (conductor) 4, M. J. Morris 5, F. Price 6, T. H. Reeves 7, W. T. Froggatt 8.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the year was held at West Retford on Saturday week. Notwithstanding the raw cold and wet weather, there was a splendid attendance of ringers from Anston, Blyth, Workson, Wheatley, Gainsborough, Sutton-on-Trent, East Markham, Ordsall, Mansfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, and Mr. J. L. Blagg, organist of West Retford, who had made every arrangement for the convenience and comfort of the visitors.

The Rev. G. E. Summers (Rector of West Retford) kindly placed the bells at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., and after tea, which was held at Cooke's Cafe, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, very generously opened the Ordsall tower to give every ringer a chance and lessen the waiting period. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: At West Retford, Bob Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; at Ordsall, Kingston, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise.

At the business meeting which was held in the belfry at West Retford, presided over by Mr. Fred Hargreaves, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, with Mr. Revell, of Ordsall, acting as secretary, the following new members were duly elected: Mr. R. Hall, of Sutton-on-Trent, and Mr. B. Stockdale, of East Markham.

The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks in March, the hon. secretary to arrange the date.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. G. E. Summers for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hargreaves for presiding over the meeting.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, February 12th, about 30 members attending from Aberavon, Baglan, Neath, Cadoxton, Morriston, Gorseinon, Sketty, Llanstephan, with the local band. The bells (eight) were set going soon after 3 p.m., the members later attending service, the Guild's form being conducted by the Rev. Barton, curate of St. Mary's, who afterwards took the ringers to Thomas' Cafe in High Street, where a splendid tea had been provided by the Rev. Canon C. W. Wilson, Vicar of St. Mary's.

The business meeting was held, the Rev. Canon Griffith Thomas, of Morriston, an hon. member of the Guild, presiding.

In view of the annual meeting being held at Llanstephan on July 16th, it was decided to miss the June quarterly meeting, and Cadoxton was the place fixed upon for the next quarterly meeting to be held the first Saturday in September.

Four new ringing members and three honorary members were elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. Canon Wilson for the use of the bells, also for the tea, to the Rev. Barton for conducting the service and for his presence at tea, to the organist, and to the Rev. Canon Griffiths Thomas for presiding.

The tower was again visited, and ringing until 8.30 p.m. brought to a close a very pleasant meeting.

MR. HENRY HUTTON'S 100 PEALS.

The following is the list of 100 peals rung by Mr. Henry Hutton, of Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, completed by a peal of Guildford Surprise Major last week: Grandsire Triples 12, Stedman Triples 23, Stedman Caters 5, Bob Minor 1, Treble Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 10, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 12, Superlative Surprise Major 11, Cambridge Surprise Major 6, Bristol Surprise Major 3, Norfolk Surprise Major 1, London Surprise Major 10, Guildford Surprise Major 3; total 100.

