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The advance guard of the ringers returning from the visit to Australia are back again in England—the 'great adventure' has closed; the tour to the Antipodes belongs to history. The experiences of this unique ringing expedition, however, will never be effaced from the memories of those who have been privileged to take part in it. The tour has been an unqualified success, but the results are not to be gauged merely by the peals that have been rung. Except, perhaps, in one case, peals have been only incidental to the visit. The real results must be measured by other and more important means—by the new ties of friendship which have been made and cemented between the ringers in Australia and their brethren in England (the tourists only formed the link between the two); by the revived interest in the art of change ringing which has been created; by the desire, which it is hoped will see materialisation in the near future, to improve the condition of many of the now defective rings of bells in Australia.

This last is by no means the least important point, for in a number of towers long neglect has caused the bells to get into such a condition that any good ringing, let alone change ringing, is impossible on them. It is useless to expect novices to make any progress with bells they cannot control, or to imagine that beginners will take up ringing when they find the task requires an almost impossible physical effort. If the visit of the English ringers has aroused the Church authorities to a sense of the importance of putting their bells in order, valuable work has been accomplished. Without bell restoration the development of change ringing at some of the churches is out of the question; with it the inspiration of the English tourists' visit will be doubled. As much, therefore, depends upon the Australian Church authorities as upon the Australian ringers themselves, although we hope that the latter will not let their new-born enthusiasm wane while waiting for the necessary renovations, but will exercise what influence they have to get the work expedited.

The activities of the English visitors in this direction will count for much, and it can only be hoped that the new interest which they aroused will continue. If there can be any regrets at all, it is that there is no effective means of following up from the homeland this newly-created interest and the desire that was manifested for the adoption of change ringing. The distance separating Great Britain and Australia is so vast that no repetition of this organised visit can be expected for a long time to come, although he would be a bold man who asserted that it will never be repeated. Whatever further gain is

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to come to the art in Australia in the near future must be derived from the efforts of those who live on the spot. There is no question as to the local enthusiasm inspired in the Australian centres which were visited. In Melbourne, where there is a band that can already ring Grandsire Caters, and in Sydney, where there is a nucleus of change ringers and a new spirit of unity between several towers was manifested, there is every hope of material advance for the art. In other places, with little or no help available from outside, or from a practical change ringer on the spot, the struggle is likely to be an uphill one, but the tour gave the Australian men a new aspect on ringing, showed them fresh possibilities and, we hope, stirred up new aspirations.

Time alone can prove how much permanent effect the tour has had upon Australian change ringing, which had drifted nearly to decay. If the visit gives it new life the great undertaking will have been more than worth while; in any event those who shared in the trip will always look back upon it, not only with the greatest pleasure for the good which they hope and believe they have done to the art in Australia, for the new friends they have made, the new countries they have seen and the new experiences they have gathered, but also with the utmost appreciation of the great welcome and unstinted hospitality they received throughout the Commonwealth. The tour has been truly 'a great adventure.'

THE EDITOR'S THANKS.

Back from the history-making tour in Australia, the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' in resuming his task, takes this earliest opportunity of placing on record his sincere thanks to those who made it possible for him to share in the visit overseas. Without the whole-hearted collaboration of others it would have been impossible to lay down the reins for so long a time, but after an unbroken period of more than 23 years of active responsibility, this long spell of relief has been a specially welcome respite.

The tour has been a wonderful experience—new lands, new scenes, new friends—but the return home, after four months' absence, is no less thrilling. To be back in the old land, among the old scenes and old friends can be as stirring as any visit to strange places. And so the Editor returns to 'the daily round and common task' with gratitude to all who during the past four months have shouldered the work which has maintained 'The Ringing World' as the record and mouthpiece of the Exercise.

The Editor also extends his hearty good wishes to his many friends for a happy and prosperous new year and his thanks to all those whose kindly thoughts have accompanied the English tourists throughout their long journey, and those who have written to welcome them back to the homeland.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALIC GAMMON Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	RICHARD A. POST 8
*MISS MARIE R. CROSS 4	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 9
FRANCIS E. MAY 5	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the eve of the second anniversary of the 16,271 Grandsire Caters record, in which the ringers of 6, 8 and 9 took part.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE B. COLLINS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JOSEPH MARKS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JAMES BENNETT 9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. 5	FREDK. C. MAYNARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, West Ham,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

THOMAS W. TAFFENDER Treble	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE HAYDEN 7
ERNEST J. KING 3	ALBERT J. BAYNES 8
FRANCIS C. SHORTER 4	ERNEST W. FORBANKS 9
FRANK C. NEWMAN 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal of Royal. Rung on the occasion of the 800th foundation of this church, also as birthday compliments to Messrs. W. H. Theobald and E. D. Smith.

PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1935, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	† JAMES ASHCROFT 6
* PHILIP DUNDERDALE 2	JOHN T. BIMSON 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT 3	† HAROLD DAVIES 8
WILLIAM SHARPLES 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 9
JAMES W. GROUNDS 5	† SYDNEY BLEASDAL Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBERLL. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal on 10. First peal on the bells since augmentation and restoration by Mears and Stainbank, the tone and go being all that could be desired.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*STANLEY PRESTIDGE Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 6
HENRY GOODMAN 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
HARRY HUBBALL 3	FRANK G. BURLBIGH 8
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 4	HERBERT SHEPPARD 9
RONALD GOODMAN 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.
* First peal of Caters and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the 81st birthday of Mr. John Goodman, sen., also to Mr. H. Goodman, who received the usual congratulations after the peal.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1935, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 8
EDWIN H. LEWIS 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 9
*JOHN P. PELLOS 5	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING
* First peal of Kent Royal. Rung as a welcome home to the general hon. secretary of the Guild, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, on his return from the Australian tour.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEORGE SNELL Treble	STEPHEN BROOMFIELD 5
HERBERT I. MINGAY 2	JOHN B. BUDD 6
ARTHUR T. SWAIN 3	CHARLES TAYLOR 7
JACK KENNINGTON 4	ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES TAYLOR.
* First peal in the method and first peal since 1914.

MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Priory Church of SS. Mary and Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).	Tenor 21 cwt.
DENIS R. MORRIS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
CHARLES CLARKE 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
FRANK LAWRENCE 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

LEWISHAM.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*WALTER TYLER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
ERNEST BRETT 3	*EDMUND MOUNTER 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	JACK DAFTERS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method.

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LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The composition, No. 398, is now rung for the first time. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone for their hospitality before and after the peal.

KIRTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

E. SELLARS Treble	*T. BISHOP 5
W. LAKIN 2	G. COLEMAN, SEN. 6
*D. FLATTERS 3	†G. COLEMAN, JUN. 7
†J. KEMP 4	*A. E. FLATTERS Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by A. E. FLATTERS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORMAN H. SMITH Treble	ERIC E. SPEAKE 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 2	ALBERT D. COLLINS 6
THOMAS G. MARTIN 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 4	HAROLD L. FLAVELL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Southall, of Sedgley (grandparents of Mr. H. L. Flavell). The band were hospitably entertained after the peal, and take this opportunity of thanking Mr. B. Fullwood (tower-master) for making the preliminary arrangements.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... Treble	H. RICHARD FRENCH 5
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 7
I. WINFIELD DURHAM 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD E. AUSTIN Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 3	JOHN CLARK 7
JESSE GILLET 4	ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

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BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

MISS EVELYN STEEL ... Treble	HARRY TYSON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	*LEONARD WILLIAMS 6
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
*FRANK C. TYSON 4	HERBERT J. SHARP Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal on eight bells. Mr. C. W. Clarke has now rung each of the ten bells in this tower to peals.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

W. SHARP Treble	L. CLAY 5
*A. MORGAN 2	F. GRIFFITHS 6
P. BLISSETT 3	T. GREEN 7
†A. TYLER 4	†C. BLISSETT Tenor

Conducted by T. GREEN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal. First peal by a local band for 32 years, and was successful at the first attempt.

LENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... Treble	H. RICHARD FRENCH 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
FREDERICK G. BRETT 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
I. WINFIELD DURHAM 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

*RONALD V. J. CATTLE ... Treble	WILLIAM G. E. COLLETT ... 5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 2	GEORGE HORWOOD 6
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... 3	†REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 7
RICHARD A. POST 4	FRANCIS E. MAY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours & Thirty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

T. REGINALD DENNIS ... Treble	MANSFIELD GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ROBERT HOWARD 6
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

Rung on the back eight. First peal of Major in the method on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JAMES ROSE Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	SHELFORD SPARROW 6
*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by N. GOLDEN.

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major on an 'inside' bell.

WALMER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	CHARLES TURNER ... 6
GEORGE KENWARD ... 3	HORACE WHITEHEAD ... 7
* H. RICHARD FRENCH ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWK ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... 2	EDWARD W. BRAY ... 7
ALFRED C. LEVETT ... 3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Tom Lewis, who was captain of the local band for 40 years.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
E. RALPH MACERILL ... 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	* OLIVER G. BARNARD ... 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	† REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 6
JONATHAN HONEY ... 3	JOHN NOBES ... 7
RICHARD A. POST ... 4	GORDON CADDWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

* First peal in the method, and elected a member previous to starting. † 50th peal.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	* JOHN B. WOOLLEY ... 5
FRANK E. HAYNES ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 7
MANSFIELD GINN ... 4	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Composed by H. N. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

* ERNEST PARKER ... Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS ... 5
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	JAMES BLACKMORE ... 6
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER 3	JESSE HARRISON ... 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal of Major. A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. R. Emmans, a member of the local band. After the peal the band were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and family.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
ROBERT WALMSLEY ... 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 7
* SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON ... Treble	KENNETH W. CHEESEMAN ... 4
STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALEC GENERY ... Treble	CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... 4
GEORGE TOWNES ... 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... 5
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	ALBERT L. DIXEY ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by A. GENERY.

First Surprise peal as conductor.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

* ALBERT SAYERS ... Treble	* ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... 4
WILFRED P. LAMBERT ... 2	THOMAS J. SETTER ... 5
* FREDERICK J. PIDDLE ... 3	PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

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*On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 28 six-scores of Grandsire and 14 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr.

*DEREK M. SHARP Treble	†WALTER M. GODDARD ... 4
†JAMES W. GODDARD 2	*ARTHUR E. WEST 5
†JOSEPH ATKINSON 3	*ERNEST A. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles on tower bells. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Barrick and on the occasion of Mr. Barrick completing 50 years as ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Barrow-on-Humber.

**WOOL, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church of the Holy Rood,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb.

*LEON DAY (age 13) Treble	HENRY W. SAUNDERS ... 4
†WILLIAM G. YOUNG 2	FRANCIS G. BLAKE 5
†EDWARD B. HAMPTON ... 3	*WILLIAM G. HISCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by F. G. BLAKE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal and first attempt as conductor. First peal on the bells.

**HORNBY, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

PETER ROGERSON Treble	NICHOLAS NEWBY 4
ERNEST SWAIN 2	*GEORGE E. BRAITHEWAITE ... 5
JAMES E. BROWN 3	HERBERT PALMER Tenor

Conducted by G. E. BRAITHEWAITE.

* 25th peal.

**FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, and one extent of Double Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
*JOHN H. BOTHAM 3	*WALTER F. HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

* First peal of Minor, and elected non-resident life members of the Guild prior to starting the peal.

**WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*FRANK OLLIER Treble	*JOHN BROUGH 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	HARRY HOWARD 5
ALBERT CRAWLEY 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal in three methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. H. Crawley, of the Cunard White Star Line, one of the local ringers, to Miss Dorothy M. Gunning, which took place at Wistaston Church previous to the peal. The ringers wish them much happiness.

**HOPE, NORTH WALES.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, December 26, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 16 callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

JACK DEAN Treble	*GEORGE LEWIS 4
JOB GRIFFITH 2	JAMES H. FULLER 5
*WILFRID H. LEWIS 3	*JOHN S. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. FULLER.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CORTON DENHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

*ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY ... Treble	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 3
HAROLD C. R. VINE 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
*PERCY N. G. RAINEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells.

**WEST DEEPING, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,*

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Norwich, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Cambridge, Hull and Bourne. Tenor 10 cwt.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

**WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,*

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, Norfolk, Ipswich, Cambridge, Primrose, Hull and Bourne. Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, December 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cuthbert, Stella,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

*ADAM DEAS Treble	HERBERT P. CLIFF 4
*JOHN A. BROWN 2	KENNETH W. CHEERMAN 5
STEPHEN THOMPSON 3	*WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* 100th peal together. † First peal in seven methods. Quickest and one of the best peals rung on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THE RED SEA.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Monday, December 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
On Board S.S. 'BENDIGO,'*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MRS. R. RICHARDSON 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7-8

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DEATH OF MR. F. KEEP, BROMLEY.

