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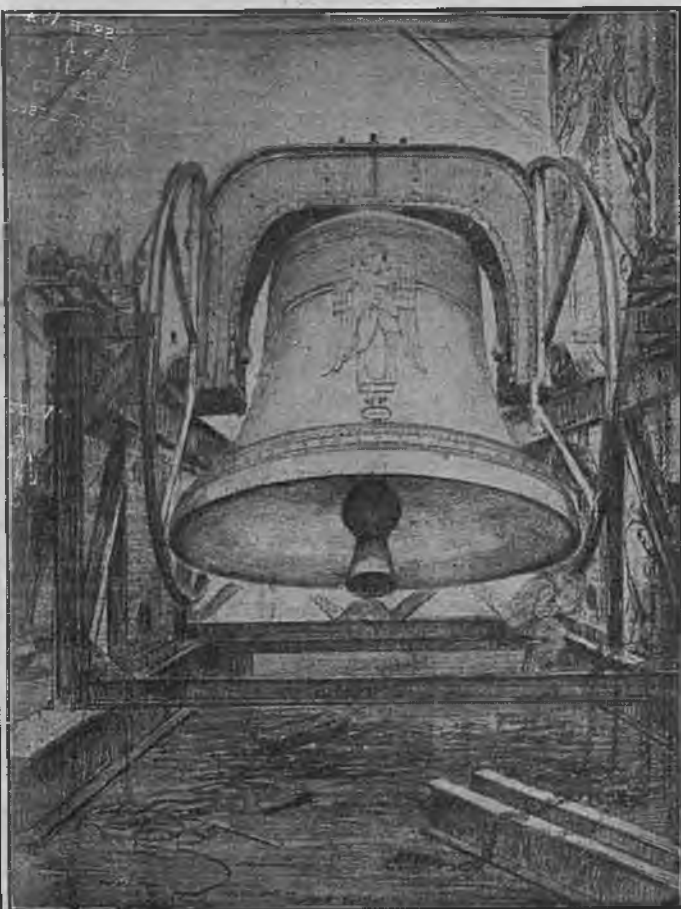
What is the best way to teach the art of change ringing to beginners, so that the study may be made interesting and the instructor get the best results? That is a question which must often have occurred to many ringers, and where answers have been found they must have been of vastly differing nature. The tuition of young ringers differs enormously in type, from the variety which consists of a vague verbal explanation, supplemented perhaps by imaginary figures drawn on the palm of one hand by the forefinger of the other, to a carefully detailed exposition by means of text books, figures and diagrams, both of which—and all the degrees in between—lead directly, as a rule, to putting a beginner at the end of a rope and endeavouring to show him the way through what is, to him, a maze. Unless the teacher is gifted and the pupil receptive, it is a slow and cumbersome arrangement, generally speaking, and all too frequently the learner gets tired and 'gives it up.' A great deal, of course, depends upon the intelligence of the pupil; but a great deal more depends upon the ability of the instructor. A man who is a good ringer is not necessarily a good teacher; even if he possesses the important qualities of patience and tact, he has not always got the gift to impart knowledge. If the best use is to be made of the material which comes into the belfry—and in these days it is difficult enough to obtain—more instructors who can really teach are needed. The text books that we have for beginners are, for the most part, excellent in their way. They are much more effectual in their purpose, however, when supplemented by intelligent explanation, but this is not always available. The rough and ready methods of teaching which are all that many ringers can hope to give to pupils and which, let it be said, have formed the groundwork upon which many exponents of the art have built up great skill and ability, are not, however, the limits with which the Exercise ought to be content to-day. In this respect we have lagged much behind many other pursuits. There might very well be a text book prepared for the use of teachers, giving hints upon the best way of training beginners and elaborating some of the essential details which should be passed on by way of explanation to pupils; courses of instruction organised, and ultimately, if the system were efficiently worked out, it might be possible to have examinations, so that those who emerged successfully would be recognised as fully qualified instructors and would hold a diploma. Such an arrangement, indeed, would be almost certain to induce many more ringers to study seriously the best methods of instructing beginners, for it should

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be counted an honour to hold a diploma, in the same way that teachers of other arts already do. Even if a beginning were made almost immediately this final step would be one for the future, but there seems no reason why the Central Council could not consider the question of providing a handbook for instructors and getting the associations to encourage its use among all those who find cast upon them the task of teaching beginners. There is scope for good work here.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 8
*FRANK LAWRENCE 3	*WILLIAM RANFORD 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 10
†ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 5	*CYRIL TANSSELL 11
*WILLIAM C. JONES 6	*CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve bells. First of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob Maximus on the bells and on tower bells for the association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

(ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	THOMAS MCMORRAN 6
*REGINALD I. GEORGE ... 2	ROBERT TAIT 7
†ERIC A. GEORGE 3	WILLIAM E. LYNCH 8
GABRIEL G. LINDOFF ... 4	P.C. ROBERT S. F. MURPHY 9
EDWARD LUTMAN 5	*JOHN H. COLBERT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal. † First with bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Hon. Miss Katherine Plunkett on her attaining her 110th birthday.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDING Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 2	HAROLD EDWARDS 7
JOHN WILKINSON 3	HARRY OVERTON 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 9
HARRY F. HOLDING 5	JAMES WILLIAM EDGE Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, head of the firm who founded these bells, and his bride, Miss Mary Evelyn O'Leary.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

ALFRED J. BOLL Treble	*FRANK JEAL 6
*LEONARD A. TIDY 2	ALFRED J. TRAFFITT 7
*HARRY WILLS 3	*HARRY K. HOOPER 8
BERNARD H. WELLS 4	WALTER CLAYDON 9
HUGH R. THORPE 5	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by H. N. DAVIS. Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal of Treble Ten. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. C. F. Johnston and Miss M. E. O'Leary, with the good wishes of the band.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRED C. MAYNARD Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES BENNETT 8
MRS. R. F. DEAL 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Laura Helen Coles, eldest daughter of the conductor, to Mr. Robert Hurle, which took place on Sunday, November 16th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

W. GRUNDY Treble	F. GRUNDY 5
C. GUDGEON 2	P. H. DERBYSHIRE 6
N. BERRY 3	J. H. RIDYARD 7
*T. WELSBY 4	J. HOWARTH Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 25, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MISS ANNIE POTTER Treble	MATHEW BERRY 5
*NORMAN HEAPS 2	JOHN FEARNHEAD 6
†ARNOLD S. FEARNHEAD 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOSEPH SLATER 4	WILFRED J. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Moss, N. Heaps, and the father of J. Slater.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5
*M. OWEIRIDGE 2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON 6
*ROBERT CUMMINGS 3	ADAM DEAS 7
†JAMES S. REDHEAD 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

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

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*CECIL PRATLEY Treble	†RAYMOND HICKS 5
HARRY MIDDLETON 2	*BERNARD PHILLIPS 6
JAMES HEMMING 3	GEORGE A. KING 7
FREDERICK CLEMENTS 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Major. † First peal. Messrs. G. A. King and G. J. Hemming were proposed members previous to starting the peal. This was the first peal of Major on the bells and the first peal on the bells for 14 years. The band desire to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. T. Evans) for allowing the peal to be attempted.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN Treble	ERNEST STONE 5
EDWIN MARTIN 2	ALFRED KING 6
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
*WALTER THOMAS 4	ARTHUR BEAMISH Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal of Stedman. A birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 28, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RALPH TAYLOR Treble	FRED WALKER 5
HAROLD TAYLOR 2	ERNEST GARSIDE 6
HAROLD JACKSON 3	JOHN HARRISON 7
JOHN CLAYTON 4	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT

Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the seventh, John Harrison, on his 79th birthday.