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NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available after 12.30 p.m. Tea at Barker's Restaurant at 4.30. Evening song at 6.30.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the Vicarage 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available: St. Nicholas' (6) 2.30 to 4.15, All Saints' (8) 2.30 to 4.15, Cathedral (10) 6.30 to 8.30. Service, All Saints', 4.30 p.m. Tea, Booth Hall, 5.15 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells ready at 3.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, near Bury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.45, followed by tea at the Swan Hotel. Business meeting to be held afterwards. All ringers invited.—A. C. Kay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea (kindly provided by the Rector). Business meeting afterwards.—J. A. Hales, Hon. Sec., 20, Aspland Grove, Hackney, E.8.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild's service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for the year are now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Broadclyst on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Sowton, Honiton Clyst, Pinhoe and Poltimore towers also open. Tea 1s.—Further particulars from T. J. Stokes, 35, Okehampton Road, Exeter.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Next quarterly meeting at Freshwater on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., provided by the Rector in the Parish Hall. Business meeting after tea.—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 2, Collingwood, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ockbrook on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. All ringers will be welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Barwell on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3.45. Tea, provided at 4.30 prompt. Business meeting after tea. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Pre-Lent Meeting will be held at Lanchester, Co. Durham, on Saturday, February 26th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m., at the King's Head Hotel. Tea 2/- to members and 2/6 to non-members.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, February 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Subscriptions for 1927 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley Abbey on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Alexandra Café, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Marlow on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (8) available at 6.30 p.m. Belfry foremen should note that subscriptions for 1927 are now due.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, Feb. 26th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.15. Tea after the service.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree, Essex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stalbridge (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. E. S. Merriman. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Towers available: Stalbridge (6), Lydlinch (5), Bishop's Caundle (5).—Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 26th. The bells will be available at 2.45. A good attendance is requested.—Arthur E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Feb. 26th. A good meeting is desired, and all towers in the district are requested to send at least one representative.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.45. Tea in St. Mary's Hall. A cordial welcome to all ringers and friends. Please notify me if you are coming.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held at Timberscombe (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the School Room at 5. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—G. Preston, 3, Waterden Place, Christchurch.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Canterbury District will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Cathedral service 3 p.m. Tea at Gaywood's Restaurant, High Street, 4 p.m. Business after tea. The bells of the Cathedral and St. Alphage will be open for ringing. Subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Bassingham (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcom, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on March 1st and 29th, St. Magnus' on the 3rd, 17th and 31st, *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 8th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Canon Phelps, Vicar of Dudley. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All those intending being present must send their names to me not later than March 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at Nottingham. The bells of St. Mary's (10) will be available from 3 p.m., and the meeting will be held in the belfry at 6 p.m. Tea can be obtained nearby at reasonable prices. It is urgently requested that all who possibly can will attend for the election of local officers for the ensuing year.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Helen's, Worcester, on Saturday, March 5th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards in Parish Room.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—Owing to recent fire at Alrewas and the necessity for the removal of the bells, the next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service, followed by tea at the Meeting Room, 5 o'clock. Will those who require tea (1s. each) let me know early next week?—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at West Lavington on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, March 5th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6. All intending being present for tea please let me know not later than Thursday, March 3rd.—James W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 100th anniversary of Appleton bells will take place on Saturday, March 5th. Tower open from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. Dinner at 4.30 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Warkton (5) on Saturday, March 5th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, March 1st?—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swanbourne on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those attending notify me in good time?—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Annual meeting at Ranmoor on Saturday, March 5th. Committee meeting at 4.30. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, at which the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place. Tea, at 1s. per head, to those who advise Mr. Chas. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by March 3rd.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland on Saturday, March 5th. Six bells. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5.15 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, March 5th. Tea 5.30. Will all who intend to be present please send word to Mr. Sherratt, 68, Church Street, Fenton, not later than Wednesday, March 2nd?—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please let me know for tea by Tuesday, March 1st. A good attendance is requested.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

A SPECIAL MEETING will be held at Watford on Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by March 2nd?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guildenborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 14th and the 28th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 22nd, at 8. Committee meeting Monday, the 21st, at 7.30, at St. Clement's.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 19, Pepys Road, S.E.14.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The half-yearly business meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10th, at the Church of St. Martin and All Saints. Bells of St. Ebbe's Church available from 6 p.m. Service at All Saints' Church at 8 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. Collett, 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, March 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All are welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to those who notify Mr. A. E. Woodhouse, 104, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, not later than Tuesday, March 8th. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15. Tea at 5.45, at usual charge of 1s.; all who require same must please advise me not later than March 9th. Buses or trams to Median Road, Clapton. Trains to Homerton (L.M.S.). Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, March 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. The bells of St. Mark's, Bath, will be available in the evening from 7 o'clock. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 9th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) at 3. Short Service 4.30. Tea at small charge, in Parish Hall, at 5. All ringers welcome. Please notify me by March 8th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

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