St. Luke's, Bromley Common, Kent, have suffered bereavement by the death on Christmas morning of their steeplekeeper, Mr. F. Keep. He had chimed for Holy Communion service at 7.15 a.m. on Christmas morning, and at about 10.30 was taken suddenly ill, and died in the ambulance while being conveyed to hospital.

Mr. Keep had been a member of the local band for about 20 years, and had been steeplekeeper for almost all of that time. He will be sadly missed by both his fellow-ringers at St. Luke's and at the Parish Church.

There was half-muffled ringing at the funeral service on December 29th. Before the service a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. W. J. Jeffries (one of the trustees of the Kent County Association), and after the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by: D. Blades 1, A. Purdon 2, W. J. Jeffries 3, P. S. C. W. Ridgway 4, E. Mounter 5, L. Anderson 6, J. Lyddiard (conductor) 7, W. Lyddiard 8.

114,703 CHANGES IN A YEAR.

The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, at their annual meeting on January 1st, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Master, H. W. S. Shemming; Deputy Master, John F. Tillett; steeplekeeper, F. J. Tillett; auditors, R. H. Brundle and W. P. Garrett; secretary, G. E. Symonds.

The Secretary, in his summary of the ringing during the past year, stated six peals were rung—Cambridge 3, Rochester 2, Superlative Maximus 1, Rochester making the sixth Surprise Maximus method rung on these bells, the first peal of each being rung here. C. J. Sedgley conducted three, G. E. Symonds two, and W. J. G. Brown one. In addition there were rung for services and practice 35 courses of Cambridge Maximus and 15 courses each of Rochester and Superlative Maximus, 13,129 changes of Stedman Cinques, touch of Grandsire Cinques, 12,120 changes of Cambridge Royal, 8,830 changes of Rochester Royal, also touches of Double Norwich Court Bob, Forward, Duffield and Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4,212 changes of Stedman Caters and touches of London, Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich Court Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, and 758 changes of Stedman Triples.

The six Surprise Maximus peals	=	31,680 changes.
The 65 Surprise Maximus courses	=	34,320 changes.
Various touches	=	48,703 changes.

Grand total for 1934 = 114,703 changes.

Average over 2,200 changes per week.

These figures do not include peal and touch attempts.

AUSTRALIAN BROADCAST BRINGS BACK HOME MEMORIES

Mr. J. W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, sends us the following extract from a letter received from his daughter in Perth, Western Australia, who was a ringer in England:—

'On Tuesday the English bellringers were heard over the wireless broadcasting from Sydney St. Mary's Cathedral. Oh dad, I cried with joy. The tears rolled down my face as I said to Iris, "The bells, the bells, oh those beloved bells." Only 20 minutes, and it wasn't enough for me. I was trying to explain to her between my tears, "That's firing the bells; that's ringing round; they are bringing them home now." Poor kid couldn't make me out. I said, "If you ever love the bells as your grandfather and I do, well, you will love them." After it was over I gave them three cheers and hearty clap, not that they could hear, but it gave vent to my pent-up feelings. It's the first time I have heard a peal of bells for 13 years, dad, so you guess how I felt.'

P.S.—At one time myself, son and two daughters used to ring Grandsire Triples and tunes on handbells.—J. W.

PEAL BOARDS DEDICATED.

A pleasant ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, Rotherham, on December 22nd, when the Vicar (Rev. W. Calvert Thomas, M.A.) dedicated a peal board subscribed for by the local band and made by two of the local ringers. The board has black panels on an oak background, the panels being blank except the centre one, on which two peals are recorded in gold letters. They are:—

The first peal on the bells (Stedman Triples) rung on Saturday, October 22nd, 1910, by the following in 3 hours 4 minutes: C. Glenn 1, C. H. Hattersley 2, G. Lewis 3, J. Evinson 4, W. Bugar 5, A. C. Fearnley 6, S. F. Palmer 7, W. Biggin 8.

And a muffled peal of Grandsire Triples rung in memory of Sir Charles Stoddart (donor of the tower, spire and peal of bells) by the following on Wednesday, May 28th, 1913, in 3 hours 19 minutes: R. Brown 1, C. Glenn 2, A. Whitworth 3, A. C. Fearnley 4, A. Andrews 5, A. Hague 6, J. W. J. Cottam 7, W. Hurst 8. Both peals were conducted by Clement Glenn.

Several of the ringers who took part in the above-mentioned peals were entertained to tea by the local company, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells. After the service the tower bells were rung to various methods and then lowered in peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Norman Summerhayes, who rang his first peal at Dartford on December 31st, had his first lesson in handling a bell five months ago.

Death watch beetle has attacked the beams of Crondall (Hants) Parish Church. Expert advice is being obtained and ringing suspended for the first time for 300 years, states the Parish Magazine.

Mr. W. Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, is now making good progress towards recovery. He has been in hospital for twelve weeks, but hopes to be able to come out in the very near future.

Mr. Tom Lewis, the doyen of Eastbourne ringers, had a peal rung in honour of his 90th birthday on December 29th. For 40 years Mr. Lewis was captain of the local band, and after the peal he kindly entertained the band.

Next week Mr. A. Paddon Smith, of Birmingham, leaves for South Africa on an extended business tour which will take him through the continent to Egypt and Palestine. He will be away until the end of April or beginning of May.

Owing to a severe cold Mr. H. Simmons, the veteran towerkeeper of Holy Trinity, Dartford, was unable to assist in ringing the old year out and the new year in. This is the first time since 1918 that he has been unable to signal the hour of midnight on the tenor. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A demonstration in splicing Minor methods was provided by the band conducted by Mr. John Worth at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire. They rang a peal of Treble Bob Minor on December 29th, consisting of seven spliced extents in 39 methods—the greatest number yet rung.

During evensong, which was in the form of a carol service, at Bampton (Devon) Parish Church, on Sunday, December 30th, handbells were rung by youths of the local band at the invitation of the Vicar. The bells, a fine-toned set, were presented in a case to the town in 1910 by the lord of the manor, but with a few exceptions have never been rung. It is hoped that in future greater use will be made of the peal, as the ringing was much appreciated.

Owing to increased business responsibilities, Mr. Albert Walker has found it necessary to resign the office of Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild. At the annual meeting last Saturday, Mr. Frank Haynes was elected to succeed him. Mr. Walker was first elected to the office in January, 1904, and continued until 1909. He was again elected in 1921, and has served without a break up to this year. He has thus been responsible for St. Martin's ringing for 20 out of the last 30 years.