MILFORD-ON-SEA, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
FREDERICK W. BURNETT 3	WILLIAM T. TOCKER 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS. Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS

First peal of Superlative on the bells, also as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8060 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE HOWLETT Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5
JOHN C. DICKEN 2	EDWIN R. GOATE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WALTER BARRETT 7
FREDERICK ROOPE 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

ILMINSTER.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

DAVID G. TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE SIBLEY 5
ALFRED WYATT 2	JAMES HUNT 6
VICTOR CRABB 3	PERCY MERSON 7
ARTHUR REED 4	GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by D. G. TAYLOR.

First peal as conductor.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WILKINSON Treble	FRANK DEWEY 5
JOHN T. BROWN 2	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 6
FREDERICK LEGGOTT 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
HARRY NICHOLS 4	REGINALD HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
*ALBERT CATTERWELL 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival of the church. The band were kindly entertained to an excellent tea at the conclusion of the peal by Mr. and Mrs. F. Ridgwell, to whom they desire to tender their most hearty thanks.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BROWN Treble	VICTOR WILLIAMS 5
HAROLD EMMITT 2	FRED KENDALL 6
*ERNEST RAWSON 3	*JACK BRACEWELL 7
*WILLIAM KENDALL 4	ALBERT MILLS Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRACEWELL.

* First peal in method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the treble ringer, also for the opening of the new ambulance drill hall.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CHARLES CLARKE Treble	HAROLD E. SYMONDS 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
*CHARLES CATCHPOLE 3	WILLIAM G. BROWN 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4	CECIL W. PIPE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* 100th peal on eight bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON Treble	*ROBERT SWIFT 5
KEITH HART 2	*ALAN R. PINK 6
GEORGE OLLIVER 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	*HUGH C. BURT 5
FRANK E. PERVIN 2	EDWARD H. ADAMS 6
OSWALD J. HUNT 3	†WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
ALBERT W. BOND 4	*ERNEST H. BOSWORTH Tenor

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	PERCY JONES 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	CYRIL DAVIES 6
GEORGE COOKE 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER 7
ARTHUR MARTIN 4	HAROLD CASSELL Tenor

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

Rung on the eve of Advent, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	FRED HAWKES 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 7
WILLIAM C. JONES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the association. Rung at the first attempt.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM PAGE 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 6
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

PRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ROBERT H. BENT Treble	HAROLD E. WILSON 5
JOSEPH HALL 2	RICHARD LONGDEN 6
FRANK STONELEY 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 4	*WILLIAM FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday peal to H. B. Wilson and Wm. Owens, also on the 24th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hall.

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PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5188 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A flat.

WILLIAM MUSK ... ..	... Treble	ALPHRED J. BERRY	5
DAVID WEITING	2	PERCY L. JOHNSON	6
ERIC G. BENNETT	3	ALBERT G. HARRISON	7
GEORGE ARCHER	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to W. Musk.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1930, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... ..	... Treble	RICHARD HAYES	5
CHARLES W. DENYER	2	ARTHUR H. SMITH	6
JOHN H. B. HESSE	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged as an 'officers' peal' for the Guild, but owing to the indisposition of the general secretary the services of Mr. A. R. Pink were enlisted at the last moment.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... ..	... Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS	2	*JOHN W. WARD	6
THOMAS JORDON	3	THOMAS WATTS	7
WALTER PRIOR	4	GEORGE JORDON	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS

* First peal of Major in the method.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*REGINALD S. COOK ... ..	... Treble	*HERBERT GATES	5
*HARRY LONG	2	*J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD	6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	*HENRY GOLDING	7
*STEPHEN H. HOARE	4	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th, Miss L. Richardson, Surfleet, and the conductor.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

RONALD H. DOVE ... ..	... Treble	ALFRED J. BULL	5
JOHN BEAMS	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
*ROYDON DAVIES	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
H. BERNARD WELLS	4	DANIEL D. COOPER	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Cyril F. Johnston and Miss Mary Evelyn O'Leary, which took place at St. Mary's, Cadogan Gardens, S.W.1, the previous Saturday. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the 'go' being excellent.

* First in the method. D. Cooper has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

WOOLTON HILL, BERKS.—A 720 of Bob Minor was rung at St. Thomas' for evensong, on December 7th, in 25 mins.: J. Robbins 1, A. Challis 2, J. Berry 3, L. Robbins 4, S. Bevan 5, J. Scott (conductor) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

J. POTTER ... ..	... Treble	J. H. RIDYARD	5
N. BERRY	2	C. GUDGEON	6
W. HALLIWELL	3	T. B. WORSLEY	7
W. MOSS	4	W. GRUNDY	Tenor

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal as conductor.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

CECIL NICK ... ..	... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT	5
KEITH HART	2	ROBERT SWIFT	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	3	GEORGE ELLIS	7
JOHN DEARLOVE	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*CHARLES H. PERRY ... ..	... Treble	FREDERICK J. TWEYER	5
JOHN DARCH	2	PERCY JONES	6
WILLIAM PIKE	3	*ERNEST STITCH	7
FRANK ROWSELL	4	FREDERICK NEVILLE	Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* 50th peal together. This and the peal rung at Bridgend were rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, the highly esteemed hon. secretary of the above association, also in honour of his retirement, after 46 years' service with the G.W.R., the band wishing him a long life with the best of health to enjoy it.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWIN A. BARNETT ... ..	... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN.	2	EDWIN H. LEWIS	6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	3	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN.	7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN.	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Major. Presumably the first 'Edwin' peal rung. The band are especially grateful to Mr. E. Harding, sen., who came up from Devonshire on purpose for the peal.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVE'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK MORGAN ... ..	... Treble	JAMES POWELL	5
*ARCH STEVENSON	2	GEORGE KING	6
THOMAS HOAD	3	WILLIAM H. HOAD	7
*WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	ALBERT HOAD	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HOAD.

* First peal on 'inside' bell. † First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th were elected members of the association previous to starting. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the wedding of the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR C. NASON Treble	HUBERT JONES 4
JAMES J. PRICE 2	FOREST T. MASSEY 5
WM. J. BENIAMS 3	*RICHARD BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal on tower bells.

SOUTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

CLIFFORD PAGE Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
THOMAS BARTRAM 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
ERNEST FREEMAN 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Canon W. W. G. Baker, late Vicar of Southill and president of the Beds Association.

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 26, 1930, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	FRED HAWKES 4
WILLIAM HALFORD 2	CHARLES YOUNG 5
JOHN ROWLATT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.

KENNETH BOWYER Treble	HARRY TYSOR 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	HERBERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

The conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising extents of Double Court, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE LAND Treble	CHARLES F. GOODMAN 4
RAY GRANT 2	PERCY L. JOHNSON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob.

*REGINALD WEST Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW 4
CYRIL PRINDIVILLE 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
ERNEST FREEMAN 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal.