To commemorate the golden wedding of their Master and Mrs. William Linter, touches of Minor in four different methods were rung at St. Barnabas' Church, Swanmore, Hants, on December 20th, by F. Merrett 1, A. Millard 2, A. Watson 3, Walter Linter 4, H. Ainsley 5, William Linter (conductor) 6. Mr. Wm. Linter has been a ringer at the same church since 1877, when the tower was built. He was a member of the choir, and was also the parish clerk for many years. His eldest son, Mr. Wm. Linter, jun., represented English ringers at the Melbourne centenary celebrations.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM DICKINSON

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Dickinson, of Eckington, Lincs, which occurred on December 27th very suddenly. He was ringing on Christmas morning at St. Peter's, Nottingham. Mr. Dickinson was better known by the Lincs ringers, where he spent most of his ringing career, coming to Nottingham about seven years ago. He had scored 101 peals, the last one being a peal of Bob Royal for his golden wedding celebrations last July.

The funeral took place on December 31st at the Northern Cemetery, Nottingham, the Rev. H. V. Turner, Rector of St. Peter's, Nottingham, conducting the funeral service. The ringers were represented by Mr. H. R. Cobbin, Mrs. F. A. Salter and Mr. S. Pinder.

SUSSEX RINGERS AT ARUNDEL.

There was a good muster of ringers at a quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association on December 29th at Arundel. Good practice was put in ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise.

At the business meeting following tea the members stood in silence to the memory of the late Mr. C. Hills, of Angmering, who was always a strong supporter of the association. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Winn, for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Charman for presiding, were passed.

FIRST PEAL CONGRATULATIONS.

D: Flatters.	Kirton, Lincs.
T: Bishop.	Kirton, Lincs.
A. E. Flatters.	Kirton, Lincs.
J. Albert Kearns.	Sydney, Australia.
Leon Day.	Wool, Dorset.
William G. Hiscock.	Wool, Dorset.
Wilfrid H. Lewis.	Hope, North Wales.
Philip Dunderdale.	Preston, Lancs.
G. Blissett.	Hallow, Wores.
Ronald V. J. Cattle.	Oxford.
George Lewis.	Hope, North Wales.
John S. Lewis.	Hope, North Wales.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

Hectic Concluding Days at Sydney.

BELLS FIRED AS WELCOME TO DUKE OF GLOUCESTER.

The concluding days of the Australian tour were spent in Sydney, where in the course of five very busy days two peals—Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples—were rung. Then the party split up, some to visit New Zealand, the rest to return direct to England.

At Sea, on S.S. 'Bendigo,' November 25th, 1934.

Yesterday we turned our faces homeward and our tour in Australia has practically ended. It will be nearly another fortnight before we quit these hospitable shores, but with the termination of our visit to Sydney the main portion of our programme has been completed and our forces are now divided. Seven of the party of twelve are returning on the S.S. 'Bendigo,' the remaining five are visiting New Zealand, and will have encircled the world by the time they reach England.

This closing week in Sydney has been an even madder rush than the rest of the tour, and we have crammed into five days enough to fill a fortnight. Here are the main items in our programme:—

MONDAY, November 19th: Arrival in Sydney from Melbourne at 8.30 a.m. 11.30: Civic reception by Lord Mayor of Sydney. Afternoon: Seeing the city. Evening: Meeting with local ringers from various churches and ringing at St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral.

TUESDAY, November 20th: 9.30 to 2 p.m.: Tour of Sydney Harbour by launch, as guests of New South Wales Government. Afternoon: Transacting business in the city, including visit to Taxation Office to satisfy the authorities, before they would permit us to leave the country, that we had earned no taxable income during our stay. 5 p.m. to 8.30: Peal of Treble Bob Major at the Cathedral. 9 to 11 p.m.: Guests at dinner of St. Mary's Basilica Society.

WEDNESDAY, November 21st: Morning: Visit to Parramatta, ringing and dinner as guests of Parramatta Society, and welcome by Mayor and State Legislature representative. Afternoon: Visit to St. Benedict's Church, West Sydney, ringing and tea. 6 to 10 p.m.: Visit to St. Jude's Church, Randwick; ringing and supper.

THURSDAY, November 22nd: Morning: Ringing at St. Mary's Basilica Cathedral for visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. Afternoon: Peal of Stedman Triples at St. John's, Darling Point. Evening: Tea and social with parishioners of Darling Point.

FRIDAY, November 23rd: Morning and afternoon: 130 miles' motor trip to the Blue Mountains. Evening: Farewell meeting and ringing with ringers at St. Mary Basilica Cathedral, followed by social as guests of Mr. R. H. McDonald.

If anyone does not believe that that is hard going for five days, let them try it and see, after a month of similar activity.

Our reception in Sydney was of the most cordial character. Sydney has within its vast borders—it probably covers a bigger area than any other city in the Empire except London—several churches with rings of bells, including three eights and two sixes. The greatest attraction from the ringing point of view is the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Mary's Basilica, a noble stone building, overlooking Sydney's Hyde Park. It has a massive central tower, and two western towers, each of which is later to be completed by the addition of a spire. The bells are in the central tower, the ringing room, 33ft. square, being reached by a main flight of 105 steps, a walk across the parapet of one of the transepts and a short flight of iron stairs. The room gives one the impression of expansiveness and is light and airy. The ropes hang in a circle in the centre. The bells are a fine peal, with tenor of 26 cwt., but they do not sound as well in the tower as outside, probably due to the acoustics of the building.

It was in this tower some 30 years ago that two valiant attempts were made for peals. On one occasion the late Mr. Arthur Barnes, of Melbourne, was calling Holt's Original and the peal was within two hundred changes of the end when the tenorman collapsed. Later on Mr. R. H. McDonald, the 'father' of Sydney ringers, attempted to call a peal, but it came to grief after a highly creditable effort. Thus the only eight-bell peal in Sydney before our visit had been the first peal in Australia, a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Philip's Church in 1890. At present these bells are unringable on account of the structural condition of the tower. There is good reason to believe, however, that ere long this may be remedied, and, if that is the case, the bells will be rehung, and, let it be hoped, change ringing will once more be practised there, for it is historic ground.

About the time when the attempts were made for the Grandsire Triples, Mr. C. W. Porter, a ringer from England, had an active hand at St. Mark's Church, Darling Point, one of the suburbs of Sydney, and his company scored two 5,040's of Grandsire Minor, the first at St. Mark's Church and the second at Parramatta, 14 miles

away. The bells at St. Mark's, as at the R.C. Cathedral, are by Meurs, and Darling Point tenor is 8 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. The peal of Grandsire Minor was rung on February 5th, 1903, in 2 hours 45 minutes, by A. Pearce 1, P. Howard 2, J. A. White 3, H. Montgomery 4, J. Adams 5, C. W. Porter (conductor) 6. It was the first peal on the bells and the first peal rung by a New South Wales team. In the Parramatta peal the ringers were the same. Mr. Porter is still alive, although much advanced in years and now an invalid. He was delighted to receive a visit from some of the English ringers.

Despite the many claims upon him in the week when H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester was to visit Sydney, the Lord Mayor (Alderman Parker) found time to give us an official welcome to the city. Mr. McDonald introduced our party; Canon Lea, of St. Mark's, added greetings and the Lord Mayor extended a civic blessing upon our visit in a genial speech, in which he expressed the hope that we should take away happy memories of Sydney and its bells. Mr. Fussell made suitable acknowledgment.

Our first meeting with the Sydney ringers in St. Mary's belfry was a great gathering in more senses than one. Not only was there a large party numerically, drawn from all the churches of the city where there are bells, but it was significant that many Sydney ringers and others from the Old Country, who had been cut off from ringing for years, met for the first time. We were cordially welcomed by Fr. Bartlett, and, as may well be imagined, there was more talking than ringing done. Some touches of Triples and Major were, however, brought round, the successful conclusion of each being greeted with warm applause, especially a touch of Grandsire, in which Mr. R. H. McDonald and his son, Mr. E. B. McDonald, who is now leader of St. Mary's ringers, took part.

Sydney Harbour is claimed, with justice, to be the finest in the world. The entrance is narrow, and Capt. Cook passed it by when exploring the coast before coming to Botany Bay. Inside the headlands, however, is a wonderful succession of beautiful bays, and in the background the 'skyscrapers' of Sydney and the latest 'wonder of the world,' the new harbour bridge, with the longest single span in the world—1,770ft.—under which giant liners can pass. Sydney spreads itself out round these bays, where red-roofed houses cluster among the trees. Further up are wharves and factories, and again peaceful suburbs with gardens reaching down to the harbour. Sydney, it is said, has a water front of 550 miles.

On the day after our arrival our party and representatives of all the Sydney ringing societies were the guests of the New South Wales Government, who put a steam launch at our disposal. On this we made an extended tour to the Parramatta river in one direction and the headlands in the other: taking in the principal bays and visiting Denison Island, a rocky fort, feverishly equipped about 80 years ago, when there was a Russian 'menace,' but now only a well-kept museum of antiquated artillery. But it was well worth a visit. We toured the harbour for nearly five hours, and some of us spent the rest of the afternoon in booking our berths to England and dealing with the taxation authorities. Two little items like these sound perfectly simple. As a matter of fact, they took us more than two hours, and we were through only just in time to get to St. Mary's for our first peal attempt at 5 p.m.

We made a very good job of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major—the first peal on the bells and the first of Major in New South Wales. Half an hour of it was broadcast from three stations, and we did not spoil our reputation. We were told that the bells were heard perfectly when the volume was cut down to the right degree, and that the striking was very good indeed. As it had to be kept up for half an hour, this was a welcome tribute to our ringing. In addition to the broadcast audience, a large number of people assembled in Hyde Park to listen to the ringing. You see, great things were expected of us, and it is satisfactory to know that we did not fail in the test. Good striking is at all times essential, but here in Australia, where we had been credited with super-abilities as ringers, and accomplishments we have never claimed, it was doubly important that we should do well.

We received many congratulations upon our successful efforts, and were then the guests of St. Mary's Society at dinner, a very gratifying feature of the gathering being the presence of representatives of other towers. From the oysters to the champagne, the proceedings went with a 'bang'; the speeches were short and to the point, but by the time we had exchanged autographs on our souvenir programmes it was nearly midnight before the party broke up.

Fr. Bartlett presided over the happy gathering and made a speech of warm welcome, his greetings being extended not only to the English visitors, but also to the ringers from other Sydney towers.

Mr. R. H. McDonald proposed the toast to 'The Visiting English Bellringers.' He regretted their stay was to be so short, but he hoped their visit would be the means of bringing out more change ringers in the towers of Sydney. They had created an interest that had long been wanting, and, speaking for his own tower, if the young men would try and learn, they would try and teach them (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Fussell, in reply, thanked the Sydney ringers for their welcome, for the arrangements they had made and for their hospitality. He had been very pleased to see such a fine body of young men—such promising material—in St. Mary's belfry, and he thought there was a great future before them if they would persevere.

The toast to St. Mary's ringers was musically honoured, and Fr. Bartlett replied.

Wednesday (November 21st) brought a round of visits. First to Parramatta, where there is a very good Whitechapel peal of six; the tenor (10 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.) cast in 1856, the rest in 1860. A

announcement that it was desired to elect the English ringers as hon. members of the St. John's Society, Parramatta, and he, therefore, declared them duly elected (applause).

At the conclusion of these proceedings the English ringers went on to St. Benedict's (R.C.) Church, West Sydney. Here they found the bells in poor order, with the additional inconvenience of ropes which fall too close to the tower walls. A little ringing was done before tea was served to the visitors and friends in the adjoining hall. St. Benedict's Church is scheduled for demolition, for city improvements, but it will be rebuilt on the remains of the site. It is hoped a larger tower may then be erected and the bells increased to eight and rehung in a new frame. It may, however, be two or three years before this comes about. Of the present bells, the front four were cast as part of the original six in 1849 by C. and G. Mears. The two tenors became cracked and were recast at Whitechapel in 1922 at the expense of Mrs. Jane Granville, who gave £475 for the purpose. The evening was spent at St. Jude's, Randwick, where the visitors were received by the Rev. G. Smith, in the absence of the Rector

ENGLISH AND MELBOURNE RINGERS' ARMISTICE DAY GATHERING.



The above photograph of the St. Paul's Cathedral ringers, with their English visitors, was taken on Armistice Day. Top row: J. T. Trotter, J. Roper, Rev. A. Brown, *R. Richardson, *G. Martin, R. Maude, H. G. Ross. Middle row: Rev. E. B. James, *E. B. Knott, W. G. Waghorn, *J. L. Murray, *J. S. Goldsmith, *J. W. Spencer, *W. H. Fussell. Front row: J. Birtles, W. Linter, *A. A. Savage, *Miss F. Shimmis, *Mrs. R. Richardson, Enid Richardson, Miss P. Murdock, T. A. Askeil, *C. Sharples, J. F. Gardener, J. Hardcastle, H. Blakeley and *F. Boughton. Those marked * afterwards took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques.

large number of people came to hear us ring, and during the morning the first 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on the bells by J. S. Goldsmith 1, G. Martin 2, W. Linter 3, C. Sharples 4, R. Richardson (conductor) 5, Rev. E. B. James 6. Before this we had broadcast some Grandsire Doubles for a quarter of an hour.