GREAT MISSENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

*FRANK WEST Treble	†WILFRED EDWARDS 4
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells, and the heaviest ring of six bells rung in Minor in the county of Buckinghamshire. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD H. STRADLING ... Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 4
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 5
GEORGE HAWKINS 3	DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor

Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. E. H. Stradling was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting the peal.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods: 720 each of College Single, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	HERRICK B. BOWLEY 4
T. EDWARD GARDNER 2	ALBAN DISNEY 5
J. HAROLD SPENCER 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. First in seven methods on these bells and by all except the conductor. This was the conductor's 500th peal for the above association.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

PERCY L. JOHNSON Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 4
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
*CHARLES E. LOVETT 3	GARNEAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Minor. The three last peals at this tower have been rung after meeting short for Major.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... Treble	JOHN W. LAKE 4
MISS KATH BURCHNALL 2	*ROGER W. DANIELS 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	CUTBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival.

The unusually large number of peals recently rung makes it necessary for us to hold over many reports.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of extents of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 4
CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 2	ERIC G. BENNETT ... 3
ALPHRÆUS J. BERRY ... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST G. GARRARD ... Treble	RONALD H. BULLEN ... 4
WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2	CECIL W. PIPE ... 3
*JOHN H. CRAMPION ... 3	*CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells. The ringers of the 3rd, 5th and tenor have now rung peals of Cambridge on all numbers of bells from Minor to Maximus.

THE ONLY SURVIVOR.

At Darlington, on Advent Sunday, November 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, for matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, Roland Park (conductor) 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, E. Burnett (Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland) 5, W. H. Porter 6.

Rung on the 38th anniversary of the first 720 Bob Minor on these bells by a band of beginners. This was performed on Advent Sunday, November 27th, 1892, and Mr. G. W. Park is the only one left of the original band.

For evensong, 720 Durham Surprise Minor: R. W. Gay 1, W. Oliver 2, G. W. Park (conductor) 3, W. N. Park 4, R. Park 5, W. H. Porter 6.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1930, in Three Hours,

At 16, Godstone Road,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*MRS. COLIN RYDER ... 1-2	†ALBERT NASH ... 5-6
*SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 3-4	*COLIN RYDER ... 7-8
ARTHUR FIRTH ... 9-10	

Composed by G. HAYWARD.

Conducted by A. NASH.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand' for over 21 years, and first as conductor. ‡ First peal 'in hand.'

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 30, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At 6, Brookhill Cottages,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... 1-2	*OLAVE BROYD ... 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4	†ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE
* First peal of Major on handbells. † First peal in the method on handbells.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5087 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

HOBART E. SMITH ... 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 5-6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 3-4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7-8
*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Witness: W. J. MAYHEW.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about them.

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Harold E. Symonds has had an unusual experience. He rang several peals of Maximus in various Surprise methods before scoring his first peal of Surprise Major, which he did at Grundisburgh on Saturday week.

A correspondent asks what compositions can be used for a peal of Rutland Surprise Major. Will someone please oblige?

The Edwins have scored their first peal, when they brought round a peal of Bob Major at Crayford. The band included three generations of the Barnett family, Edwins I., II. and III. Is this the first peal of Major in which three generations have taken part?

A peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Cheddon Fitzpaine, Somerset, on Friday, in which three members of the local band took part. They only began 'scientific' ringing just over twelve months ago, and the peal was rung to mark their 'admission year' to the Bath and Wells Association. At the conclusion of the peal the Vicar, who is keenly interested in the doings of his ringers, and the local Ringing Master extended to the ringers their congratulations, which were much appreciated.

Mr. C. J. More's numerous friends in East Anglian ringing circles will be glad to hear of his complete restoration to health after serious illness.

Mr. J. J. Mawby, who has rung round about 150 peals in various methods up to London and Bristol Surprise, rang his first peal of Minor last Saturday. There is always some new experience awaiting even the best of ringers.

By the way, this peal, rung at Wollaston, was the first by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, containing four Surprise methods. Wells and York Surprise had not been rung before in a peal by the Guild.

Earl Shilton Parish Church handbell ringers are to broadcast from the Birmingham Studio during the children's hour, 5.15 p.m., on December 31st. The ringers are Messrs. E. V. Chesterton, P. Coe, W. H. Sturgess and G. A. Newton. The ringers are members of the Midland Counties Association, and belong to the Earl Shilton band, Mr. Newton being Ringing Master.

Peal boards recording memorial peals rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, one on February 19th, 1916, in memory of Viscountess Iveagh, and the other on October 24th, 1927, in memory of the Earl of Iveagh, were to be unveiled yesterday at St. Patrick's belfry, in the presence of the Earl of Iveagh and members of the family.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have issued their calendar for 1931. Its interest is increased by the illustrations of churches and towers in Great Britain and America, where work has been done by the firm.

Mr. Harry Turrell, verger and bellringer of St. George's Church, West Grinstead, died on Friday. His death will be regretted by many Sussex ringers.

The first peal in South Africa was rung at Woodstock on December 15th, 1904.

Halesworth Church tower will be reopened by the Archdeacon of Suffolk on Sunday next. The bells are now back in the tower, but it will not be possible to ring much on them until the clock is finished at the end of January.

OVER SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.**PEAL RINGING AT 79.**

Mr. John Harrison, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who celebrated his 79th birthday by ringing the 7th at Mossley Parish Church to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, has been a ringer for well over sixty years. His ringing career began at Marple, when he was 16 years of age, and his interest in the art remains undiminished. He is one of the most respected Lancashire ringers, and is a life member of the Lancashire Association.

A native of Knutsford, Mr. Harrison went at an early age to Marple, where his interest in ringing first developed, and he became a member of the Parish Church band. Afterwards he lived at New Mills, and first went to Ashton in 1878, where he became a member



MR. JOHN HARRISON, OF ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

of the Parish Church company, which in those days rang their peals in the old tower. After five years in Ashton, Mr. Harrison spent another period at New Mills, but he returned to Ashton, where he joined the company at St. Peter's Church, of which he remained a member for about 45 years.

Mr. Harrison was one of the first band to ring the bells at Manchester Town Hall, and in 1906 took part in the 16,800 of Kent Treble Bob rung at Mottram.

A blacksmith by trade, Mr. Harrison has led a strenuous life, but is still remarkably fit for his years. He frequently walks from Ashton to Mossley to assist the band there on Sunday evenings and at practices.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**RECORD MEETING AT ASH.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the Farnham District was held at Ash on Saturday week, when there was a record attendance. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and at 4.30 the Rev. W. J. Blaikie conducted the Guild service. Members of the choir were present under the leadership of Mr. L. Manfield (choirmaster). An excellent tea in the Parish Room had been prepared by Mrs. Bailey and the Misses A. and E. Bailey, and 45 sat down to enjoy the meal.

The Rev. W. J. Blaikie presided over the business meeting, and the retiring officers were renominated for 1931, with the exception of Mr. E. J. Bragg as hon. auditor, Mr. Bragg having left the district. Mr. P. Eldridge was nominated in his place.

It was decided that the Ladies' Guild (Southern District) should hold a meeting in conjunction with the annual general meeting of the district at Farnham on January 24th, 1931.

Mr. G. Grover, a representative of the Guild on the Central Council, read a report of the Council's last meeting, and, on the proposition of Mr. P. Eldridge, he was thanked.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, the organist, blower, choir, local band, and the ladies who prepared tea, ended the business.