The visitors and others were entertained to lunch, the Rector (the Rev. G. F. B. Manning) presiding over a company of nearly 40 and being supported by the Mayor of Parramatta (Mr. H. Ohlson) and Mr. G. C. Gollan (Parramatta's representative in the State Legislature). Several complimentary speeches were made, the Rector expressing the hope that as the result of this missionary journey from England, the bells of Parramatta would once again be rung regularly every Sunday. Never before had he seen so much interest and enthusiasm stimulated in bellringing in Parramatta, and he could not help thanking the visiting ringers for their visit which had had this result.

Speeches were made by the Mayor, Mr. Gollan, a former Mayor and old ringer, Mr. Knoller, Mr. C. Crosswell, Mr. A. H. McDonald, Mr. W. H. Fussell and the Rev. E. B. James.

The Rector pointed to the work of the Parramatta bellringers, who a few years ago raised a sum of over £2,000 by organising dances and so forth to free the church of debt on the Parish Hall. He

(Canon W. J. Cakebread). St. Jude's has a ring of eight steel bells, cast in 1865, about which the less said the better. We hope that one result of our visit may be a scrapping of these 'tram rails' and the installation of a peal worthy of the tower and church. There is an enthusiastic band of young ringers, who were keenly interested, but they have little in their bells to encourage them. After the ringing, of which a little sufficed, the visitors were entertained to supper and their hosts were cordially thanked.

On Thursday (November 22nd), H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester landed in Sydney from the cruiser 'Sussex,' and was greeted, it is said, by crowds numbering something like a million people. The centre of the city was packed with a mass of humanity and the welcome was tumultuous. St. Mary's Cathedral bells joined in this welcome and the English ringers united with the local men in making the bells vocal. Twenty-one 'shots' were fired on them, this royal salute being given as the Duke passed the Cathedral. The ringing occupied most of the morning, and in the afternoon the visitors met for a peal attempt at Darling Point, where they were elected hon. members of St. Mark's Society. Here it was originally intended to ring Cambridge Surprise Major, but, on meeting, two of the party

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THE ROYAL WEDDING.**71 PEALS RUNG BY THE EXERCISE.**

The occasion of the royal wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina was commemorated by the Exercise in a wonderful manner. To date no fewer than 71 peals have been recorded in 'The Ringing World,' and in addition there was a very large number of quarter-peals and touches rung.

Thousands of ringers in all parts of the country listened to the Ancient Society of College Youths ringing the peal of Stedman Triples in Westminster Abbey. In a number of towns the peals synchronised with the royal peal, which started as the bride and bridegroom passed through the west door of the Abbey.

An analysis of the peals and the methods rung indicates a great variety of methods. There were four 12-bell peals at Worcester, Christchurch, Canterbury and Wolverhampton, and the methods selected were: Grandsire Cinques 3 and Bob Maximus 1. Ten-bell peals numbered five at Maidstone, Cardiff, Liverpool, Pontefract and St. Albans. Methods selected were Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, and one of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

There were no fewer than 43 eight-bell peals. The methods were Grandsire Triples 11, Kent Treble Bob 10, Bob Major 7, Double Norwich Court Bob 4, Stedman Triples 3, Oxford Treble Bob 2, Superlative Surprise Major 2, and one each of Bristol Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Princess Marina Surprise Major and Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The Princess Marina Surprise Major, a new composition for this occasion, was rung at Helmingham, Suffolk, and was composed by Mr. G. Lindoff.

Six and five-bells peals totalled 18. There were 10 peals of Bob Minor, three of Grandsire Doubles, two of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and one each of Doubles, Double Surprise Minor, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. There was also one peal on handbells.

NORTH SHIELDS LOSS.

North Shields belfry has recently lost its oldest ringer by the death of Mr. Andrew Tully. He had been a ringer for the long period of 45 years without a break, taking up ringing as a boy after leaving the choir. Consistent in his attendance at service ringing and practices, he never missed ringing the new year in during the whole of that time. He was a capable ringer, having rung in 22 peals in various methods, including London Surprise. Mr. Tully was a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association for 44 years. He visited nearly all the towers in the association's area and in different parts of the country as far away as Kent. He was always cheerful and a good team man.

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were hors de combat and unfit for peal ringing. A young local enthusiast, Bert Kearns, was pressed into service for the tenor, and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung. Bert Kearns had never before covered any change ringing and had never rung for half an hour at a stretch. He did his job magnificently, by ringing the tenor well and sticking to a task which might well have beaten him. It was only in the last quarter-peal, when he was suffering from fatigue and cramp in one arm, that he sometimes dropped the bell a little; but it was a great effort and he was congratulated by all the band at the finish.

The fact that a local man took part in this peal will be a great incentive to the ringers at Darling Point, who are hoping to get some instruction in change ringing from an English ringer, who has been quiescent for 12 years in Australia, but who is likely to come into activity again as the result of this visit. Mr. Tom Scammell used to ring at Titchfield, Hants, and he will be a valuable adjunct to Sydney ringing now that his interest has been reawakened. It is to Mr. Scammell that many of the arrangements for our benefit in Sydney are due. He readily undertook the task of organising part of the programme and was with us most of the time. St. Mark's, Darling Point, will have a valued instructor if Mr. Scammell is able to lend them a helping hand.

The back six bells at St. Mark's were installed in 1862 by Mears, and two trebles were added to complete the octave in 1923, the full peal being opened on October 28th of that year. The Stedman Triples was the first peal on the eight bells. After the peal Canon Lea entertained the party to tea, and later there was a parochial social gathering, when about a hundred people were present and a very happy and informal evening was spent.

DEATH OF MR. GEOFFREY A. MARTINEAU.**PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING IN SOLIHULL.**

The death of Mr. Geoffrey A. Martineau, at the age of 73 years, snaps one of the few remaining links with old Solihull (Warwickshire) and brings to a close a life devoted wholeheartedly to public service. Partner of the firm of Matchett and Martineau, Bradford Street, Birmingham, Mr. Martineau was an extremely busy man, but it may be said that his whole time out of business hours was spent in Christian service. He was Ringing Master of the Solihull Guild for more than 40 years, superintendent of the Sunday School for a similar period, and actively associated with the Boy Scout movement in its early stages. Any kind of social work, among rich or poor, he regarded as his especial duty, and we remember with pride the front door of Touchwood Hall, always standing open, a symbol of the great open heart within.