The tower was revisited and the bells kept going in various methods until nine o'clock. Towers represented included Ash, Aldershot, Farnham, Guildford (S. Nicolas), Frensham, Overton, Farnborough, Bagshot, Clandon, Seale and Devizes.

A RING OF EIGHT ON DARTMOOR.**THE BELLS AND CLOCK OF A MOORLAND VILLAGE.**

Quite recently in a West county paper a photograph of what was described as a 'unique clock dial' appeared; dials of this description are usually of antiquarian interest, but this one proved to be otherwise, and was quite a recent production. The wee paragraph accompanying the photograph gave very few details and no publicity, hence it was necessary to seek further information. The subject of seeking fresh fields and pastures now is over a fascinating one, particularly from certain ringers' points of view; and here was promise of something fresh, and one which proved fruitful.

The Parish Church of Buckland-in-the-Moor, the proud possessor of this clock, is truly 'far from the madding crowd,' and no small effort is necessary ere the place is reached. For touring ringers, here is a place to visit.

About the centre of Ashburton will be found a road leading off the main Exeter-Plymouth Road with a small direction sign, 'To Buckland'—incidentally this leads to the famous Widdecombe—and after travelling for a quarter of a mile the road turns sharply to the left over a narrow bridge, and to the ringers fortunate enough to drive a car, a 'change down' to a lower gear is advisable. After passing over the bridge, there commences a nice long climb out into the open spaces, and the road carries one through some beautiful wooded country. Before reaching the village, a well developed and cared for estate is passed through, the village is left behind ere it is realised, and the church with its bold, plain tower appears standing like a sentinel on an eminence overlooking Dartmoor.

At a first glance the clock dials look similar to any other, but a closer inspection reveals that the numbers are replaced by old English characters, which were only deciphered with the aid of one who might truly have been Uncle Tom Cobleigh. The letters are 'My Dear Mother.' Just at the moment the clock commenced to chime, they started the hour of the well-known Chard chime, with an extra bar or two added before the hour was struck, which had no small amount of enchantment about it. Chimes of this description meant eight bells, and their notes came out crisp and clear, free from discordant effect, which truly indicated that the journey had not been made in vain.

The church appears to be of great age. It is in very well-kept condition, and seems to spell a welcome. To the ringers' eyes the vision of eight new bellropes, seen through the east arch of the tower, was good to look on, and made one long for eight good men and true.

From natural curiosity access was gained to the tower, and the sight in the bell chamber was one never to be forgotten, and it needed no explanation to say that 'Taylors' had recently been 'up to something.' The internal dimensions of the tower are rather restricted, but a more neat and compact job could not be desired. The massive cast-iron frame has been nicely designed, and carries the bells in two levels, whilst the ropes have been brought down in an ideal circle. It was ascertained that early in the year the tower contained five bells with a tenor weighing 7½ cwt. Through the generosity of Mr. W. Whitley the octave was recently completed by the addition of three new lighter bells, and the whole hung with the latest type of fittings in a new metal frame, and the work certainly has been carried out in that thorough manner which is typical of the Taylor Foundry, and it is a credit to the 'old firm.'

At the same time Mr. Whitley had the new clock installed with the special dials, as already intimated; the variation of the chime was his idea also. This part of the work has been carried out effectively by Smiths, of Derby, and, as the inscription on the new third bell says:—

'Come, ye children, hearken unto me. The 5 largest bells in this tower, dated 1759, were rehung and 3 new bells added, together with the new clock and chimes, in memory of Elizabeth Eleanor Whitley, wife of Edward Whitley, of Liverpool. Born 27th June, 1847. Died 9th June, 1929. A woman that feareth the Lord shall be praised. 1930. Live to live. Taylor, Loughborough.'

The memorial is a beautiful one, and Buckland-in-the-Moor is the richer for it.

NORFOLK VETERAN'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Nudds, of Banham, Norfolk, which took place on Sunday, November 30th. He had been for over sixty years a regular ringer at the church, and had rung several peals before the Norwich Association was formed in 1877. He took part in his last touch some four years ago on handbells, but he played an important part in the training, undertaken by Mr. C. F. Goodman, of the present Banham company, visiting the tower and standing behind beginners to help them to find their way in changes. This he did till just a fortnight before his death, at the ripe age of eighty-seven. His son, Mr. W. J. Nudds, is well known in London ringing circles.

As a mark of respect to his memory, the local band rang on the evening of the funeral a 720 of Bob Minor with the bells half-muffled: J. Barham 1, H. Barham 2, R. W. Chapman 3, G. E. R. Chapman 4, J. Cunningham 5, C. F. Goodman (conductor) 6.

GLoucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. A CROWDED MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association took place at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Saturday, December 6th, and members turned up in full force to have a ring on this grand peal of twelve bells, some of them not having had an opportunity to ring there before. The service was conducted in the Lady Chapel by the Rev. E. L. Hertslet (Vicar of St. Mary Redcliffe), who gave the incumbers a very interesting address on bells and some of the legends attached to them.

Tea was served at Redman's, opposite the church. This was due to a misunderstanding with the Vicar, as tea had been advertised to be held at the Parish Hall. Owing to the numbers present, the business meeting was held over so that all present could have a ring.

The attendance book at the meeting was unfortunately not signed, owing to the members being divided into two sections for tea, one room being insufficient to accommodate the number. Will any readers of these notes who were present at the meeting kindly send a card to the secretary, Mr. H. Bennett, Highfield, Runswick Road, Brislington, so that he may enter their names?

GLoucester Branch.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, on Saturday, November 29th, when, despite the inclement weather, twenty-four members attended, also Messrs. C. Gardiner and Kynaston, of Swindon, Mr. J. Clarke, of Ross, and visitors from Hereford. The bells were opened at 3 p.m., and service held in the church at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Bryce), who extended a hearty welcome to the members. Miss A. E. Waite presided at the organ.

At the conclusion of the service the Vicar invited the members to the schoolroom, where tea had been provided. The usual business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. Letters of apology were received from the Rev. E. D. S. Carnus (Rector of St. Mary de Crypt), Mr. G. Packson (churchwarden of St. Mary de Lode), and Captain C. Lodge (churchwarden of Quedgeley).

Mr. W. H. Harris, branch secretary, presented his report, which showed that during the past year eleven meetings had been held in different parts of the diocese with a total attendance of 212 members, an average of just over 20 members per meeting. The total membership of the branch remained the same as last year, viz., 110 performing members and 27 hon. members. The Sec. also informed the members that Hardwicke and Standish towers had been transferred to the Stroud Branch, for what reason he could not say.

Thanks were extended to the incumbents in the diocese for the courtesy shown to the members when visiting the towers.

The report, being considered very satisfactory, was adopted. The balance sheet and accounts of the branch were also presented and passed.

Mr. S. Romans was elected branch chairman, upon the proposition of Mr. J. Austin, and Mr. W. H. Harris was again elected branch secretary, on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Waite.

Mr. T. Baldwin was appointed as representative on the management committee, and was also elected to serve upon the special sub-committee relative to re-affiliation to the Central Council.

It was decided, upon the proposition of Mr. J. Williams (Newent) to again hold an annual dinner. It will take place at the Spread Eagle Hotel, upon a date to be announced later in 'The Ringing World.' A dinner committee was formed.

Mr. J. Austin proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Bryce for the use of the bells, for his excellent address in church, and for his kind hospitality in entertaining the members and visitors to tea. He also thanked Miss A. E. Waite for presiding at the organ. He said it was a pleasure to visit a tower like Barnwood, where the Rector was always with them.—Mr. J. Williams, in seconding, said he hoped in the future to see the clergy take a more active part and interest in the work of the ringers than they had in the past.—The motion having been carried unanimously, the Vicar said it was always a pleasure to have the members of the association at Barnwood, and he hoped to see them again in the near future.

This concluded the business, and the members again returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8.15 p.m. in standard methods, concluding with a touch of Little Bob Major, which brought a very pleasant meeting to an end.

'LONDON BELL RINGING.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Under the above heading, the following appeared in a recent issue of the 'Daily Mail.' What have London ringers to say to such a very pertinent question?—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT WHITTINGTON

(another country ringer).

To the Editor of the 'Daily Mail.'

Sir,—While visiting London recently I was disappointed with its bellringing. Why do not London ringers 'rise and fall' bells in peal? There is no sweeter music to be found.

A COUNTRY RINGER.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. BURLEY NOW 'ON THE MAP.'

A meeting of the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at St. Matthias' Church, Burley, on Saturday last. Despite the foggy weather there was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented: Holbeck, Bramley, Armley, Rothwell, Batley, Queensbury, Keighley, Headingley, Far Headingley, Bradford, Leeds, Shipley, Guiseley, Calverley, Sharrow, Idle, Pontefract, Pudsey, and the local company. During the afternoon the bells were rung to Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and the business meeting was held immediately afterwards, Mr. J. Cotterell, vice-president of the association, being in the chair. Two new members were elected, viz., M. Moorhouse (Armley) and G. A. Briggs (Sowerby).

Mr. P. J. Johnson, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, congratulated them on the 'go' and tone of the bells, which have recently been recast and rehung, and said he hoped that the Vicar would consent to be made an honorary member of the association.—The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. Woodhead and carried.—The Rev. F. H. Moore, in responding, said he was delighted to have the ringers at Burley, and was glad that the bells were going again, not only for his own sake but also for the sake of Mr. Slack, who had worked very hard, and who had often despaired that the bells would ever be put in order. He was also pleased to hear from the ringers themselves that the peal was a good one, and he would be glad to be an hon. member of the association.

The Chairman then proposed, and Mr. Morris seconded, that Rev. F. H. Moore be elected an hon. member of the association, and this was carried with applause.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for presiding at the tea tables, and to the local company for the arrangements made, was proposed by Mr. Broadley and seconded by the chairman. This was also carried, and Mr. Slack, in reply, said that whenever the secretary wanted a tower for a meeting he hoped he would remember that Burley was now 'on the map.'

This concluded the business meeting, and the tower was again visited for further ringing.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT A FIVE-BELL TOWER.

A well-attended meeting of the Ely District was held at Fen Ditton on Saturday, when members were present from Cambridge, Cherryhinton, Exning, Fulbourne, Newton, Stapleford, Stetchworth, Trumpington and the local band. Various methods were rung, ranging from Plain Bob to Carter's Doubles. At 4.30 p.m. a short service was conducted by the Rector (Canon E. J. Church).

Tea was served at the Ancient Shepherds Inn, the Rector presiding.

At the business meeting which followed, it was decided to hold quarterly meetings during 1931 at places in different parts of the archdeaconry, to be chosen by the committee, with intermediate meetings to be arranged as members desire. The next is to be in Cambridge on January 3rd.

Canon Church was elected a member of the association.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. Austin thanked the Rector for his kindness, also the organist and the organ blower for their services.—The Rector, in replying, said what a pleasure it was to welcome the association to Fen Ditton. He had always been impressed by the good fellowship that existed amongst ringers. This was a great thing for the church.

Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were then rung on handbells, after which a move was made to Old Chesterton, where additional members from Cambridge and Sawston (who had been unavoidably prevented from being present at Ditton), were waiting. Methods rung in this tower ranged from Bob Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING AT STOKE-ON-TRENT.

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire and District Association was held on Saturday, at St. Peter's Church, Stoke-on-Trent, where Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have recently retuned and rehung the bells with ball bearings, etc., of the latest type. The ringers began to meet soon after 3 p.m., when several touches were rung. Tea was provided by the Rector, the Rev. D. H. Crick, and about sixty ringers were present from the following towers: Leek, Norton, Cheddle (R.C.), Fenton, Lawton, Uttoreter, Wolstanton, Biddulph, Wistaston, Stone, Tunstall, Brownedge, etc. Mr. J. P. Fidler, from the firm of Messrs. Taylor and Co., was also present.

Regret was caused by the absence of the clerical secretary, Rev. — Frith, owing to a serious illness, and the meeting expressed a wish that he would have a speedy recovery.

After tea, the ringers visited the tower again, and ringing was kept up till about 8.45 p.m., all the ringers speaking in high terms of praise at the 'go' of the bells. The local band wish to thank Messrs. Taylor and Co. for an excellent job.

C. H. P.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT PROPOSES REDUCED SUBSCRIPTION.**

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held at Swansea on Saturday, when about thirty members attended from Aberavon, Neath, Cadoxton, Morriston, Gorseinon, Llanelly and the local band. The bells were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Willis, curate of St. Mary's, and a change ringer, who gave those present a very interesting address. Tea was taken in a nearby cafe, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon W. J. Havard, Vicar of St. Mary's, and was enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. H. S. Willis in the chair. Mr. E. Stitch and Mr. G. W. Hollis were re-elected hon. district secretary and auditor respectively for 1931, and Neath was chosen as the place of next meeting. Two new members were elected from Llanelly.

A long discussion took place as to the best means of getting each member to pay his subscription each year, and not to allow anyone to get in arrears. A resolution was carried, to be brought forward at the next Guild annual meeting, that a member being two years in arrears should cease to be a member of the Guild.

A resolution was also carried unanimously, to be brought forward at the Guild annual meeting, that the yearly subscription be reduced from 1s. 6d. to 1s. per year.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Canon W. J. Havard for his kindness in giving the tea and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. H. S. Willis for conducting the service, for taking the chair at the meeting, and for his very kind welcome to members of the Guild; also to the organist for presiding at the organ.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The bells were lowered in peal about 8.30, bringing to a close one of the best meetings held at Swansea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Denys, Warminster, on Saturday last. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and the usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Bellars, M.A.), Mr. Simonson being the organist. Tea followed at the Magnet Cafe, where 25, including the Vicar, sat down.

The Vicar, who had to leave early to conduct another service, said how pleased he was that a meeting was again held at Warminster. He wished the branch every success, and, as he would not have the pleasure of seeing some of those present again before the new year, he wished them all every success in the coming year.

A short business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham presiding, and giving the visitors a hearty welcome.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Greenaway and S. Marshall (Devizes), G. E. Rugg (Heytesbury), K. White and R. Mogg (Warminster).

It was decided to pay the expenses of the representative on the Central Council and the usual honorarium to the secretary.

The Secretary reported the receipt of a cheque for £1 7s. 6d. from the Parochial Church Council of St. James', Bratton, towards the funds of the branch.

The following visitors were present, viz., Messrs. W. Tiley (Bristol), E. Coward (Mere), — Rowe (Stourton) and E. Box (Wootton Bassett), and the following towers were represented, viz., Warminster, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom, Bratton, Corsley, Heytesbury, Rowde and Melksham. It was much regretted that the respected Ringing Masters, Messrs S. Hillier and J. Francis, were both unable to be present.