It is of Mr. Martineau's splendid services to change ringing that one would write here. As far back as 1891 a meeting of prominent churchmen was called to consider the serious condition of Solihull tower and bells. The outcome of the meeting was the formation of a Guild of Ringers, the drawing up of proper rules, and a great effort for the restoration of the bells. Mr. Martineau was the spearhead of the attack, and one marvels at the enthusiasm, determination, and skill with which he succeeded in arousing interest in the cause.

By 1894 the tower had been restored, the bells retuned, rehung and augmented to 10. The next move was to secure a band of change ringers, and Mr. William Kent, from Birmingham, was appointed instructor. Meanwhile, the first peal on the new ten was rung by the Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers. Mr. Martineau rang in this, a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by John Carter. Less than a month later the rival society, the St. Martin's Guild, secured the first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. Both these peals were rung in December, 1894.

The local band made good progress in the ringing of Grandsire, and in 1898 we find a Solihull man calling a peal of Grandsire Triples. In 1905 Mr. Martineau called a peal of Grandsire Triples, and in 1906 he secured the first peal by an entirely local band, Grandsire Triples, conducted by Roland Bragg. From that period, until the war, Solihull's tower remained a great attraction for Birmingham ringers and entertained many famous visitors.

Towards the end of the war, the Solihull handbell band of change ringers was formed, and the writer remembers with gratitude the enthusiasm with which Mr. Martineau encouraged and helped this venture; how he withdrew into the background when the movement was well on foot; and the pride he took in the performances of peals of Doubles, Minor and Triples that followed.

Six or seven years ago the tower was found to be unsafe, and all ringing ceased. Once again Mr. Martineau came to the fore. Frail in body, and shattered in health, his indomitable spirit began all over again the fight of 40 years before. He insisted that the bells should be recast, retuned on a modern principle, and rehung in a modern frame. Imbued with a spirit no bodily ailment could quench, he won his point, and on October 1st, 1932, he was present in the belfry for the last time, when the Lord Bishop of Birmingham handed all the ropes into his care, saying, 'Mr. Ringing Master, I give these bells into your charge. So long as they ring may there be peace and goodwill among your ringers.'

Since that day Mr. Martineau had suffered much, but his interest in the tower never waned, and he remained our Ringing Master to the end. Tended to the last with marvellous devotion by his dear wife, he finished his course on Sunday, December 30th, 1934. In the evening the bells he loved rang out 593 Grandsire Caters half-muffled, rung by: W. Leeson 1, H. Hofton 2, J. N. Jukes 3, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Bragg 7, S. Bragg 8, R. Bragg 9, V. W. Rigg 10.

Mr. Martineau was interred at Solihull Church on January 2nd. Four ringers carried him to his last resting place, and over the open grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by V. W. Rigg 1-2, G. F. Swann 3-4, E. C. Shepherd 5-6, A. Walker 7-8. A great concourse of notable people stood round, while the old familiar changes ran their course, and with immense pathos came steadily into rounds.

A great Christian gentleman, he rests close beside the foot of the tower, beneath the bells that are his monument. To us, in Solihull, he remains our beloved Ringing Master. May we, following his great example, be enabled to run our race, to finish our course, 'and having done all, to stand.'

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NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d. which enables members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's on Jan. 31st, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus' on the 24th; Southwark Cathedral on the 17th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 22nd; at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The fifth annual dinner will be held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, Jan. 12th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Bells at St. Nicolas' Church available 4 to 5.30.—G. L. Grover, Acting Hon. Sec., Epsom Road, East Clandon, near Guildford, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at West Malling on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance hoped for. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. W. A. Sloman, St. Leonards, West Malling.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at King's Head to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting at Old Chesterton, Cambridge, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea in Church Hall at 5 o'clock, price 6d. each.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Saturday, January 12th, at 3.30 p.m., the Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the new ring of eight bells installed by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Meeting after tea. Please try to make this meeting a success.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual district meeting at Southampton on January 12th. Bells (St. Mary's 10 and St. Michael's 8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in St. Michael's at 4.15. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—A Happy New Year to all ringers. The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea in Church Hall at 4.45. Business meeting and election of officers will follow. Please notify J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on January 12th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 4.30 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, January 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, January 12th. The bells of St. Peter's (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 4. Meeting after.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Meat tea 1s. 6d., plain tea 1s., at 5 p.m. at the Station Restaurant. Business: Auditor's report, election of officers. Subscriptions due. A good attendance hoped for.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea at Institute 6.15. Please make an effort to attend to welcome the new warden, Canon How.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—A business meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, January 12th, and a good attendance is requested. Tower open 3. Meeting in tower 6.30. Reports are now ready. Subscriptions are due. All are welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Pytchley (5) on Saturday, January 12th, when the report and balance sheet will be presented and officers elected. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech.—The next district meeting will be held at Terlington St. John on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—Edward Barker, Dis. Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish on Saturday afternoon, January 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Please look up Double Norwich.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) open 2.30. Service (please note) 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Tower secretaries will greatly assist by notifying secretary how many will be in attendance.—L. G. Tanner, 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, January 12th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Harmston (eight bells) on Saturday, January 12th. Bells open 2 p.m. Service 4.30 followed