Touches of Oxford Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening. Those present spent a very pleasant time, and were pleased to welcome the members from Heytesbury tower.

The deaths of Dr. T. Wood Locket, of Bratton, a member of the Guild, and Mr. H. J. Mead, of Bratton, one of the first to join the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, were reported, and those present stood for a few moments in silence.

The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on January 3rd. Warner and Sons added two bells at Warminster in 1881, when they recast five others of various dates, leaving the tenor, which was cast by Abel Rudhall in 1737. At the time of the Edwardian inventory, 1553, there were 'v bells and sanctus bell.'

WHAT THE 'EARLY BIRDS' MISSED.

At the Parish Church, St. Ives, Hunts, on Saturday, December 6th, at the Ely Association meeting (Hunts District), after the 'early birds' had gone home, 672 Bob Major: W. Seekings 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. C. Ginn 4, G. E. Crisp 5, E. Wakeling 6, A. J. Ginn 7, J. Perkins 8. Longest length of Bob Major on the bells. Also a 704 Kent Treble Bob: F. Warrington (conductor) 1, F. C. Ginn 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, M. Ginn 4, E. Wakeling 5, A. J. Ginn 6, R. Smith 7, G. E. Crisp 8. First touch on eight bells by M. Ginn (aged 16) and R. Smith.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In Christmas week it will be necessary to print 'The Ringing World' much earlier than usual. Secretaries and other correspondents should therefore note that anything intended for the issue of Dec. 26th must reach 'The Ringing World' Office not later than first post, Monday, Dec. 22nd.

THE TWELVE-BELL RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I shall not be writing you again on this subject, but in closing I should like to say that what I have written I have not written for someone else, as has been insinuated. I asked a question, and I thank you, sir, for your opinion and courteous answer.—Yours faithfully,
A. E. REEVES.
Bristol.

AN INQUIRY.

Dear Sir,—It would be interesting to know if Mr. C. T. Coles is writing for himself individually or collectively for the band who rang the Cambridge Maximus. He charges you with being inconsistent. I fail to see it, but in any case surely one is entitled to change their opinion? If not, why not? I am reminded of this by a one-time famous politician, who once said no man was worth more than £500 a year. After attaining Cabinet rank, with £5,000 a year, he was questioned on this point. 'Quite right,' he remarked; 'but a wise man changes his mind—a fool never.' However, why worry? as Mr. E. Morris writes. You will die if you worry, and you will die if you don't, as a famous song says, so why worry at all?—Yours truly,
K. W.

'A FLAT' SUGGESTS COMPETITION SCHEME.

Sir,—In order to escape such a castigation as you have received this week, and to avoid the Central Council wasting valuable time, could you not inaugurate some scheme of competitions, such as a cup for the longest Maximus, plate for Cinques, medal for Caters, belt for Major, and, possibly, wooden spoon for Minor? All you would have to do then would be to draw up a 'scale of allowances,' such as 'weight for age,' 'length of pull,' 'weight of metal in ratio to ringers,' 'revolutions per minute,' and any other little clause which may occur to the public. When a team give notice of an attempt you would pick the bells; the team would weigh in at your office; selections from the peal would be taken on the dictaphone and submitted to a committee of A.R.C.O.s and L.R.A.M.s, and A.S.C.Y.s. Then, after this claim had been submitted the public would know who were the real champions. Of course, ringers would have their own idea.—Yours,
A FLAT.

JEALOUSY?

Sir,—Does not all this criticism re the Painswick peal point to jealousy? All this needless arguing whether it is an eleven or a twelve bell peal, seems to be an attempted 'got out' by Mr. Coles and one or two others, to try and have it discarded as 'the twelve-bell record.' But, with you, sir, I think that in the majority of ringers' minds this argument will not be accepted. Surely, if twelve bells have been rung longer than at any time previously, no matter whether to Maximus or Cinques, it should be accepted as the twelve bell record, and Mr. Albert Wright and his band should be given the credit for ringing twelve bells, not eleven.

In these days, when we hear so much about the 'spirit of brotherhood,' one cannot think, when reading the arguments that they do any good towards promoting this end. I agree with Mr. Prince that those who rang at Ashton-under-Lyne should be satisfied. If they are not, then why do they not try for 18,000 or more changes at a twelve-bell tower and act like sportsmen? They have got the chance! —Yours,
Northants.
A HUMBLE RINGER.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me in a letter from Mr. C. T. Coles that the peal by N. J. Pitstow that I called for Lincolnshire does not run true to that method, as it brings up a false course-end in the second part of peal, namely, 36245. I had not seen any composition for peals of Lincolnshire, but thought as the lead-ends and course-ends came up in the same order as in Superlative the same calling would run true. I am grateful to Mr. Coles for pointing out my mistake. If you will kindly let it be known that the peal which we rang at Helmingham on Thursday, November 20th, is false, I shall be much obliged to you.—Yours sincerely,
T. W. LAST.

DEVON GUILD.

PROPOSED DIVISION OF EXETER BRANCH.

A most successful gathering was held at Heavitree, Exeter, on Saturday, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Devonshire Guild.

A well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. K. A. Lake. The tea and business meeting followed at the Constitutional Club Rooms, and over ninety members, visitors from other branches, and friends were present. The Rev. E. V. Cox, chairman of the branch, presided, and was supported by the president (the Rev. E. S. Powell), and Mrs. Powell, and the Rev. K. A. Lake.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer gave a brief summary of the finances of the branch, and reported that the numbers had been maintained, notwithstanding the loss of Honiton Clist tower, owing to local difficulties.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to all who had helped to arrange such a splendid tea was carried with acclamation.

The Exeter Branch having become too unwieldy to work satisfactorily as it stands, a recommendation from the branch committee,

That the general committee of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers take the necessary steps to divide the Exeter Branch by the formation of a separate branch for the Aylesbeare Deanery, was then discussed at some length, the recommendation finally being adopted.

It was resolved to ask the general secretary to call a full Guild meeting early in January to carry out this step at once, and the question of the election of officers and arrangements for spring meetings was adjourned until after the formation of the separate branches.

The Rev. E. V. Cox was re-elected chairman, Miss Lomas hon. secretary, and Miss Davey assistant secretary, until such time as the division is effected.

The President referred to the deep regret felt by the whole of the branch that the Rev. E. V. Cox was shortly about to resign the living of Littleham-cum-Exmouth for health reasons. He hoped, however, that Mr. Cox would still reside in Devon and continue the splendid work he was doing for the Guild.

Several new members were elected, and change ringing certificates were presented by Mrs. Powell to P. W. Gatter and L. S. West, of Littleham, and to F. Quick, of Heavitree.

The Cathedral and all the city towers with ringable peals were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and members took full advantage of the opportunities provided.

RETIREMENT OF MR. J. W. JONES.

RAILWAY PRESENTATION TO SECRETARY OF LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

Mr. John W. Jones, the popular hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, retired last Friday, on reaching his 65th birthday, from the service of the Great Western Railway as storekeeper of the engineering department at Newport. He had been 47 years with the railway company, and at an influential gathering of members of the departmental staff Mr. Jones was presented with a wallet of Treasury notes by Mr. A. E. Maddox, chief clerk of the engineering department, while Mrs. Jones received a travelling case, the gift being handed to her by Mr. G. W. Virgo, inspector of mechanics, on behalf of his colleagues. The gathering was presided over by Mr. A. W. Hollingdale, assistant divisional engineer, and testimony was paid to Mr. Jones' long service, the chairman expressing regret at his departure, and that the regulations prevented him from having the advantage of his experience and services any longer.

Mr. Jones is well-known to ringers in many parts of the country, and his genial presence is always welcome. He is leader of the ringers at All Saints' Church, Cardiff, has been secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association for 27 years, and is a representative of the association on the Central Council.

But while he has been an almost lifelong enthusiast for ringing, Mr. Jones has also been a very keen cricketer, and for several years was an active player in the ranks of Newport Athletic Club. What is still more remarkable, perhaps, is the fact that for the past 45 years he has not missed seeing the Australians in a Test match in England.

During the 47 years he was with the G.W.R. Mr. Jones was never once absent from his duties on account of ill-health, which, he always says, speaks well for ringing as a means of keeping fit.

To celebrate his retirement and his 65th birthday, a peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted at St. Woolos', Newport, but was unfortunately lost after 2½ hours' ringing, owing to a missed bob. Ringers in the attempt were from Abergavenny, Bedwelty, Cardiff, Llandaff, Newport, Pentre, Usk and Whitchurch.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, December 3rd, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Holywell, Oxford, 720 of Bob Minor: C. E. Wigg (Kemble) 1, S. Taylor (Merton) 2, W. G. W. Warren (Oriol) 3, H. C. Ingle (St. Edmund Hall) 4, H. Miles (St. Catherine's) 5, J. B. Howes (Kemble) (first 720 as conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor by C. E. Wigg and W. G. W. Warren.

MR. JAMES GEORGE'S PEAL LIST.

The following is the detailed list of Mr. James George's 1,100 peals which have been rung in 45 counties and 368 towers in the British Isles:—

	Tower bells.	Hand-bells.
Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.
Doubles:		
Grandsire	2	—
Minor:		
In one method (including two of Cambridge)	7	—
In three methods	2	—
Triples:		
Grandsire	74	14
Stedman	262	4
Union	—	1
Plain Bob	1	—
Darlston Bob	2	—
Major:		
Grandsire	2	—
Plain Bob	35 (a)	1
Little Bob	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob	3	—
Kent Treble Bob	56 (b)	—
Double Norwich Court Bob	59 (c)	—
Canterbury Pleasure	1	—
Superlative Surprise	84	—
Cambridge Surprise	33	—
London Surprise	11	—
Bristol Surprise (with Treble)	6	—
Caters:		
Grandsire	33 (d)	1
Stedman	146	14
Royal:		
Grandsire	1	—
Aston	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob	1	—
Kent Treble Bob	45 (e)	—
Plain Bob	10	—
Little Bob	1	—
Forward	1	—
Cambridge Surprise	4	—
Cinques:		
Grandsire	9 (f)	—
Stedman	140	19
Maximus:		
Grandsire	1	—
Plain Bob	1	—
Kent Treble Bob	16 (g)	—
Granta Treble Bob	1	—
Forward	1	—
Cambridge Surprise	1	—
	1,054	46

(a) Including 6,000, (b) including 6,336 (both rung in one day), (c) including 6,720, (d) including 6,011 and 8,009, (e) including 6,080 and 7,280, (f) including 9,261, 12,231 and 17,687 (record in the method and the longest peal ever rung on twelve bells), (g) including 6,000 and 12,240 (record in the method).

Mr. James George has received so many letters of congratulation upon the long peal and his 77th birthday, that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He, however, desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

CROYDON RINGER'S DEATH.

All who knew him will much regret to hear of the death of Mr. Joseph D. Talbot, of Croydon, who passed away on Monday, December 1st, at the age of 65 years. He will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Croydon, where he had been a member of the band for 42 years, most regular in his attendances on Sundays and practice nights, and a very sure ringer in the methods he knew. He was always pleased to see the younger ringers making progress, and, although he did not ring them himself, he never stood in the way of those who wanted to practise the higher methods.

Mr. Talbot was not a great peal ringer, having rung 11 peals for the Surrey Association, and only a few outside this association.

The funeral took place on Thursday, December 4th, at St. John's, Croydon, the bells being rung fully-muffled for the service.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave at the cemetery by four of his fellow-ringers as a last token of respect for one who was greatly respected by all who knew him.

CHURCHWARDEN'S FIRST 720.

At the Parish Church, Hartford, Hunts, on December 1st, 720 Bob Minor by the regular Sunday service ringers: C. Pannell 1, E. Pannell 2, H. Linford 3, J. M. Pannell 4, J. Smart (conductor) 5, R. Hibberd 6. First 720 by all except the ringer of the 5th. Mr. C. Pannell is churchwarden.

ANOTHER HERTFORDSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

Ringers from all parts of the county and surrounding districts had the opportunity on Saturday, November 29th, of 'trying their hand' on the beautiful peal of bells at Baldock which have recently been rehung on ball bearings, and quarter turned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank of the Whitechapel Foundry.

Ringers were present from Barley, Biggleswade, Benington, Cambridge, Graveley, Hitchin, Kington, London, Melbourn, Meldreth, Offley, Stevenage and Royston, together with the local band, who turned up in good strength. Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the founders.

The bells were kept going continuously from three o'clock until 5 p.m., when the Rector of Baldock conducted a short service from the association service paper.

The company then adjourned to the White Lion Hotel, where Mr. Bray, the local captain, had arranged an excellent 'knife and fork' tea. A short business meeting followed, the chief item on the agenda being a discussion on the Benevolent Fund which the association hopes to start working in 1931.

After the business, the Rector of Baldock, the Rev. C. W. Alington, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers again before his departure from the parish to take up duties in Essex.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Bray for arranging such an excellent tea.

On behalf of all present, the Secretary congratulated the founders on the excellent way in which they had rehung the bells. This was met with loud applause, everyone being extremely pleased with the way the bells go. One member of the company declared that he could turn the tenor in with a piece of cotton! The weight of the tenor is 28 cwt. Further ringing afterwards took place until 9 p.m.

RINGING FOR SERVICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Lloyd, in your issue of November 21st, seems to be upset about something, and goes so far as to say he attends regularly on Sundays. It is quite likely, from the tone of his letter, that he knows something of the identity of 'Church Service Ringer,' who wrote such a charming little note under a nom de plume. According to his letter, the one man referred to, even had he stayed in Doncaster, would not have made it possible for all eight bells to be rung, and therefore he is condemning the one and apologising for eleven. Rather consistent, don't you think? As for saying that I do not like to hear six bells rung at my own place, Mr. Lloyd is wrong. I do like to hear six, almost as well as I like eight, and more so when those six are rung well, and there is only the possibility of poor eight-bell ringing, although I will grant that, where there are eight bells, all eight should be rung if possible on Sunday of all days. Incidentally, no mention was made of the three towers short handed.—Yours faithfully,

E. COOPER.

Sir,—Mr. Cawser wrote in your issue of November 28th that Tickhill has done more than any tower to further change ringing around Doncaster. I ask him one question, 'Who built up the Doncaster and District Society, and what tower did that ringer belong to?' I have always been a willing hand to help any learner, many of whom Mr. Cawser knows nothing about. I do not look for honours by others' labours, if that is what Mr. Cawser means.