by tea and business meeting.—Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, St. Giles, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of Rev. F. B. Beavan, a special meeting of the district will be held at Wingham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. A free tea will be provided at the Red Lion Inn at 4.45 p.m. It is important that all those intending to be present should notify me on or before Thursday, January 17th.—Percy W. Smith, Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cremers at a charge of 1s. per head. Business meeting afterwards. Please inform me not later than Tuesday, 15th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch on Saturday, January 19th, at Saxlingham. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 4.30 for those who let me know by the 16th, followed by business meeting. New Year greetings.—Nolan Golden, Berridge House, 8, Waldemar Avenue, Norwich.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, January 19th. The arrangements will be as usual, and owing to the importance of the business, when the report and balance sheet will be presented, and the election of officers takes place, it is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend. Will those who hope to be present please notify Mr. G. Basford, 15, Orchard Road, Finedon, not later than Tuesday, January 15th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 19th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Rev. B. H. B. Attlee, D.D. Tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket, members 1s., visitors 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Usual ringing arrangements. Please apply for tea tickets not later than January 15th.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec. and Treas., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting and social afterwards.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Lye on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, with address by the Vicar, Rev. W. Smith, at 4.15. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than January 15th of their intention to be present.—W. B. Cartwright, Branch Sec., 81, Quinton Road, Harborne, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday afternoon, January 19th. Tower open for ringing at 5 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Subscriptions due. Practice night at Miles Platting, Tuesday, January 8th.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to E. W. Beadsmore, Packington Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, by Wednesday, 16th. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—W. H. Curson, Hon. Sec., Netherseale.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held in St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Storeton Road, on Saturday, January 19th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service in St. Thomas' Chapel at 6 o'clock. Tea and meeting in the Clubroom afterwards. Election of officers and presentation of accounts, etc.; meetings for 1935.—Harry S. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.15. Tea in Council Room at 4.45. Please send numbers requiring tea to me by Wednesday, January 16th.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Charminster and Fordington bells available at 3.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District of the above association will be held at Staveley on Saturday, January 19th, for the election of officers. Tea at 1s. each will be provided for those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, Bell House Lane, not later than January 16th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting will be held in belfry at 4.30 p.m. Subscriptions for 1935 now due.—George Freebrey, Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Annual district meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, January 19th. Holy Trinity (Taylor 8), West Hill, 3.30 to 4.30. Tea at Church Hall, foot of West Hill, 5 o'clock. Business after tea, and further ringing at All Saints' in evening. Postcard re tea appreciated by J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 19th. Watermoor (eight bells) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Parish Church (12) open after service. Please advise for tea by Tuesday, January 15th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, January 19th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will take place at Christ Church, Crewe, on January 19th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Christ Church Schoolroom at 5.15 p.m. by kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens. Meeting to follow. It is essential that all those who intend to be present send in their names to me by the 16th inst.—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, January 19th. St. Mary's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at St. Mary's Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. All ringing friends welcome, but please send me a card not later than January 17th.—A. Taylor, Sec., 12, Salisbury Road, Marlborough, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Wells, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 1, Prince's Road, Wells.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The first quarterly meeting of the year is to be held at Leamington on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of the Parish Church available from 3 p.m. till 4.30. Short service at 4.30 to be conducted by the Vicar of Leamington. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ballinger's Cafe, Bath Street, 15. 9d. a head. Business meeting to follow. The bells of Lillington Church available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Frequent bus service between Leamington and Lillington.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please let me know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19th. St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, E.C.3, from 3 p.m., and probably another City tower in the evening. Full particulars in next week's issue. Everybody welcome.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Dis. Sec., c/o Metropolitan Police Training School, Peel House, Regency Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea in Brodrick Hall 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me by January 17th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 14, Coburg Street, Portsmouth.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bredenbury on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30 to those only who let me know by Thursday, 17th.—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Hereford.

WATFORD.—You may practise various methods of ringing the changes at Watford on Saturday, January 19th. The bells are available for that purpose from 3.30. At 5.30 a rest to compare results, drink tea and gossip. Then further practice till 8.45.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. Tel. City 4270.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service, tea and meeting as usual. I hope for a good attendance. All welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notify me for same by Thursday previous. Followed by business meeting. All members and friends welcome.—Ernest H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (10) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in Church House. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday previous?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

SOUTHAMPTON.—The Bishop of Southampton will re-dedicate the bells at Holy Rood Church on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 8 p.m. The ring of eight has been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30 p.m., and after meeting St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service at St. John's 5 p.m. Tea and meeting following at the Rose and Crown. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd.—D. Cooper, Hon. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Waverley Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd?—B. J. Snow, Hon. Dis. Sec., 23, Daniel Street, Ryde, I.O.W.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, 2.30. Service at 5. Meat tea at the Express Dairy, High Street, Bloomsbury, at 5.40, 1s. each, to those who advise me by 23rd inst. Will local secretaries note committee meeting in vestry at 4 o'clock? Also to send me revised times of Sunday and practice ringing and list of quarter-peals rung during 1934.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. The bells of St. Edmund's will be available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting. Will all members please make an effort to attend? Names for tea to secretary by January 19th.—J. C. Dean, Branch Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Third quarterly meeting, Hinckley, Saturday, January 26th. Fuller details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colyton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6), recently rehung, available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (9d.) 5 p.m. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, January 23rd?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of the foundry campanile will be available from 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Thursday, January 17th.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Farnham on Sat., Jan. 26th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting at Messrs. Rogers' Cafe, The Borough. Please notify for tea Mr. R. Hasted, 1, Victoria Villas, St. George's Rd., Farnham, by Wed., 23rd.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120 Ash Rd., Aldershot.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 26th. The bells (8), tenor 30 cwt., will be available from 2 till 4.25 p.m., and again after the meeting till 9 p.m. Service at 4.30, when the address will be given by the Rev. Canon R. Brook, Vicar of Doncaster. Tea, 1/3, in the Memorial Hall, near the Church, at 5.15 p.m., and all who intend to be present should notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 30, Auckland Road, Doncaster, by Tuesday, January 22nd. The annual general meeting will be held in the same hall at 6 p.m. There are frequent train and bus services from all directions. The annual report will be available at this meeting.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Grange Villas, Ravenfield Common, near Rotherham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oundle on Saturday, January 26th. Bells (8) 2.15. Service 4.15. Tea (1s. each) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea please let me know by Wednesday, January 23rd.—L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in St. Michael's Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by January 22nd.—Major J. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, only for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1935 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—All ringers welcome at Edenbridge, Saturday, February 2nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses. Trains leave Tonbridge 2.13 and 3.6 p.m. Bus leaves Tunbridge Wells 2.17 and 2.39 p.m. Please notify me for tea by January 29th. Please note, subscriptions for 1935 are now due.—Alec Richardson, Hon. Sec., Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rousham on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. All subscriptions are due, and all ringers will be made welcome. If requiring tea, notify E. Pearson, Deddington, Oxon.

OXFORD SOCIETY.—The annual dinner will be held at the Wheatsheaf, High Street, Oxford, on Saturday, February 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 4s. each, from V. Bennett, 30, Lime Walk, Headington.

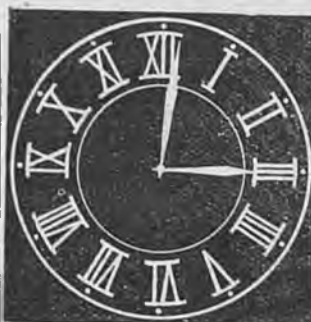
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