I repeat the question asked in the first letter: What honours are gained in ringing these quarter-peals, when mixed bands leave their own towers short-handed on Sunday?

On page 767 of 'The Ringing World' of November 28th is recorded the passing away of one who leaves an example for us all to follow, and I take off my hat to him.—Yours truly,

W. LLOYD.

[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed., 'R.W.']

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE'S BIRTHDAY.

At Canterbury Cathedral, on Tuesday, December 2nd, 716 Stedman Caters: G. G. Jenkins 1, E. G. Buesden (conductor) 2, E. G. Brett 3, W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., 4, C. W. Brett 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 6, C. Franklin 7, B. J. Luck 8, H. Parks 9, M. W. Pierce 10. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who has been president of the Cathedral company for 45 years, his brother ringers extending to him their very best wishes.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Wednesday, November 26th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. Peers, of Farnham, and Miss F. Lock, of The Botune, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: C. Edwards 1, J. Read 2, W. J. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, E. J. King 8. Also 490 Grandsire Triples: F. Hammett 1, H. Prior 2, C. Edwards 3, W. J. Wells 4, S. Meadows 5, J. Read 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, H. Kemp 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 7th, in 43 mins., at the Church of St. Mary de Wycke, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, with ten different callings): V. Neal 1, D. A. Raxter 2, M. A. Matthews 3, J. Neal 4, W. H. Raxter (conductor) 5, H. Sparks 6. Longest length by treble and 2nd ringers, and the first quarter-peal ever rung in this tower by a completely local band affiliated to an association.

ARKSEY.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, December 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, E. Cooper (conductor) 3, C. Otter 4, E. Lee 5, H. Arrand 6, T. Revill 7, B. Birkitt 8. A birthday compliment to F. Garner, James McCluskey and B. Birkitt.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) in 46 mins.: A. Trotter (first in method) 1, H. Haigh 2, T. B. Kendall 3, E. Jenkins 4, T. A. King 5, H. Stott 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, H. Foster 8.

RETTFORD.—On Sunday, December 7th, for morning service at St. Swithun's Church, 1,296 Grandsire Caters in 51 mins.: D. Newbould 1, H. Deaman 2, S. Jordan 3, W. Metcalfe 4, J. Segar (conductor) 5, R. Miles 6, A. Reed 7, H. Warburton 8, W. Norton 9, F. Brackenbury 10. First quarter of Caters by ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

HITCHIN.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. V. Hare 1, L. Houghton (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, A. E. Symonds 3, D. C. Mears 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, H. W. Else 8. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

NORTON, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, November 30th, for evensong, 720 of Loch Lomond: O. Williams 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. Walley 6. The first 720 in this method by all except the conductor.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, November 30th, before evensong, 720 Chester Surprise and 720 Cambridge Surprise.—On Sunday, December 7th, before 11 a.m. matins, 720 Gunecastre Surprise and 360 New London Pleasure. Before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Ipswich Surprise and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure. The ringers were L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch, A. Bradley (conductor).

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise: F. J. Smith 1, A. Keeble 2, L. P. Bailey 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, E. S. Bailey 5, A. A. Ling, Blaxhall (longest length in the method) 6, C. Sampson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, November 30th, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): F. Seabright (first quarter-peal) 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, G. A. Jones (first quarter-peal of Major) 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, H. Argent 5, F. A. Mitchell 6, C. M. Mitchell 7, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal on the new peal of eight, and rung at the first attempt.

GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Smith 1, E. J. Beer (conductor) 2, Mrs. E. H. Spice 3, E. H. Spice 4, W. J. Beer 5, E. G. Merrad 6, R. A. Constant 7, E. Hadlow 8.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): E. J. Shynn (first quarter) 1, W. Mills (first quarter 'inside') 2, H. E. Freeman 3, F. W. Shynn 4, H. E. Soager 5, P. O. Sayer (conductor) 6.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, November 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Willis 1, R. Dobbins 2, J. Hanson 3, J. Williams 4, W. Dobbins 5, W. T. Dobbins 6, J. T. Williams (conductor) 7, H. McMillan 8. Also for morning service by the same band, 630 Grandsire Triples.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not met twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Dec. 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Clement's, Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Christ Church, St. Leonards, will be available after the meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. A good attendance is requested. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carriagton Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield District Societies at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. per head.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Abbey bells (10) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. Service in the choir at 4 p.m. Tea served in Mrs. Smith's Café, Finkle Street, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. The business meeting will be held in the Sacristy of the Abbey immediately after.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Ringing in the evening from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Preacher: Canon Raven, D.D. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is especially requested, as a further discussion will take place on 'How to make the monthly meetings more attractive.'—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

WATFORD.—Saturday, December 13th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea 5.30. Train and Motor Service from all parts. Cheap Tickets.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting to be held at Overseal on Saturday, Dec. 13th, will take the form of a special meeting in order to welcome the new Rector of Seals (Rev. — Fitzherbert). Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Will members please make a special effort to come? Thank you.—John Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Burton-on-Trent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.45. Tea, 1s. each, 5.15, business meeting following. Agenda: Report, balance sheet, election of officers, etc.—A. G. Selley, The Square, Silverton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, Beaminster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held in Bristol on Saturday, Dec. 13th. St. Peter's bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at St. John's-on-the-Wall at 4.30. Tea at St. Michael's Parish Hall 5.15.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Croft on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3.45 p.m. Tea provided in Schoolroom, at 5 p.m. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upton-on-Severn on Dec. 13th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Election of officers.—J. Rowlatt, Branch Sec., Old Street, Upton-on-Severn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Meeting to follow. Wilton (8 bells) available from 3 to 4 p.m.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each.—J. W. England, Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea. Nominations for district officers must be received at this meeting. All members and friends of the Guild are invited to come and lend a helping hand at this gathering. Frequent buses from Woking Station (north side).—H. Hancock, Hon. Sec., 3, Chobham Road, Ottershaw, Chertsey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells 6. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 1s. each and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Please send numbers for tea to E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Holbrook on Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. and at Stutton (6). Tea, 4.30, at the Rectory. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Salle on Saturday, Dec. 13th, at 3.30 p.m.—W. B. Duncan, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wroughton on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Swindon, Wilts.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Church service at 5. Tea provided after service.—R. Thomas, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Schoolroom at 6.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Reports to hand.—J. Bracewell, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Charing on Dec. 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden, Kent.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Sandbach (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Will all those intending being present kindly let me know by the 17th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—The annual meetings will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at North Wingfield. Bells open at 3 p.m. Important business meeting at 3.30 p.m. for the election of officers and discussion on the report book. Will members please roll up for this meeting? Annual subscriptions are due from all members who have not already paid. Tea at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Bright Street, North Wingfield, before Thursday, Dec. 18th.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guldborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Usual arrangements. Anyone requiring tea please notify me.—R. Adams, East Haddon, Northants.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells from 3.15. Service at 5.15. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, on usual terms, at 6 o'clock. Please advise me if you are coming.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The rededication of the bells, which have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will take place on Monday, Dec. 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. The Bishop of Leicester will perform the ceremony.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Denham (8 bells) on Friday, Dec. 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 3d. per head, for those who notify me not later than Dec. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day), at 4.30. The Dean will preside. Bells (10) available during the afternoon and evening.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A dinner will be held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1931.—Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Early application should be made, as accommodation is limited.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover, Hockering Gardens, Woking.

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